



In the Classroom

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WELCOME BACK AND THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING 2019-20 FUNDRAISING YEAR

Welcome back! We hope you were able to create safe, fun summer memories and are settling into the first few weeks of this unique school year.

On behalf of GEF, a deep and heartfelt "thank you" goes out to all the families who donated to the Glenview Education Foundation during the 2019-20 school year. Your support funded innovative educator grants to improve District 34 technology and programming. GEF is pleased to announce that during the last fiscal year, your support enabled the foundation to raise over \$150,000 which exceeded our annual goal!

As a member of the District 34 community, you will receive this **In the Classroom** newsletter throughout the school year. Read along to stay up-to-date on how the funds you so generously donate to GEF each year improve your children's learning experiences in grades K-8.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Glenview Education Foundation, more commonly known as GEF, is a non-profit, volunteer-driven fundraising organization of District 34 parents who believe incremental private funding is critical for supporting a high performing public school district. Since being established in 2001, GEF has invested more than \$2,000,000 to fund innovative and high impact pilot programs across District 34.

GEF will come to you, the District 34 community, to ask for donations. We will be kicking off our fundraising with a Fund Drive starting on October 5th. GEF asks for monetary donations to the Foundation, which in turn invests the money in your children's classrooms via educator grants.

This year GEF is hoping for participation from ALL District 34 families-- no donation is too small!



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GEF PRESENTS...

VIRTUAL FAMILY HALLOWEEN BINGO

Join us for a FREE family bingo event for all ages, hosted by our friends at The Laughing Academy

**Sunday October 25th
6pm on Zoom**

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GEF GRANT IN ACTION: SUMMER SCHOOL CAMP SUPPLY KITS

This summer District 34 educators created a new and unique program to keep our children engaged in summer learning. CAMP (Create - Ask - Move - Play) was a voluntary remote summer learning camp open to all students in the district.

With most in-person camps closed to students this summer and with many more families experiencing financial hardships, CAMP provided a free opportunity for all students in District 34 to be intellectually stimulated and maintain important connections with peers and educators while physically separated.

CAMP was an opportunity for students to have fun, explore their interests, think and learn. CAMPers built connections through camp counselors, community campfires, teams and friendly competition. It was a family adventure, where learners sometimes worked independently, and sometimes received help or encouragement from parents or other adults. There were a number of real-time connections with District 34 educators for CAMPers each week.

The CAMP program was designed to build on skills students have already learned and to also provide CAMPers social-emotional support. Additionally, the program also provided an opportunity for teachers and the district to get insights for the continual improvement of the e-learning model.

For our students and families to get the most out of this special

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opportunity, summer learning supply kits were provided to the families participating. These useful kits included drawing and painting supplies, scissors, construction paper, tape, glue, jump rope, dice and even a bubble wand! A total of 520 CAMP kits were assembled and given to District 34 families. GEF provided the funding for the CAMP kits with a special off-cycle grant.

The CAMP project and supply kits showed exceptional commitment from Glenview 34 educators to respond to this summer's unique circumstances and provide learning experiences for our students well beyond what is legally required. We thank GEF's sponsors and donors for their continued financial support so that we may continue to provide funding for innovative programs.



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