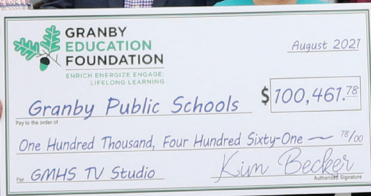


The GEF is proud to fund another Special Project. L-R: Jennifer Parsons, assistant superintendent; Sarah Thrall, chair of Granby Board of Education; Al Wilke; Kim Becker, chair of Granby Education Foundation; Timothy Barnett, GMHS technology teacher; Mike Dunn, GMHS principal



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

Introducing our latest Special Project:

## GMHS TV STUDIO

Former Granby Education Foundation (GEF) board member Al Wilke knew he wanted his \$10,000 GEF donation to spur the development of a game-changing STEM project at the high school, so he turned to the GEF board and Dr. Jordan Grossman, superintendent, to make it happen.

After the success of a recent GEF grant for digital video cameras to livestream school events, the idea for the GEF to give \$100,000 for this state-of-the-art TV studio was the natural next step. The TV studio supports current classes—Journalism, Principles of Speech and Communication, and Sports Marketing—and the Bears Broadcasting Club. It also gives opportunities to this year's technology students to construct the studio set for the new school news channel.

Technology teachers Tim Barnett and Nick Gaeta are encouraging GMHS faculty to reimagine their teaching methods and find ways to incorporate the TV studio into their classes, offering students hands-on experiences that blend technology and the arts.

This \$100,000 studio allows the high school to showcase its many talented artists, actors, musicians, and athletes through featured productions. In the future, students may even collaborate on community projects such as public service announcements and highlight reels of community events.

**“Students need hands-on experiences using technology, developing skills like writing in a real-world context, and seeing the connection of STEM and the arts,” says Al Wilke.**



*The success of livestreamed GMHS events like Coffeehouse concerts and basketball games jumpstarted the discussion about building a quality video production program.*

Thank you for supporting lifelong learning!

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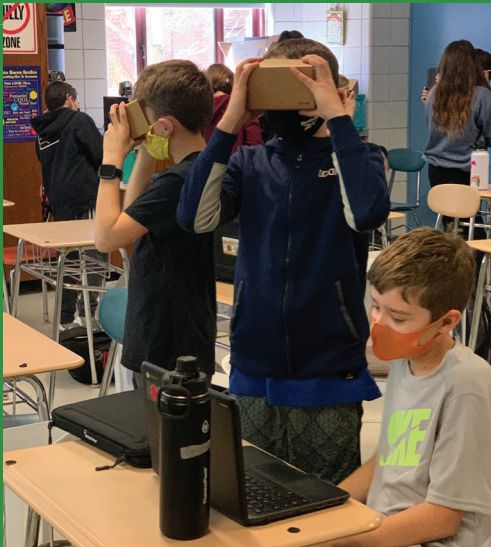
The Granby Racial Reconciliation (GRR) received \$1,375 to host a drive-in style community viewing of the movie *Hidden Figures*, followed by a facilitated discussion on how to bring racial healing and racial justice to our town. GRR is a new organization, established by Granby clergy and community leaders, to help raise awareness and continue conversations about racial justice in Granby. (Submitted by: Reverend Dr. Todd Grant Yokeman, pastor, First Congregational Church of Granby)

GIVING HIGHLIGHTS:

We funded 12 grants during our 2020-2021 fiscal year including the four grants highlighted in this annual appeal. For more information about the other recent grants, visit our website: [www.granbyeducationfoundation.org](http://www.granbyeducationfoundation.org).

\$15,118 to Community Grants

\$1,500 to Arts Endowment Grants



TO ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS AND BEYOND!

Imagine walking along the streets of ancient Pompeii or the Great Wall of China or marveling at the the Egyptian pyramids or Red Fort in India all without leaving your classroom. Thanks to a \$750 grant for virtual reality goggles, sixth grade social studies students were immersed in the curriculum with this new visual learning experience. (Submitted by: Shirley Cowles, enrichment teacher; Stephanie Stupienski, sixth grade teacher, GMMS)



IMAGINATION PLAYGROUND

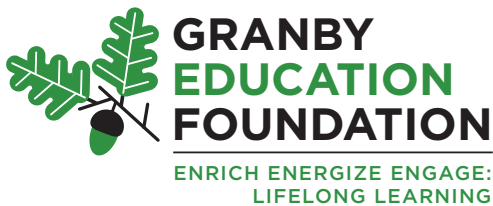
Kelly Lane received a grant for \$4,325 to purchase over 100 big blue blocks which encourage a variety of interactive play including building structures, pretend play, and improvised games. Playing with blocks promotes unstructured and cooperative play and hands-on problem solving. (Submitted by: Elisabeth Diemer and Jenna Stone, second grade teachers, Kelly Lane Primary School)



L-R: Jacob Shine and Cooper Boyd with club founders Nick Boyd and Owen Danke

SCHOOL EVENT LIVESTREAMING

The GEF was proud to partner with the Granby Booster Club to support the newly formed GMHS Bears Broadcast Club. Each organization gave \$2,648.50 to purchase equipment for quality livestreaming of GMHS events not open to the public due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions. The club was started by seniors Nick Boyd and Owen Danke who not only learned how to do livestreaming on their own, but also wrote the grant, and trained other club members. The club livestreamed fall and winter sporting events as well as the winter and spring Coffeehouse concerts and uploaded them for future viewing on YouTube, bringing a service to Granby that will be enjoyed by friends and family, near and far, long after the pandemic. (Submitted by: Brian Maltese, athletic director; Nick Boyd and Owen Danke, students, GMHS)



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