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**🍁 WELCOME BACK 🍁
& THANK YOU
for an Amazing 2017-18 Fundraising
Year
*Let's do it again (and even
BETTER!)
in 2018-19***

On behalf of GEF, welcome back everyone! We hope you had a wonderful summer and have enjoyed the first few weeks of school.

As a member of the District 34 community, you will be receiving this informative e-newsletter on a regular basis throughout the school year.

In The Classroom keeps you up to date on how GEF is investing the funds you so generously donate to the foundation each year to improve your children's learning experiences in grades K through 8.

To give you a taste of just how well this relationship works, GEF is pleased to announce that during the last fiscal year, your support enabled the foundation to raise funds over **\$130,000 of its \$150,000 goal**. Thank you for your support!



THE GLENVIEW EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Who We Are and What We Do

The Glenview Education Foundation, more commonly known as the 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, the GEF has invested more than \$2,000,000 to fund innovative and high impact pilot programs across District 34.

STAR Initiatives



WHEN AND HOW

do I contribute to the 2018-19 Fund Drive?

This year's annual Glenview Education Foundation Fund Drive is rapidly approaching, kicking off October 15 and running through November 19. Beginning in early October, you will receive a weekly GEF Fund Drive focused e-newsletter that will include a link for you to make a quick online donation. Any GEF family that makes a donation during the Fund Drive month will avoid receiving a phone call on GEF's Phone-a-Thon night. Look for more information via email and in your children's backpacks in the upcoming weeks.

OR... why not get a head start now?? Make a donation at the Foundation's website, www.gef34.org and get your name removed from the call list today!

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- **S**cience Enrichment: Acclaimed science program at all grade levels
- **T**eacher Investment: Support high performance teaching environment
- **A**t-Risk Support: Bolster efforts to help academically at-risk students learn
- **R**eadiness Skills: Improve executive function skills (organization, communication, etc.)

Our simple process: GEF comes to you, the District 34 community, once a year via its **annual Fund Drive**--this year, from October 15 through November 9. During this period through emails, flyers, and a "Phone-a-Thon," parent volunteers ask 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!

A GRANT IN ACTION: *LEARNING SPACES*

This grant has allowed for redesigning classroom learning spaces to enhance learning and whole child development. The grant research and implementation supports ongoing district work around what 21st Century learning looks like and how our learning spaces and resources can best support that vision of learning. Focusing on flexibility, student creativity, collaboration, and problem solving, six classrooms (one in each elementary school) across the district have been transformed thanks to generous donations and continued support from District 34 families and local businesses.





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To learn more about this amazing and innovative grant, please read the recent Chicago Tribune article: [Chicago Tribune: Flexible Learning Spaces](#) and check out our video highlighting the grant in action: [Video: Learning Spaces Grant in Action](#)



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