



In The Classroom Monthly Newsletter

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Looking Back on an Incredible Year



As another school year comes to a close, we're feeling incredibly grateful. The 2025–2026 GEF season was filled with innovative ideas, meaningful partnerships, and a shared commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for District 34 students.

Together, we funded impactful grants, celebrated outstanding educators through Honor Roll, welcomed hundreds of community members to Trivia Night, supported district-wide initiatives, and continued investing in experiences that help students learn, grow, and thrive.

None of this would be possible without the support of our educators, administrators, volunteers, sponsors, donors, and families. Time and again, we've seen what can happen when a community rallies behind great ideas.

To everyone who attended an event, donated, sponsored, volunteered, submitted a grant, or helped spread the word—thank you. Your support is making a lasting difference in our schools.

Celebrating Outstanding Community Service

Each year, District 34 honors one graduating eighth grader from each middle school with the **Dr. Bill Attea Award for Outstanding Community Service**. Selected by their teachers, recipients exemplify leadership, character, service, and a commitment to making a positive impact both in school and throughout the community.

As part of the recognition, each student receives a \$100 award sponsored by the Glenview Education Foundation.



Springman Middle School

Misheel Gantulkhuur

Misheel was selected for her positive leadership, strong character, active involvement in her school community, and dedication to serving others. She embodies the qualities the Dr. Bill Attea Award was created to celebrate and has made a meaningful impact on those around her.

Attea Middle School

Ayann Khan

Ayann's accomplishments include founding the Engineering Club, serving as a Student Senate representative and Student Ambassador, earning Gold recognition and Best-in-Category honors in Computer Science through the Illinois Junior Academy of Science, participating in Orchestra, and achieving the Pathway to Biliteracy designation.

His leadership, service, and commitment to excellence make him a deserving recipient of this year's award.

Congratulations to both students on this well-deserved recognition. We are proud to support and celebrate young leaders who are making a difference in our schools and community.



Dr. Attea Award recipient **Ayann Khan** with **Dr. Bill Attea**, former District 34 Superintendent and the award's namesake.
Photo courtesy of Attea Middle School.

A photo of fellow recipient **Misheel Gantulkhuur** was not available at the time of publication.

Grants in Action: A Courtyard Comes to Life



This spring, Henking's courtyard became a little brighter thanks to a

As Henking Instructional Innovation Specialist Caryl Kass shared:

GEF-funded mural project led by professional artist Tanner Woodford.

Designed to inspire creativity, connection, and student pride, the project transformed the space into a more vibrant and engaging environment for students to enjoy.

The project was a true community effort, bringing together artists, families, staff, and volunteers to create something lasting for students.

It's a wonderful example of what happens when great ideas, community support, and dedicated volunteers come together to create meaningful experiences for students —exactly the kind of impact GEF grants are designed to make possible.

As Henking Instructional Innovation Specialist Caryl Kass shared: *"A very special thank you to Tanner for creating the beautiful murals, Emily's dad for building the sensory table and chalkboards, the GEF for sponsoring the project, and our amazing custodial crew for hanging everything. Our D34 kiddos are so fortunate to be surrounded by such a caring and dedicated Henking School community."*



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**Thank You to Our Sponsors — And an
Invitation to Join Us**

Everything GEF accomplishes is made possible through the support of local businesses, community partners, and individuals who believe in investing in District 34 students.

To our sponsors this year: thank you. Your support helped fund innovative grants, support community events, celebrate educators, and create opportunities that directly impact students throughout our schools.

As we prepare for another exciting year, we're also looking to grow our network of community partners.

If you're a local business owner or organization looking for a meaningful way to support local schools while connecting with District 34 families, we'd love to talk with you.

GEF sponsorship opportunities provide visibility throughout the year while helping fund innovative educational experiences for thousands of students. Interested in learning more? We'd love to welcome you to the GEF family.

Visit gef34.org to learn more about sponsorship opportunities for the 2026–2027 school year.

Masters Level Annual Sponsor & 25/26 Trivia Night Sponsor (\$4,500)



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Welcome to Our New Board Members

We're excited to welcome several new board members for the upcoming school year.

GEF is powered entirely by volunteers—District 34 parents and community members who believe in supporting innovative educational opportunities for all students. Whether helping organize events, reviewing grant applications, supporting fundraising efforts, or sharing their expertise, our board members play a critical role in advancing our mission.

We're grateful for the individuals joining our team and excited for the ideas, energy, and perspectives they'll bring in the year ahead.



Stay Connected This Summer

The school year may be ending, but our work continues.

Follow us on social media and visit gef34.org throughout the summer for grant stories, community updates, event announcements, and opportunities to get involved.

Have a wonderful summer, District 34. Thank you for helping us continue to advance excellence in our schools through innovative ideas, meaningful partnerships, and community support.

We'll see you in the fall.



The Glenview Education Foundation is a volunteer-led organization of District 34 parents that has invested over \$3M in innovative, high-impact programs to enhance education in our schools. Learn more or get involved at gef34.org.

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