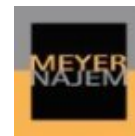


# Brownsburg Education Foundation Newsletter

April 2026

*Enhancing Education Together*

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**Thank you to our  
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Month**



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# YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# Hands-on Equations for Intervention

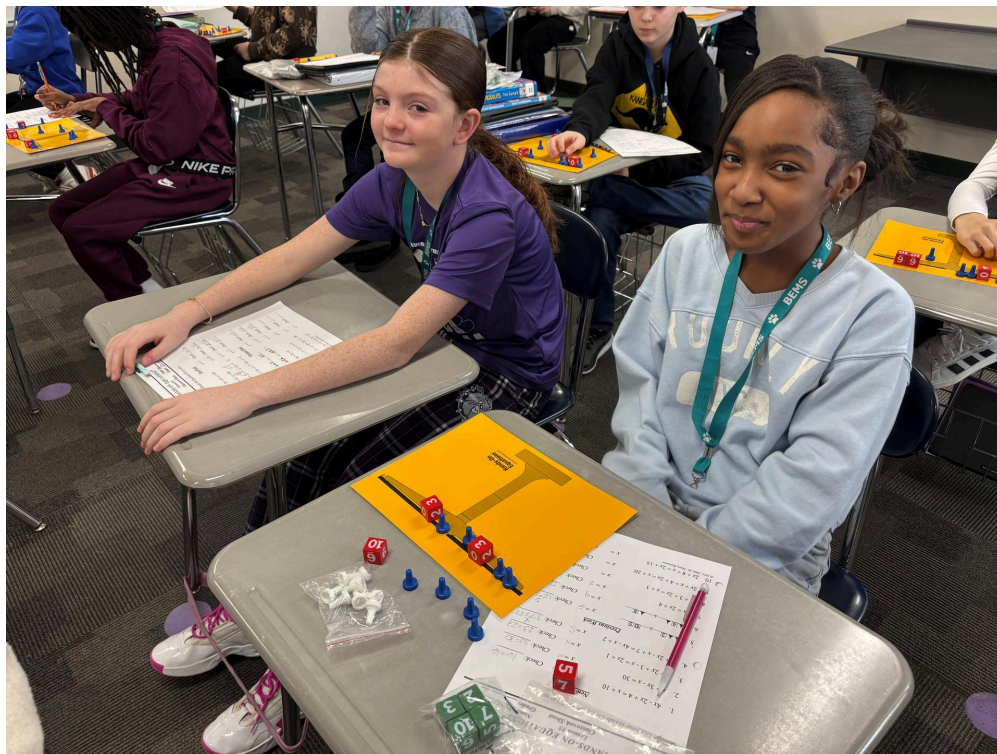
## *at the Brownsburg East and West Middle Schools*

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Thanks to the generosity of BEF donors, 6th grade students in Math Intervention SEEK classes at East and West Middle Schools are experiencing math in a whole new way this year. The Hands-On Equations grant funded by BEF this school year is putting powerful manipulatives directly into the hands of approximately 110 students, giving them a tangible, visual way to understand how equations work. These learners shine when complex concepts are broken into concrete, hands-on steps and this approach has already proven to boost ILEARN scores and build real math confidence in the classroom.



The impact of your gifts reaches far beyond this school year. The manipulatives funded through this grant will also be available to 7th and 8th grade SEEK teachers at both middle schools, extending the benefit across multiple grade levels and for years to come.

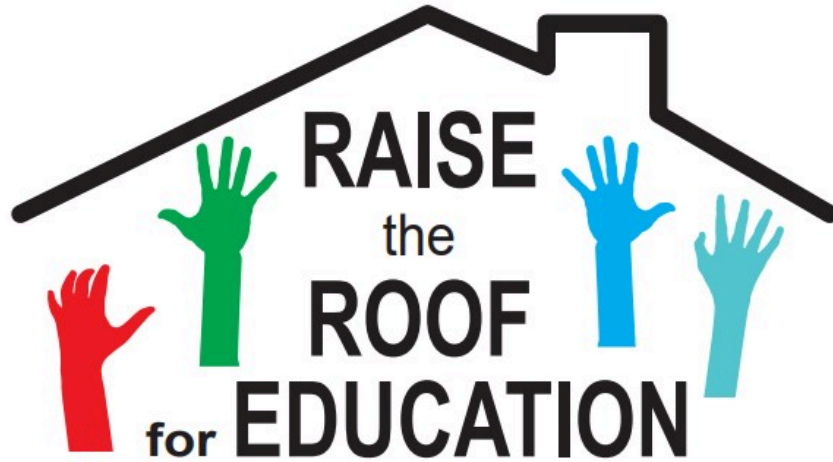
By building a strong conceptual foundation now, these students will be better prepared to tackle increasingly complex equations throughout their middle school math journey and beyond. This investment reflects Brownsburg Education Foundation's commitment to excellence, and it starts with donors like you making it 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**

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The Brownsburg Education Foundation and Indy Rooftops have partnered up to “**Raise the Roof for Education**” a true win-win for you and BEF.

This April, get a hassle-free roof and exterior inspection of your home.

Brownsburg Education Foundation gets \$50 for every inspection completed.

**HOW:** It's easy - scan the code or go to the link below, fill out the webform and Indy Rooftops will take care of the rest!

**BONUS:** The Brownsburg school that generates the most inspections will get a free pizza party for the faculty and teachers, provided by IRT.

## Raise the Roof for Education

Appointments must be scheduled between April 1-30, 2026 to qualify for this valuable opportunity.



**INDY ROOFTOPS**  
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

<https://indyrooftops.com/raise-the-roof-for-education/>

**Schedule your free no-obligation roof inspection**  
with **BEF Corporate Partner, Indy Rooftops**, in the month of April,  
and Indy Rooftops will donate

**\$50**

to BEF for every completed inspection! The school that has the most completed inspections done on their behalf will also earn  
**a FREE PIZZA PARTY for the teachers and staff.**

**Let's RAISE THE ROOF FOR EDUCATION!**

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## **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.

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# THANK YOU, PARD'NERS!

BROWNSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION

You helped raise over



RALLY FOR OUR KIDS  
*Gala*  
SADDLE UP SOIRÉE

**\$66,000**

to benefit the students in  
the Brownsburg community!

Your commitment to education blazes a trail for  
the next generation.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Next year's Gala will be Friday, March 12, 2027!

## PIONEER CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Learn more here!

**22 - 25 JUNE 2026**

Brownsburg Education Foundation

**Pioneer Camp**

Monday - Thursday  
9am - 2pm

**\$200**

Looking for a great summer experience?  
JOIN US for hands-on fun and learning!  
Spend a week as a pioneer child, participate in engaging activities, and make new friends!

Register at [www.brownsburgeducationfoundation.org](http://www.brownsburgeducationfoundation.org) by May 31, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

Camp takes place at 310 South Stadium Drive. Open to all EXITING 3rd - 5th grade students. **LIMITED TO THE FIRST 20 REGISTRANTS!** Once registered, there are **NO REFUNDS.** Funds will support the BEF Long Cabin Homebased Project.

Cooking Building Insect Study Fishing Crafts Games Tree Identification Music and Dancing Gardening Bird Watching Sewing

All exiting 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are invited to attend!

Enjoy cooking, sewing, building, nature study, crafts, gardening and learning about life as an Indiana child in 1850.

**SO MUCH FUN!**

*"I love that it was hands-on and educational! My kids actually want to do chores and help with cooking at home now. They really loved the woodworking projects, fishing, and field trip to the farm!"*

*-parent of previous camp participants*

**CHIP IN FOR THE KIDS**



**BROWNSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

presented by **SUMMERS™**  
Plumbing, Heating, & Cooling



**June 12, 2026 | 8:30 a.m.**

at West Chase Golf Club

**REGISTER HERE**

**20%**  
OF EVERY  
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BROWNSBURG  
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**THANK YOU, Bulldog Spirit Shop, for donating a portion of your proceeds to BEF YEAR-ROUND!!**  
**Check out 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  
 Amber Hageman  
 Jamie Hall  
 Brogan Hayden  
 Todd and Theresa Jackson  
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 Jamie Keeler  
 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".

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## BINGO BONANZA

Fundraiser by Brownsburg Sertoma Club

All attendees must be 21 - at Brownsburg Legion

Friday, April 10, 2026



Disc Jockey Krazy Kris will provide some oldies but goodies - Full bar available for purchase throughout the evening, along with Pizza by the slice & Breadsticks from Brownsburg's own, Rockstar Pizza!

No outside drinks or food.

Please bring CASH as Legion ONLY accepts cash for sodas/bar (ATM located inside Legion).

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM



Pull Tabs & 50/50 Raffle all evening!

Reverse Raffle also available for purchase with a Grand Prize of \$1,500!

Cash is preferred though credit cards are accepted.

- 6pm - Doors open, get your seat, grab some food & drinks, entertainment by DJ Krazy Kris, & kicking off sales of Raffle/Pull-Tabs!
- 7pm - BINGO with DJ Krazy Kris at the breaks!

**Address:** American Legion Post 331, 636 East Main Street, Brownsburg, IN 46112

Funds raised from this event will help needy local youngsters with mental health problems. Sertoma of Brownsburg has an established fund at Care to Change Counseling to help provide these youth services. We will also contribute to Family Promise, assisting homeless in Hendricks County.

- **Entry Ticket:** \$25 (must have ticket or buy one at door to enter). Additional Bingo set available for purchase at the event for \$10. Maximum attendance is 250.
- **Reverse Raffle Tickets:** \$20 (need not be present to win – Grand Prize of \$1,500). Purchase in advance directly from a Sertoma member or at the event.



Purchase Event Entry Ticket or to sponsor event, please use QR Code or go to <https://brownsburgsertoma.square.site/>, contact a Brownsburg Sertoma member or Brent Kiefer at [bkiefer7@hotmail.com](mailto:bkiefer7@hotmail.com) or 317-696-1295.

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[Donate to the Essentials for Excellence Fund Here](#)

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## 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](mailto: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.*

