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Peabody EDUCATION Foundation

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# NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2021

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## George Peabody Legacy Awards:



### Congratulations to our 2021 George Peabody Legacy Award Recipients!

The 2021 Peabody Education Foundation George Peabody Legacy Award Recipients include: 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 was recognized and honored for their lifetime of contributions to our educational system at an Awards Ceremony that was held at the Higgins Middle School on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Peabody TV live-streamed the event, which you can view by [clicking here](#).

Special thanks to our sponsors including: GraVoc, Lyon-Waugh Auto Group, Peabody TV, North Shore Bank, NSCAP, Rousselot, Citizens Inn, Gallo Nero, Events for Rent, The City of Peabody, Community Credit Union, Treadwells, Joe and Beth Amico, Corey Jackson. Also, special thanks to the PVMHS Chorale for providing musical entertainment during the dinner and Peabody TV for the outstanding video honoring the recipients.

The evening was highlighted with a special presentation made by recipient Don "Raph" Raphael's family to the President of PEF Dave Gravel, presenting the PEF with a donation in the amount of \$3,000!



**CLASS OF 2021**  
RICHARD J. CAREY  
JUDITH "JUDIE" MANIATIS  
JEAN MARIE MARCHETTI  
JOANNE M. PANTAPAS  
DONALD "RAPH" RAPHAEL  
JON L. SIMMONS

# Guest Reader Program:



## There is still time to sign up to have a Guest Reader come to your classroom!

There's still time to send in your application to have a Guest Reader for your class this year. The PEF will match readers to classrooms before Thanksgiving and notify everyone shortly after that. The program will kick off in the schools the week of January 10th and will run until May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. If you've misplaced your application, you can find one on the [PEF's website](#).

# PEF Grants Program:



## Grants Program Offers New Opportunities for Teachers and Principals!

Funds are still available through the PEF Grants Program for both individual teachers for their classroom students and principals/department heads for their grades/schools! 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 until the funds are gone.

**A few examples of what the PEF has already funded this year include:** *A Forensic Science Guest Speaker, Higgins Helping Hawks Student Mentoring Program, an Intergenerational Book Club, Scholastic Classroom Magazines, Wake Up Brain Bins, Makerspace STEAM Weekly Classes and Art Equipment.*

Please fill out the electronic application on our website which you can download, complete and email to us at [PEFGrantsProgram@gmail.com](mailto:PEFGrantsProgram@gmail.com). For more detailed information on the Grants Program, please check out the [PEF website](#). Any questions? Please email [PEFGrantsProgram@gmail.com](mailto:PEFGrantsProgram@gmail.com)

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## Birthday Books Coming to All Elementary Schools Students!



The PEF is pleased to announce that it will be funding birthday books for all elementary school students for this school year. Each school will order and distribute books to its students Grades K-5 so that every child will have a book to take home, celebrating both their birthday and the joy of reading! We hope the students will share these books with their families and spend quality time reading with their loved ones. **And we are excited to announce that the JB Thomas/Lahey Foundation will be co-sponsoring this exciting program!** More information will be sent to each school shortly!

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