

# FOUNDATION NEWS



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Bridget Galella

With the 2017-18 school year well underway, the Foundation has already made great strides in its commitment to promote excellence, innovation and creativity in education for Midland Park students. I'm honored to lead the MPPEF as we continue our worthy mission. There are many exciting events on the horizon and our dedicated trustees are working hard to ensure this is our best year ever. I would like to thank the teachers, administrators, and the community of volunteers and sponsors for helping us accomplish our goals. Because of your effort, our students will benefit from a host of multi-disciplinary enrichment programs throughout the school year. The next few months bring even more opportunities to do great things for our kids. We're getting ready to announce our Fall grant recipients and are preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year. This year's theme: Seaside Soiree featuring "The Nerds"! Be sure to visit our website <http://mppef.org/> for updated information about the event and all other foundation related news.

## MP RUNS TOGETHER FOR EDUCATION



## 4th ANNUAL 5K RUN, WALK, KIDS FUN RUN

A community that runs together stays together! On Saturday, September 16th the MPPEF hosted their annual 5K race and close to 400 participants came out to run for education. The event kicked off at 9:00 am sharp and was followed by a 1 mile walk and Kids' fun run. Runners were encouraged along the challenging course with support from residents lined up in front of houses and gathered near the finish line. Midland Park's mayor, Harry Shortway, served as grand Marshal and stood among the crowd cheering the runners on. As always, we are grateful to the committed and generous families and businesses that supported the event in the form of sponsorship, donations and service. Together our efforts raised over \$20,000! Thank you to each and every one of you for making this day such a great success!

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### SPECIAL THANKS



Scott J. Hosier  
Senior Financial Advisor

We would like to take a moment to extend our sincerest gratitude to our two presenting sponsors: TLC Tarleton and Family Landscaping Co. & Scott J. Hosier, Sr. Financial Adviser at Merrill Lynch. As an organization that depends largely on donations, we are fortunate to be able to count on the partnership of these sponsors time and time again. Please remember to support the businesses that support our students!

## CHROMEBOOK CARTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND SO MUCH MORE!



Spring 2017 was a busy season for the MPPEF. In March we held our signature fundraising event: The Black and White Bash featuring the Nerds. The money raised enabled the organization to present a check to the Midland Park Board of Education for \$25,000 to be used to purchase chromebook carts for the 3rd and 4th grade students. The foundation also awarded scholarships to two well deserving students, Isabelle Fiore and Stephanie Sharo, for their outstanding leadership qualities and exceptional community service.

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

We invite you to Support the MPPEF's Revenge of THE NERDS  
Seaside Soiree

**APRIL 14, 2018**



**Incredible LIVE AUCTION, silent auction,  
basket raffles, 50/50 and MORE!!**

**MACALUSO'S RESTAURANT**

**Tickets go on sale December 1st**

**Questions? Contact Joan Dumas at [chelly1227@aol.com](mailto:chelly1227@aol.com)**

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### Welcome to our new Trustees

Delmarie Alvarez  
Jackie Bolten  
Sarah Buttino  
Lisa Graham  
Chrisana Grande  
Erin Ortandl  
Carrie Thompson  
Nicky Warner

### Our New Executive Board

Bridget Galella, President  
Joan Dumas, 1st VP  
Emily Parker, 2nd VP  
Shannon Shortway, Secretary  
Barbara Tarleton, Treasurer

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## **Join us at our meetings!**

**Highland Media Center**

**7:30PM**

January 8, 2018

February 12, 2018

March 12, 2018

April 9, 2018

May 14, 2018

June 11, 2018

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### **Questions? Want to Volunteer?**

#### **Contact one of our dedicated BOT members:**

Diane Allen, Delmarie Alvarez, Jackie Bolten, Sarah Buttino, April Catuogno,  
Jane Gerald, Lisa Graham, Chrisana Grande, Suzanne Mayer, Dina Murray,  
Deb Oliveri, Erin Ortandl, Eileen Russell,  
Carrie Thompson, Grace Torry, Anna Vlacancich, Nicky Warner

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### **Ways to support all year....**

#### **Amazon Smile**

Before you start your holiday shopping, please set up your Amazon Smile account through the MPPEF! Just follow the link from our website for easy instructions. A portion of the proceeds from your Amazon purchases go back to the MPPEF! <http://mppef.org/amazon-smile/>

#### **Community Thrift Shop**

The holidays are almost here and that means you need to find space for all those presents!!! Clean out your closets and bring your donations (new and gently used seasonal clothing, toys, books and small household items) to the

Community Thrift Shop in Midland Park. It is located at [85 Godwin Avenue](#), which is in the lower level of the Midland Park Shopping Center. The Foundation receives a percentage of sales for items donated to the MPPEF #28. **To donate:** Donations are accepted Mondays and first Saturday of each month: 10-2. Bring items inside to the back of the store, indicate the MPPEF #28 as the charity you are donating to, and you will receive a donation card for tax purposes.

**MPPEF  
website**



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