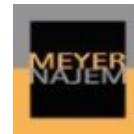


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August 2026

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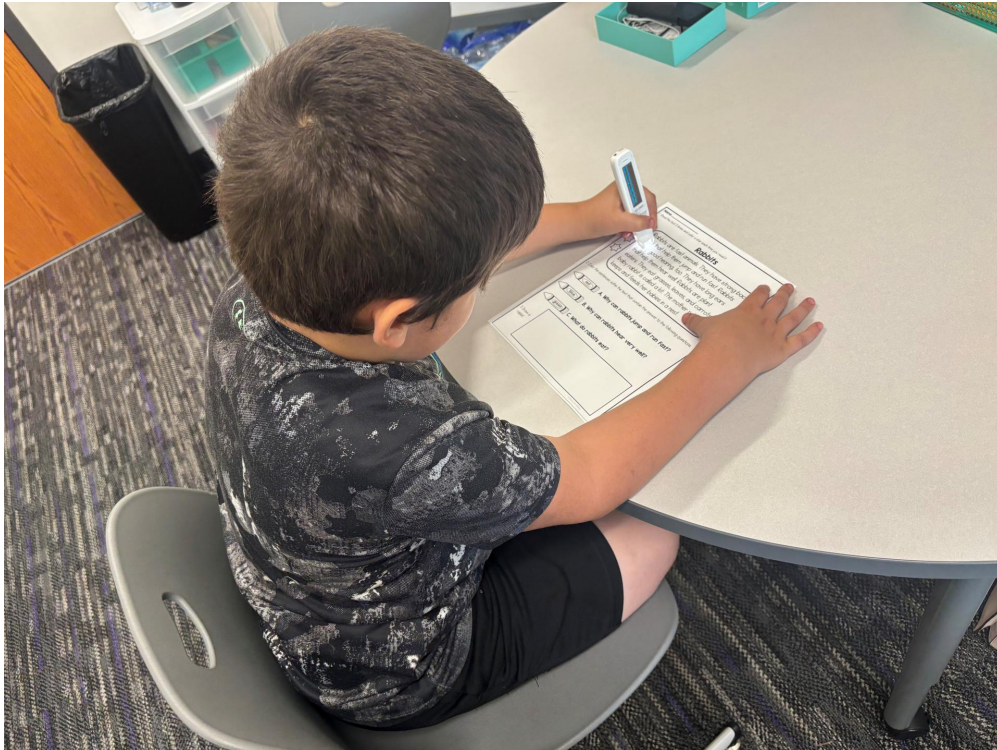
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Scanner Pens for Success

*a pilot program
at Crossroads Elementary School*

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For students with dyslexia and other reading disabilities, the general education curriculum can feel just out of reach; not because the ideas are too hard, but because the words on the page get in the way. A BEF InCredible Award Grant is changing that.

The grant provides scanner pens, devices that read text aloud or offer spoken translations, giving students a way to access grade-level content independently. Instead of waiting for a staff member to read a passage aloud, a student can simply scan the words and hear them, freeing them up to focus on understanding, not decoding.

The program launched as a pilot at Crossroads Elementary, where it's already helping students engage with material at a level they couldn't reach on their own. The goal is to build on

that success and expand the tool to classrooms across other Brownsburg elementary schools.

It's a small tool with a big impact — turning a barrier into a bridge, and giving students the independence to learn on their own terms.

Learn more about grants awarded for this school year [HERE](#).

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A GIFT TO THE
BROWNSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION TO
SUPPORT OTHER GRANT PROJECTS LIKE THIS?**

DONATE NOW



BHS Alumni Connection

Join the growing Brownsburg High School alumni community in 2026! BEF is creating exciting ways for BHS graduates to reconnect and celebrate their shared legacy. Through new networking initiatives and community events, you'll have opportunities to discover what your fellow Bulldogs are up to today. Help us build a comprehensive alumni directory by [sharing your current information](#) and spreading the word to other graduates. Together, we're strengthening the bonds that make the Brownsburg community special.

Save the Date!

Friday, September 25th from 5:30 – 7 pm



presented by



BHS ALUMNI – PLEASE REGISTER YOU AND YOUR GUESTS FOR THE TAILGATE HERE.

BHS CLASS OF 1997:

Your fellow classmates are looking for you! Plans are already underway for your 30th Class Reunion next year, and the Reunion Committee would like to connect with as many Class of 1997 grads as possible! Please [email the BEF Office](#) with your contact information or any information you have about getting in touch with other classmates from this graduating year.



"How to Outsmart the SAT/ACT"

FREE Test Prep Workshop

presented by the Brownsburg Education Foundation & Club Z! Tutoring

SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND PARENTS:
Join us to learn tips and tricks for your upcoming college entrance exams.
Each student participant will also receive access to a FREE SAT/ACT Diagnostic Test.*



WHEN: Saturday, August 29, 2026 | 10 - 11am
WHERE: BCSC Board Room
310 South Stadium Drive, Door #7



Club Z!
In-Home Tutoring Services
*\$99 value
Club Z! is a Community Partner of the Brownsburg Education Foundation.

We hope to see you!

Advance Registration Required
Parents encouraged, but not required, to attend!

[Click here to register now!](#)
Registration closes on August 28th at noon.



From Freshman Year to Senior Year

Lock in Their Legacy for Less

**Brownsburg Education Foundation
Back-to-School
Graduate Walk Brick Special
July 21 - August 14, 2026**

\$75
Regular price for Current Student Bricks = \$100





[ORDER ONLINE HERE.](#)

Ford
**DRIVE 4 UR
COMMUNITY**

**September 10, 2025
1 - 5 p.m.**

**East Middle School
1250 Airport Road**

Take a quick spin in a new Ford vehicle and earn over \$40 per drive for BEF, thanks to the Ford Motor Company and

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Make a donation without opening your wallet!

Thank you to the Community Partners of the **Welcome Back-to-School Staff Breakfast**

presented by  **SWARTOUT
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Jack Swartout, D.D.S.
317-852-3176

**More than a breakfast.
A whole year of support.**

**Your generosity
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BEF wishes staff and students a great start to the new school year! Thank you again to our Community Partners for helping with the recent staff breakfast as well as generous donations from Starbucks South - Brownsburg.

**TICKETS ON SALE
AUGUST 27TH!**



presented by



Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. | Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m.

Brownsburg American Legion Post 331

636 East Main Street
Brownsburg, IN 46112

**Tickets are \$45 each and can be purchased in the
BEF Office**

(310 South Stadium Drive, Door 7 - call 317-852-1056 or email first)

beginning on Thursday, August 27th.

**Purchasing six (6) tickets guarantees a reserved
seat together.**

ONLY THREE TABLE PARTNERSHIPS LEFT!

If your business would like to participate and support the students and teachers in our community, [email the BEF Office](#).
IN Festival License #013480



CONGRATULATIONS

to **Keenya Graham**, a parent from East Middle School, who won the \$50 Target gift card from Middle School Back-to-School Day!

A purple background advertisement for The Bulldog Spirit Shop. On the left, white text reads "20% OF EVERY PURCHASE GOES TO THE BROWNSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION". On the right, the shop's logo features a bulldog head and a megaphone saying "SPIRIT SHOP". Below the logo are three models wearing apparel: a man in a blue "BROWNSBURG BULLDOGS" t-shirt, a woman in a black "BROWNSBURG BULLDOGS" t-shirt, and a woman in a grey "BROWNSBURG BULLDOGS" sweatshirt. At the bottom, white text says "TEES PAW HOODIES PAW HEADWEAR PAW GIFTS WWW.THEBULLDOGSPIRITSHOP.COM".

THANK YOU, **Bulldog Spirit Shop**, for donating a portion of your proceeds to BEF YEAR-ROUND!!
See all of their great items here:
<https://thebulldogspiritshop.com/>



Thank you to these donors who have committed to recurring monthly support for BEF! Members of the 1987 Club also receive monthly updates about the impact of their gifts as well as special invitations to events.

1987 CLUB MEMBERS

Bill and Rene Behrend
Joel and Tara Casey
Jenny Davidson

*Bob and Becky Duncan
Tarah Fettig
John Feister
Charlotte Fraley
Amber Hageman
Jamie Hall
Brogan Hayden
Todd and Theresa Jackson
HaiQuynh Jamison
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Chad and Melissa Middleton
Pamela Miller
Brian and Laura Petraits
Tim and Denise Zahrn
Andrew and Alicia Zeller*

Click Here to Join The 1987 Club Now!

*Check the box next to
"Show my support by making this a monthly donation".*



Donate to the Essentials for Excellence Fund Here

Strategic Ways to Support Brownsburg Students

At the Brownsburg Education Foundation, we're dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for students in our community. Your generosity makes it possible to fund

classroom grants, scholarships, and innovative programs that empower students and teachers alike. While many supporters contribute through traditional donations, there are several strategic giving options that can maximize your impact while providing potential tax advantages.

Donate Appreciated Assets

Contributing stocks, bonds, or other appreciated securities allows you to support Brownsburg students while potentially avoiding capital gains tax. You can also claim a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the asset, making your gift work harder for both you and our students.

Grant from Your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

If you have a donor-advised fund, recommending a grant to the Brownsburg Education Foundation is a simple and efficient way to invest in local education. You may also consider naming BEF as a beneficiary of your DAF to create lasting educational impact for generations of Brownsburg students.

Consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

Individuals age 70½ or older can direct up to \$108,000 annually from their IRA directly to qualified charities like the Brownsburg Education Foundation. This QCD counts toward your required minimum distribution while excluding the amount from your taxable income—a win for you and for our students.

Leave a Legacy Through Estate Planning

Including the Brownsburg Education Foundation in your will, trust, or estate plan creates a lasting legacy of educational excellence in our community. Your planned gift ensures that future generations of Brownsburg students will benefit from enhanced learning opportunities.

However you choose to give—whether through an immediate donation, investment assets, or future estate plans—your support directly impacts the quality of education in Brownsburg. For more information about strategic giving options, please contact Rene Behrend at renebehrend@brownsburg.k12.in.us or 317-852-1056.

Please consult your tax or financial advisor to understand how your charitable contribution may benefit you. The Brownsburg Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, tax ID: 31-1228189.

