



Morris Plains  
Borough School

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Friday, February 1, 2013  
8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
Bretton Woods

## WELCOME TO THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EDITION OF THE EFMP NEWSLETTER!

In an effort to keep our friends and supporters informed of the plans, activities and achievements of the Education Foundation of Morris Plains, we have begun production of a quarterly newsletter.

You are receiving this newsletter either because you have taken part in one of our past events or fundraisers, or you have expressed some interest in our organization. If you know someone who would like to be added to our email

notification list, please send us a short email message at:

[www.educationfoundationmp.com](http://www.educationfoundationmp.com)

If you do not wish to receive future editions and notices, please send us that information as well.

We hope you will enjoy reading and learning about the EFMP. Please feel free to send us your feedback and suggestions. Thank you!

## EFMP to Host its First Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting

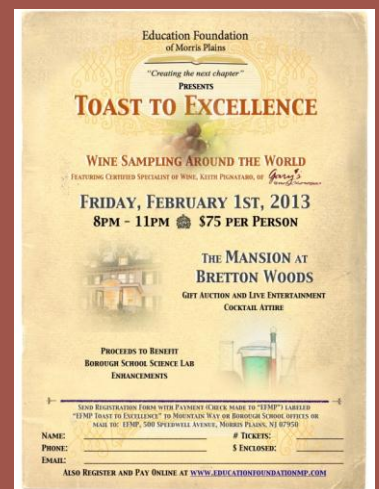
Be sure to mark the date and reserve your tickets for a very special fundraising event in the coming new year. The Education Foundation will host "A Toast to Excellence," a wine and cheese tasting and prize auction. The event will be held on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Bretton Woods in Morris Plains.

The wine tasting will be coordinated by Gary's Wine and Marketplace of Madison. Live

music will be provided by Borough School alumnus, Skip Yingling. A prize auction will also be held.

See the flyer on the page 4 of the newsletter for more details and for ticket ordering.

Please plan to attend and invite friends and neighbors to this fun and special event to support the new Borough School Science Lab project!



SAVE THE DATE!  
February 1, 2013

## Education Foundation of Morris Plains

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## RECENT GRANTS AND GIFTS

The Investors Foundation has donated \$2,500 to the Education Foundation of Morris Plains (EFMP) for the purchase of new technology for the middle school science labs.

A check was presented to the EFMP by Jessica Ballew, branch manager of the Morris Plains Investors Bank at a Morris Plains Board of Education meeting on June 12 in the Borough School auditorium.

The \$2,500 will go toward digital microscopes and other equipment that will educate and inspire Morris Plains middle schoolers in the crucial areas of research and application of science skills.

"We are thrilled to receive this grant from Investors Foundation for this effort to enhance the science lab," said Suzanne Schafer Skalski, president of the EFMP. "As a New Jersey business, Investors has chosen to invest locally, which we appreciate. Our children will benefit for years to come. We look forward to future partnerships with Investors Bank and other corporations."



Interim superintendent of schools, Ernest Palestis, said the EFMP and Investors Savings bank exemplify the values of Morris Plains, The Community of Caring. "At a time when school districts are struggling to fund innovation, the EFMP and Investors have provided our students and staff with tools that we would not otherwise have access to," he said.

"One of the particularly important components of this partnership is that the grant impacts every Morris Plains student, because each one will have science experiences in our enhanced facility."



## \$5000 GRANTS AWARDED BY BASF CORPORATION

The Borough School is the recipient of two \$5000 BASF Science Education Grant for 2012 and was recently recognized at a reception held at BASF's headquarters in Florham Park.

A key strategic initiative of the school district for the 2012-2013 school year is to build a new middle school Science Lab – one equipped with technology which will help to create 21st century learners and propel Borough School to the forefront of science education.

BASF was impressed with EFMP's proposal to purchase state of the art digital microscopes and handheld MiScopes for the Lab, and our school's efforts to foster students' interest in the sciences.

The Science Department, under direction of Ed Frankosky and Casey Devlin, also received a grant to equip a classroom with a saltwater aquarium and to purchase seining nets for the annual Sandy Hook Environmental Study Trip.



To learn more about the Education Foundation of Morris Plains, please visit our website at :

[www.educationfoundationmp.com](http://www.educationfoundationmp.com)

**HONOR A SPECIAL TEACHER, STAFF MEMBER OR ADMINISTRATOR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON THROUGH OUR ANNUAL TEACHER TRIBUTE PROGRAM**

"Teacher Tributes" offer a thoughtful way to express appreciation to a school staff member while supporting the EFMP. Funds raised through this program support our Teacher Mini Grants and directly benefit our classrooms.

**This Holiday Season  
Thank an Exceptional Teacher or Staff Member  
(e.g. administrator, aide, coach, crossing guard, etc.)  
with a Special Donation**

**Teacher Tributes  
benefitting the**

**Education Foundation  
of Morris Plains**



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The Education Foundation's goal is to support educational excellence in the Morris Plains School District by providing resources that are outside the scope of the district's budget. All proceeds raised through Teacher Tributes are reinvested in the Morris Plains Schools to directly enhance education in our classrooms. In past years, these important donations have funded Responsive Classroom Training sessions for all teachers in Grades K-4 and classroom document cameras. We look forward to investing more programs soon!

**Each honoree will receive a "tribute" card  
informing him or her of your donation.**

All contributions made by December 17<sup>th</sup> will be acknowledged  
to the teachers on December 20<sup>th</sup>  
Additional Questions? [EducationFoundationMP@gmail.com](mailto:EducationFoundationMP@gmail.com)

Yes, I would like to support the efforts of the EFMP in enhancing the experience of our Morris Plains students through the holiday teacher tribute program.

Yes, my company provides matching donations.

Please accept this tax deductible donation in honor of the following teacher(s).  
Additional recipients may be written on the back of this form.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Total Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A notification card will be sent to the staff member(s) including your name only:

Family Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make donations payable to the EFMP, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.  
Please return this form and your donation to school office marked "Education Foundation of Morris Plains"

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# TOAST TO EXCELLENCE

**WINE SAMPLING AROUND THE WORLD**  
FEATURING CERTIFIED SPECIALIST OF WINE, KEITH PIGNATARO, OF GARY'S WINE & MARKETPLACE

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2013**  
**8PM - 11PM** 🍷 **\$75 PER PERSON**



**THE MANSION AT  
BRETTON WOODS**  
GIFT AUCTION AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
COCKTAIL ATTIRE

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
BOROUGH SCHOOL SCIENCE LAB  
ENHANCEMENTS**



SEND REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT (CHECK MADE TO "EFMP") LABELED  
"EFMP TOAST TO EXCELLENCE" TO MOUNTAIN WAY OR BOROUGH SCHOOL OFFICES OR  
MAIL TO: EFMP, 500 SPEEDWELL AVENUE, MORRIS PLAINS, NJ 07950

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ # TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ALSO REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE AT [WWW.EDUCATIONFOUNDATIONMP.COM](http://WWW.EDUCATIONFOUNDATIONMP.COM)



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## BE A FRIEND of the Education Foundation of Morris Plains!

As with any new organization, volunteers who contribute their talents, skills, time and resources are vital to the EFMP's success. We appreciate any level of support you are able to give. To offer your support to the Foundation in any way, please complete the form below and return it to:

EFMP, c/o Morris Plains Borough School, 500 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.

**YES! I want to be a "Friend" of the Education Foundation of Morris Plains.**

- Keep me informed of plans and events
- Contact me regarding volunteer opportunities
- I am enclosing a donation to support the EFMP's efforts
- I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the Wine & Cheese Fundraiser on February 1, 2013  
(You will receive a phone call/email to confirm reservation)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make checks payable to "EFMP")

- My donation may be eligible for matching funds. (The EFMP is a 501(c)3 organization)