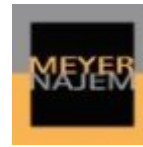


Brownsburg Education Foundation Newsletter

December 2025

Enhancing Education Together

2025 Visionary Partners and Newsletter Sponsors



Thank you to our December Partners of the Month



YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Fantastic Fossil Findings *in all Brownsburg elementary High Ability 2/3 classrooms*

presented by



The Brownsburg Education Foundation awarded this grant to enhance hands-on learning experiences for High Ability 2/3 classrooms across the school corporation. Through this exciting initiative, an expert from the Indiana State Museum visited all eight elementary schools to conduct a one-hour outreach

program, impacting approximately 200 students. The museum representative brought specialized materials and engaging activities that extended beyond typical classroom resources, giving these young learners the opportunity to explore prehistoric history through interactive station work that demonstrated how fossils are formed.



This partnership represents an innovative approach to teaching complex scientific concepts that can be challenging for young students to grasp. By bringing in an expert who works with fossils daily, the program helped make the abstract concept of million-year-old history tangible and accessible. Students rotated through various stations and worked in groups, encouraging creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking as they investigated different aspects of fossil formation and learned to interpret the clues that fossils reveal about ancient life.



"Thanks to this BEF grant, 2/3 students had an opportunity to work side by side with an Indiana State Museum expert to learn how living creatures become fossils," said Allyson Smith, one of the participating teachers from Cardinal Elementary. "They also learned about fossil records and explored the clues that fossils leave behind." Beyond the immediate educational impact, this project inspired students to view community institutions like the Indiana State Museum as valuable learning resources they can continue to explore throughout their lives.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The old Brownsburg High School gymnasium
(built in 1929 on College Avenue) was featured
in the iconic 1986 basketball film



"HOOSIERS".



BROWNSBURG BULLDOGS HISTORY



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*

Thank you to everyone who supported this project in conjunction with #GivingTuesday this week! Over **\$5,800** was raised through the Apples for Excellence program, and this money will go back into the classrooms through teacher grants and corporation-wide initiatives!

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

It is not too late to honor a staff member with an Apple for Excellence! You can still order a golden apple online and it will be sent to the staff member with your message.

ORDER AN APPLE FOR EXCELLENCE

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

THANK YOU

**to everyone who supported
#GivingTuesday!**



In just 24 hours,

\$14,511.95

was raised for BEF to benefit the
students and teachers in our
community!

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!

BROWNSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION



RALLY FOR OUR KIDS

Gala

SADDLE UP SOIRÉE

presented by



Friday, March 13, 2026 | 6:30 – 11 p.m.
The Golf Club of Indiana



Hosted by:
Annie & Cole
from

Country 97.1
HANK FM

Music by
Dave & Rae





Early Bird



GALA TABLE SALES

December 1st - 15th

BROWNSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Rally for Our Kids Gala
March 13, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.
The Cardinal Room at Golf Club of IN



RALLY FOR OUR KIDS
Gala
SADDLE UP SOIRÉE

Table of Ten (10)
General - \$800
VIP - \$1,600

SAVE
with advance
purchase!

INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS GO ON SALE JANUARY 1, 2026 FOR \$100 (GENERAL) AND \$200 (VIP).

VIP Reservations

EXCLUSIVE GALA EXPERIENCE

VIP Perks include:

- UNLIMITED beer, wine and premium alcohol
- VIP only bar line
- Priority parking and seating
- Early entry and hot hors d'oeuvres with Dr. Jessup and the Bulldog mascot

AND MORE!



\$200
per person

LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE

LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF VIP RESERVATIONS - MAKE YOURS TODAY!

PURCHASE YOUR GALA TABLE HERE



DECEMBER 1 - 15 HOLIDAY BRICK SPECIAL

Student and alumni bricks
start at \$100.

The more bricks you purchase,
the more you save!

2nd brick = \$90

3rd brick = \$80

4th brick = \$70

5th brick = \$60

6th brick = FREE



THANK YOU!



The Brownsburg Education Foundation is pleased to announce it has received **a grant from the Hendricks County Community Foundation** on behalf of all education foundations in the county. The grant will fund the **creation of a county-wide alliance of education foundations**, with Rene Behrend, executive director of BEF, facilitating the collaborative effort. "When we work together, we're not just stronger - we're smarter. This alliance will allow us to learn from each other, pool our resources, and create opportunities that no single foundation could achieve alone. It's an exciting step forward for education across Hendricks County."

THANK YOU

to Hoffman Automotive Services!

Hoffman Automotive Services, located at 200 North Adams Street next to the railroad tracks, collected items for the BCSC Food Pantry and then owner Hunter Hoffman matched the items collected! THANK YOU, HUNTER AND TEAM! Brownsburg is such a generous and caring community!



You can also support the BCSC Food and Clothing Pantry through your gift to the **Essentials for Excellence Fund**. Your donation keeps our BCSC Food Pantry stocked and ready to serve Brownsburg families when they need support most, creating a safety net for our students and their families during challenging times.



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

2025 Year-end Giving Campaign

A purple graphic with three orange dots at the top. On the left is a large white gift box with a gold ribbon and a red tag that says "x2". To the right are three circular photos: one of three girls in a field, one of a girl reading a book, and one of three students in a classroom. The text "Double Your Impact" is in large white letters, and "The first \$5,000 will be matched!" is in smaller white letters below it. At the bottom, it says "Your gift goes twice as far when you donate by December 31st!" with orange dots.

DONATE NOW

As a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Brownsburg Education Foundation can receive Qualified Charitable

Distributions (QCDs) from your IRA to satisfy required minimum distributions (RMDs), as well as gifts of appreciated stock. These giving strategies can provide tax advantages while supporting local educational initiatives. Consult your financial advisor or tax professional regarding your individual circumstances.

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

Brownsburg
251 W. Northfield Dr.
CALL 317.520.9377
FOR RESERVATIONS

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


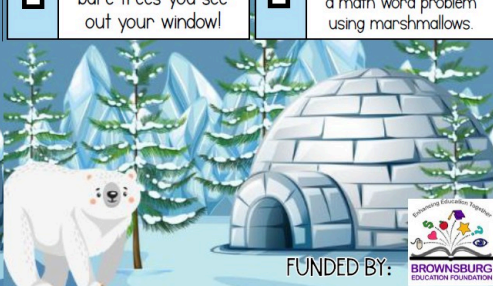


IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE WINTER READING CHALLENGE!

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS – Don't miss this opportunity to maintain your reading skills and have some FUN! Enjoy these creative

activities the week of December 15th at school and then complete even more on your own over Winter Break!

BCSC FIVE DAYS OF READING			BCSC WINTER LEARNING BUCKET LIST	
<p>All Brownsburg elementary schools are coming together to celebrate the joy of reading with the Five Days of Reading! Each day, students will participate in a fun spirit day and an exciting reading activity. From dressing up to cozying up with a great book, it's a week full of stories, imagination, and fun. If we meet our school wide goal, we will have a STEM DAY when we get back from break. Let's make reading a celebration!</p>			<p>You participated in the Five Days of Reading before break. Everyone is encouraged to continue learning throughout winter break. Make it extra fun by checking off some of these items off your winter learning bucket list. This is OPTIONAL and not required!</p>	
MONDAY, DEC. 15TH	Bundle up and Read	Bring a stuffy to read with at school and wear your favorite hat or headband	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit a library.
TUESDAY, DEC. 16TH	Flannel by the Fireside	Wear flannel or plaid	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read in the car.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17TH	Slip on Your Socks and Snuggle Up with a Story	Wear cozy socks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write a list of things to do in the snow.
THURSDAY, DEC. 18TH	Shine a Light on a Good Book	Wear something that BRIGHTENS your mood	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read with slippers on.
FRIDAY, DEC. 19TH	Snuggle up with a Good Book	Wear your favorite pajamas to school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write a story under a blanket fort!
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Count how many bare trees you see out your window!
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit a neighbor.
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Read by the fire.
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Read or write with someone or some pet!
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Read while listening to soft music.
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Write a story about an arctic animal.
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Sip hot cocoa and create a math word problem using marshmallows.



WHEN YOU ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY CARDS, IT COULD BENEFIT BEF!

If you usually shop on [minted.com](https://www.minted.com) for your holiday cards, this year's purchase could earn money for the Brownsburg Education Foundation! Use the PROMO CODE: **FUNDRAISEBROWNSBURG**. YOU get 20% off and Minted.com will donate 10% to BEF!

THANKS for your support!



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.

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Click Here to Join The 1987 Club Now!

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

