

Brownsburg Education Foundation Newsletter

March 2026

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The advertisement features three models: a man in a purple t-shirt, a woman in a black t-shirt, and a woman in a grey hoodie, all with 'BROWNSBURG BULLDOGS' branding. The background is purple with a starburst pattern.

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/>

**YOUR DONATIONS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Minds in Motion in the
Classroom**

*at the Brownsburg Early
Childhood Center*

sponsored in part by

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Thanks to a BEF-funded grant called "Minds in Motion in the Classroom," Mini Minds in Motion pathways are now being created inside each Brownsburg Early Childhood Center (BECC) classroom, giving preschool students a safe, accessible way to practice self-regulation right where they are – no hallway trips or extra staffing required. Each pathway is made up of sensory tools and movement-based materials thoughtfully arranged within the classroom, including racquetballs for cross-body reaching, adhesive handprints for wall pushes, footprint and floor strips to guide stomping and marching paths, and wooden sensory boards for tracing. These items give students the tools they need to self-regulate and return to learning with confidence.



This is especially meaningful as BECC has seen an increase in students experiencing dysregulation and limited coping skills,

making it difficult to safely take breaks outside the classroom. As grant recipient and teacher Leah Thompson shared, "Having these materials within the classroom will help to free up staff members, support regulation in students, and encourage calm and caring classrooms."

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

2026 Inductees to the BHS Alumni Hall of Fame!

The Brownsburg Education Foundation is pleased to announce two more candidates who will join the [BHS Alumni Hall of Fame](#) on Friday, March 13, 2026 at the annual BEF Gala.

Richard Jackson, Class of 1970

Steve Patterson, Class of 1983

Learn more about these new inductees [HERE](#).



BROWNSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION



RALLY FOR OUR KIDS

Gala

SADDLE UP SOIRÉE

presented by



Friday, March 13, 2026

SOLD OUT



Hosted by:
Annie & Cole
from

Country 97.1
HANK FM

Music by
Dave & Rae



*Thank you to our Gala Partners**



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**Gala Partners as of 1/26/2026*

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MAKE AN IMPACT

Help students experience the joy of learning



ENHANCE EDUCATION

Give teachers tools to inspire students



PARTICIPATE WITH PURPOSE

Attend 5 annual meetings + committee work + fundraising events



APPLY BY APRIL 1, 2026



TERM BEGINS JULY 1, 2026

LEARN MORE HERE

PIONEER CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Learn more here!



**22 - 25
JUNE
2026**

Brownsburg Education Foundation

**Pioneer
Camp**

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 by May 31, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

**Monday - Thursday
9am - 2pm**

\$200

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 Renovation 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

BEF Spring Brick Special



Don't miss this opportunity to order a brick for your 2026 Graduate!

DEADLINE: MARCH 20, 2026

Bricks ordered from February 14, 2026 through March 20, 2026 are eligible for \$10 OFF the regular price.



Visit www.brownsburgeducationfoundation.org to learn more or to place your order.

Order your Graduate Walk Brick here



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
HaiQuynh Jamison
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Pamela Miller
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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".*

BINGO BONANZA

Fundraiser by Brownsburg Sertoma Club



All attendees must be 21 - at Brownsburg Legion

Friday, April 10, 2026

<p>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!</p> <p>No outside drinks or food.</p> <p>Please bring CASH as Legion ONLY accepts cash for sodas/bar (ATM located inside Legion).</p>	<p>6:00 PM – 10:00 PM</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6pm - Doors open, get your seat, grab some food & drinks, entertainment by DJ Krazy Kris, & kicking off sales of Raffle/Pull-Tabbs!• 7pm - BINGO with DJ Krazy Kris at the breaks!	<p>Pull Tabs & 50/50 Raffle all evening!</p> <p>Reverse Raffle also available for purchase with a Grand Prize of \$1,500!</p> <p>Cash is preferred though credit cards are accepted.</p>
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Address: American Legion Post 331, 636 East Main Street, Brownsburg, IN 46112

Funds raised from this event will go into our general fund and also 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.

- **Bingo: \$25 (must have ticket or buy one at door to enter)** – ticket purchase includes 18 games with each game providing 6 Bingo cards (total cash payout of \$1,500 with \$50-\$100 payouts and a finale \$500 payout). **Additional Bingo set available for purchase at \$10.** Maximum attendance is 250.
- **Reverse Raffle Tickets: \$20 (need not be present to win – Grand Prize of \$1,500)**



Purchase Bingo or Reverse Raffle tickets, please use QR Code or go to <https://brownsburgsertoma.square.site/>, contact a Brownsburg Sertoma member or Brent Kiefer at bkiefer7@hotmail.com or 317-696-1295.

Indiana Gaming License # 002308



Essentials for Excellence Fund

Supporting the BCSC Food Pantry and the FastTrack Back-to-School Supply Program

Your gifts to this fund will help students and families have the essentials needed for positive learning experiences.

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.

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