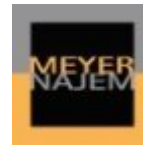


Brownsburg Education Foundation Newsletter

November 2025

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**Thank you to our November
Partners of the Month**



YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Real Men Read
*in all Brownsburg elementary
kindergarten classrooms*

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Building Lifelong Readers, One Story at a Time

This past Tuesday marked the exciting launch of another year of Real Men Read – an early literacy program that brings the magic of storytelling into Brownsburg kindergarten classrooms!

From November through March, dedicated men from our community volunteer their time to read aloud to our youngest learners, bringing books to life with stuffed animals, sound effects, and animated voices that keep little ones captivated. These MENTors aren't just reading – they're building connections, sparking imaginations, and instilling a lifelong love of books.



This year's lineup features engaging favorites including *The Bad Seed Goes to the Library*, *A Bad Case of Stripes*, *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Frog*, *Frog and Toad Together*, and *Interrupting Chicken*.

But here's the best part: after each session, every kindergartner receives their very own copy of the book to take home! These treasured books help students build their personal libraries, creating opportunities to share stories with family and revisit their favorites again and again.



For these community volunteers, Real Men Read is more than a reading program - it's a meaningful way to give back and

make a lasting impact on the next generation of readers. BEF is proud to fund this five-month program that makes such a difference in our kindergarten classrooms!

Learn more about grants awarded in the coming 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 2025! BEF is creating exciting ways for BHS graduates to reconnect and celebrate their shared legacy. Through our new alumni spotlight series and networking initiatives, you'll 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.



BROWNSBURG HIGH SCHOOL



ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

PRESENTED BY THE BROWNSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 30TH.

[CLICK HERE](#) to nominate a BHS alumnus.



Heinz Kuhne made history as Brownsburg High School's first foreign exchange student, graduating in the Class of 1982. Originally from Ecuador, he arrived in 1980 for a three-month stay with the Russell family. "I came to America for three months and loved it! I fell in love with the English language," said Kuhne, who speaks English, Spanish, and German. After returning to Ecuador, Kuhne convinced his family to let him finish high school in Brownsburg. He graduated in 1982 and went on to earn a teaching degree from St. Cloud State in Minnesota. "I just love teaching and educating," said Kuhne. "I encourage every young individual to obtain a two or four-year degree after high school. You can never stop learning. Doors will open." While at BHS, Heinz worked with Mr. Bennett to start a soccer club that won 20 matches in its first season and became the varsity team. He also kicked for the football team during an era when soccer-style kicking was revolutionary. Today, Kuhne operates a local catering business and cares for Jesse Russell, his American father from his exchange student days. He's engaged to Karen Edwards, a BHS classmate. "So many things have come full circle," Kuhne said.



Heinz Kuhne
Class of 1982

BHS Alumni Spotlight



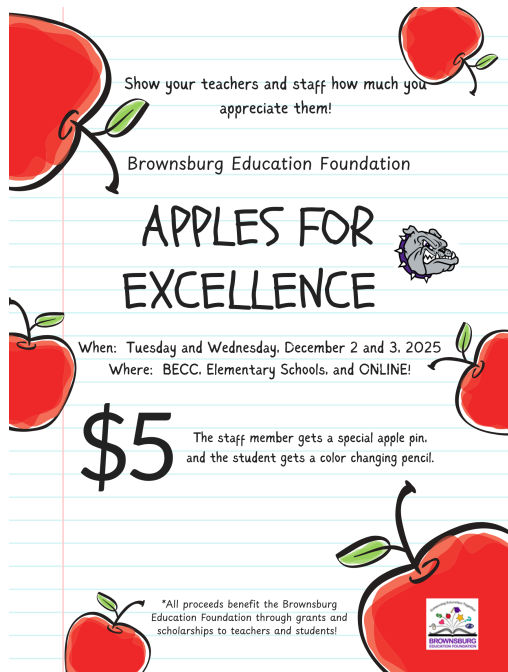
Help Our DECA Students Make a Difference!

Brownsburg High School DECA students Kaliyah and Makenzie are working on an exciting project focused on growing the BEF volunteer community, and they need YOUR input! They're gathering insights about what motivates people to volunteer and how even more community members can be engaged in giving back. Whether you're a regular volunteer, have

volunteered once, or have never volunteered before, your perspective matters. Please take just a few minutes to complete [their survey here](#) - every response helps these student leaders better understand how to strengthen volunteerism in Brownsburg!

Apples for Excellence

Thank a BCSC Staff Member Promotion



December 2nd & 3rd

\$5

With your donation to BEF, the teacher or staff member will receive a golden apple pin and your child will receive a color-changing pencil. Apples can be also ordered [ONLINE](#) beginning Monday, November 24th.

Apples ordered online by Friday, November 28th will be delivered directly to the teacher on 12/2 and 12/3.

Otherwise, they will be delivered as soon as possible.

[CLICK HERE](#)
to order apples online.

Thank you for showing teachers and staff that they are special, and thank you for supporting BEF!

**GIVING
TUESDAY**



December 2, 2025

The Tuesday following Thanksgiving has become known as #GivingTuesday. Join people around the globe to support a cause you love. We hope you will consider including the **Brownsburg Education Foundation** as part of your day!
[CLICK HERE](#)
to learn more or to donate.

SAVE THE DATE!

BROWNSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION



RALLY FOR OUR KIDS

Gala

SADDLE UP SOIRÉE

Friday, March 13, 2026 | 6 – 11 p.m.

The Golf Club of Indiana

Tickets on sale beginning December 1st.

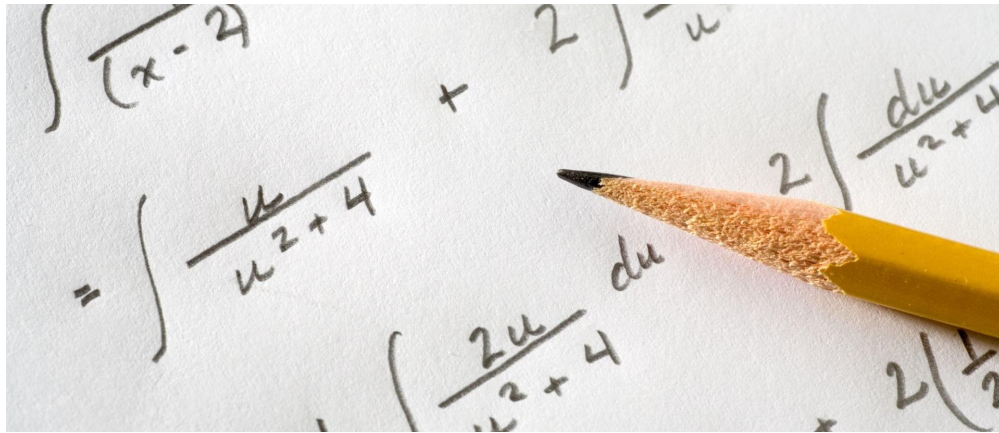
Watch for more details in our December newsletter, social media pages and the BEF website!



Hosted by:
Annie & Cole
from

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Music by
Dave & Rae



New Scholarship Opens Doors for Math Excellence

The Brownsburg Education Foundation is excited to announce the **BHS Math Department Scholarship**, a new \$2,000 annual award that will be offered to graduating seniors beginning with the Class of 2026. This scholarship will recognize a student who excels in mathematics and plans to pursue a major in math, statistics, or a STEM field in college. The scholarship represents a meaningful investment in students who will go on to careers in fields critical to innovation and economic growth and will provide tangible support as they take their next educational steps. The scholarship has been made possible through the generosity of Dan and Beth Schermer, both retired educators and longtime supporters of learning in Brownsburg. Dan served as a math teacher at Brownsburg High School for many years, and the couple's commitment to ensuring future students have opportunities to pursue their passions in mathematics reflects their deep belief in the power of education. Their gift demonstrates how individuals who care about Brownsburg students can create lasting impact through scholarship support, opening doors for generations of students to come.

Brownsburg Education Foundation Scholarships and all other local scholarship applications will be available in January.

Mrs. Martin will communicate with seniors when the application period is open.

THANK YOU!

A HUGE THANK YOU to community partners, attendees, volunteers and anyone else who helped make our Bingo event a success, raising \$18,000 in one evening!

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Designer Purse



Michael Kors | Coach | Kate Spade | Tory Burch

Thank you, BEF Purse Bingo Partners!

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The **Essentials for Excellence Fund** keeps our BCSC Food Pantry stocked and ready to serve Brownsburg families when they need support most. Every gift helps create a safety net for our students and their families during challenging times.

THE ARNI'S HOLIDAY TRADITION CONTINUES IN 2025!

All Proceeds Benefit
Local Charities.

Breakfast WITH Santa

Your breakfast tickets include a BREAKFAST BUFFET, A GIFT FOR EACH CHILD, FACE PAINTING AND A VISIT FROM THE JOLLY OLD ELF!

**SATURDAY
DEC 6**

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CALL 317.520.9377
FOR RESERVATIONS

\$20 ADULTS • \$10 CHILDREN 10 & UNDER



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