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Foundation News

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The Briarlake Foundation was formed to enhance and enrich our students' educational experience and prepare them for the future. The Briarlake Foundation (BESF) has been busy soliciting large corporations for grants to provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) based curriculum programs for our students. One criteria of these corporate grant applications is that the school who is requesting the money has 100% participation from it's families and/or teachers/staff. We need YOU to participate in our BESF by contributing funds. Even \$1 counts. Please visit our [website](#) to donate today.



Since it's inception, the BESF has raised over \$4000, but we need everyone's participation to go after the "big bucks". Most surrounding schools have a foundation, and are raising upwards of \$100,000 annually. These are similar schools and close in proximity. The students who attend these schools may be better prepared for the future because their education was enriched and enhanced through their foundations. Please donate now.



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We are thrilled to announce that this Spring, after the CRCT, your Briarlake Foundation will be providing a STEM LEGO Robotics program to the 3rd grade. The program will provide enrichment specifically towards simple machines, physics, motion, energy, gears/levers and much more! This is a fantastic opportunity for our students, yet a very expensive program which aligns with the curriculum for the 3rd-5th grades. We'd love to be able to provide the program to additional grades. All we need is money:). The more money we raise, the more we can do for our students. At this time, we are hoping to be able to provide this program for many years to come. As students matriculate through Briarlake, they will be

exposed to the Lego Education program and benefit from it's value. Keep this in mind as you decide to invest in the Briarlake Foundation.



This Spring the BESF will be hosting a large fund-raiser, similar to and in place of the Spring Gala presented in years past by the PTA. Remember the PTA raises money for the yearly needs for our school--teacher supplies, field trips, etc, and their financial investment opportunities are limited. The Foundation can invest your money, use it more effectively, and spend it on larger curriculum based programs. Details will follow about the fundraiser, but we are in need of volunteers who would like to work to plan an event for parents.

We are excited to be able to host this event and hope all parents will attend.

Please contact [Michelle Decker](#) to volunteer.

Additionally, as you shop for the holidays remember to shop through [Amazon.com](#) via our Foundation website (or click the logo to the right to take you straight to the site) and 5% of your purchases go directly to our Foundation.



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