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Dear Friends,

Our annual *Thanks for Giving Gala* is back! Scheduled for **Friday, November 18th** at the Candlewood Inn, this event features silent and live auctions, dinner, dancing and more. The event is our largest fundraiser of the year, and tickets are available on our website now!

This year, we are proud to welcome our first Signature Sponsor, Zuzick & Associates and Ryan Marquis of LifebyRy - American Income! We also have some fantastic new auction packages available, including the chance to have Jamnesia or Tabacco Road perform at your party, dining experiences, Rangers or Knicks tickets, principal for a day, kids activities, date nights and more! And our signature wine glasses will be for sale this year with a fourth and final new design.

We hope to see you on the 18th!

Be well ~
 Kristen Joshi, *President*

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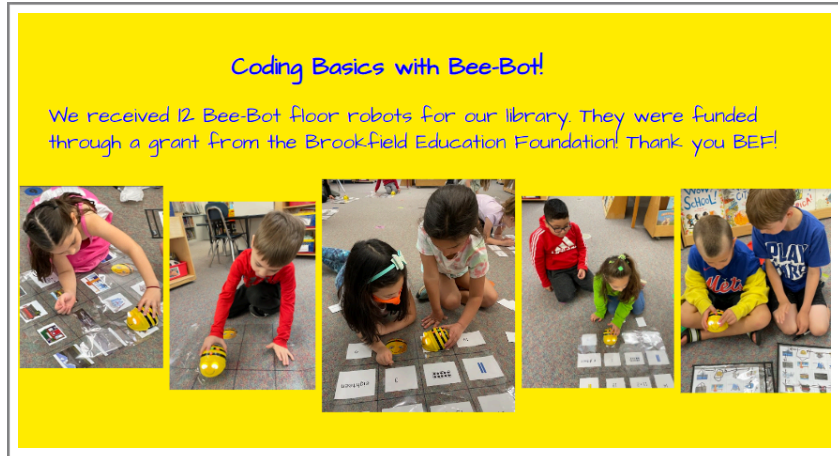
Thanks to Our Community Partners!

The Brookfield Education Foundation would like to thank Union Savings Bank for their recent \$7,500 donation! Tara Carr, Brookfield First Selectman (*left*), and Kristen Joshi, Brookfield Education Foundation President (*center*) accept the donation from Christina Michael-Cole (*second from left*) and representatives of Union Savings Bank. Support from businesses and individuals alike enable us to fund grants for new and innovative educational programs in town. We look forward to empowering future projects with these funds.

Recently Awarded Grants

Learning with Bee Bot

The Learning with Bee-Bot grant was championed by Librarian Joyce Zaldo at Center Elementary School. The grant funding allowed for the purchase of 12 programmable floor robots, called Bee-Bots, which will provide students with an interactive introduction to the basic principles of programming. The ways in which the Bee-Bots are envisioned to be incorporated into the Library curriculum not only support STEM learning, but also provide students with a novel method to develop foundational skills of collaboration and problem-solving with their peers.



Superpower Strategies for Single Parents and Kids

The Brookfield Education Foundation awarded a grant to Brookfield Parks & Recreation for the "Superpower Strategies for Single Parents and Kids" program. Taught by Kelly Viera, the program consists of 8 classes designed to help single parents and kids overcome divorce with courage and support to move forward. These classes will cover a variety of topics such as learning to accept and be okay with where you are, expressing emotions, and healing the pain. In addition, they will give parents and children a better sense of belonging to peers, and allow support and connection to others sharing similar experiences.

Book Creator

The BEF funded a grant, championed by Jackie Whiting, Technology Integration Specialist, to offer Book Creator to Brookfield Public School students and teachers. Book Creator is a potent tool for publishing student work, including fiction and non-fiction writing, artwork, metacognitive reflection, science experiments, graphic novels, and more. Book Creator enables students to create projects with which their audience can interact, leveraging the digital tool to develop content that includes text, audio, video, animation and other embedded features that are not possible with pen and paper. Students will be able

to create books together, and teachers can have shared libraries making collaborative and interdisciplinary instruction possible beyond the walls of the classroom.

