Brownsburg Education Foundation Newsletter

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Thank you to our October Partner of the Month



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Big Books, Big Moments

in all BCSC Kindergarten classrooms







Chicka Chicka Boom Boom and *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* are staples in every Brownsburg kindergarten classroom. Until this year, teachers were often sharing them with students from a small paperback or a video found online because they didn't have a large-format copy from which to read.

A BEF District Excellence Award Grant changed that. Every kindergarten classroom now has its own oversized Big Book edition of both stories!

The size makes a real difference. With pages large enough for the whole class to see, teachers can point to words as they read, show how print works on a page, and model what fluent reading sounds like. And instead of listening to the teacher read alone, students join in.

"Thanks to the BEF grant, kindergarten teachers are able to share Big Book versions of the beloved classics *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* and *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*," said White Lick Elementary kindergarten teacher Katie Chase. "Using the texts in this new way, students can interact with the stories in ways they could not before: tracking the text, turning the pages, and finding words they know."

It's a simple resource, but it turns story time into something the whole class does together, and that's where a love of reading takes root.

Thank you to everyone whose support makes grants like this one possible!



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

THIS SATURDAY!



Everyone in the community is invited to this FREE event to learn more about the Log Cabin Homestead Project! Free food, games, crafts and live music! Hope to see you there!

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Mega Jumbo Dumpling Raffle

One enormous Dumpling. One lucky winner.
Every ticket supports Brownsburg students.

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Saturday, October 3rd
at Bulldog Pack & Ship
1032 East Main Street, Brownsburg

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TICKETS ON SALE	DRAWING HELD	PICK UP ONLY
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	12:40 PM	No shipping
In person only - cash or card	Need not be present to win	Pickup during business hours

TICKETS - $5.00 EACH • MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO PURCHASE

All proceeds benefit the Brownsburg Education Foundation, supporting BCSC students and teachers.
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Please stop by the BEF booth on this coming Tuesday, October 6th for the NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME! Spin the wheel and see what fun prizes you can win!

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.



BHS Alumni enjoyed food and fun together at the **Homecoming Alumni Tailgate** on September 25, 2026. Thanks again to Meyer Najem Construction for partnering with BEF to make this event possible.

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 brownsburgreunion1997@gmail.com with your contact

information or any information you have about getting in touch with other classmates from this graduating year.
Facebook Group:
https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1842EhPJrN/
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https://www.instagram.com/brownsburgreunion1997/



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$12,450
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Bags & Barrels BINGO

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What an awesome event! **You helped raise over $24,000**, which means BEF can do even more for students this school year.
THANK YOU!

Thank you, BEF Bags & Barrels Bingo Partners!

2026 TABLE PARTNERS

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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
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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.

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