

George Peabody Legacy Awards:



Congratulations to our 2021 George Peabody Legacy Award Recipients!

The Peabody Education Foundation is pleased to announce the names of this year's George Peabody Legacy Award Recipients: **Mr. Richard Carey** (Retired), **Mrs. Judith "Judie" Maniatis** (Posthumously), **Mrs. Jean Marie Marchetti** (Retired), **Mrs. Joanne Pantapas** (Posthumously), **Mr. Don "Raph" Raphael** (Posthumously), and **Mr. Jon Simmons** (Currently Teaching).

Each of these individuals will be recognized and honored for their lifetime of contributions to our educational system. An Awards Ceremony will be held at the Higgins Middle School on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

To purchase tickets or sponsorships, please visit <u>peabodyedfoundation.org</u> or contact Mary Bellavance at <u>mbellavance@gravoc.com</u>.

Guest Reader Program:



Sign up to Have a Guest Reader Come to Your Classroom!

We're excited to announce that the popular Guest Reader Program (for Kindergarten through Grade 5 students) will kick off January 10, 2022. Because of the Covid situation we've decided to offer both our usual in-person program and a virtual option (like much of last year's program) for the readers.

Applications are now on their way to you (if you haven't already received one.) You can also find the application on the <u>PEF website</u>. Deadline for signing up for a Guest Reader is November 1, 2021.

If you have not participated in the program in the past, we must tell you that it has been a favorite of students and readers for MANY years. The interaction between the reader and the students is heartwarming to see evolve, as the reader gets to know the students and they, in turn, begin to eagerly anticipate their reader's arrival each week. What a wonderful example these people provide – an adult who reads because he or she loves to. Check it out!

PEF Grants Program:



Grants Program Offers New Opportunities for Teachers and Principals!

This year, for the first time, we are offering grant opportunities for both individual teachers for their classroom students and principals/department heads for their grades/schools!

Individual Teacher Grants: Teachers are welcome to submit individual grants for their classroom with a \$1000 cap limit.

School-wide Grants: Principals/Department Heads are welcome to submit grants that benefit entire grades or schools with no cap limit.

Applications are currently being accepted and will continue to be accepted and reviewed on a rolling-basis until February 1, 2022. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis and applicants will be notified within two weeks of submitting their application if they have been approved for funding.

Please fill out the electronic application on our website which you can download, complete and email to us at <u>PEFGrantsProgram@gmail.com</u>. For more detailed information on the Grants Program, please check out the <u>PEF website</u>. Any questions? Please email <u>PEFGrantsProgram@gmail.com</u>



Donations:



Lyon-Waugh Auto Group Pledges Another Multi-Year Commitment to Peabody Education!

In 2017, Warren Waugh of Lyon-Waugh Auto Group pledged a multi-year commitment to our foundation. Since then, we have used this donation to help fund hundreds of programs that otherwise would not have been funded. Some of these programs include a Green Screen Studio at the Higgins, Botball Robotics course for PVMHS, Music Therapy at Peabody Learning Academy, COVID Home School kits, countless field-trips district wide, arts-based programs, and so much more. We put together a <u>thank you video</u> for Warren and the team at Lyon-Waugh Auto Group to show exactly how their funds were used and to show our appreciation.

We are excited to announce that Warren Waugh has recommitted to another multi-year donation for our Foundation! Having a community supporter like Lyon-Waugh Auto Group has allowed us to continue our mission of enhancing the quality of education within Peabody. From all of us at the Peabody Education Foundation, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to Warren Waugh and the entire team at Lyon-Waugh Auto Group for their continued support for our teachers and students!



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