

## Highlights:

- 2008-2009 Grants
- Cumulative Funding Exceeds \$125,000
- Washington School Environmental Center completed
- 2009 Wine Tasting Date set for March 29, 2009

## REF Announces 2008-2009 Grants Funding now exceeds \$125,000

In May 2008 the REF awarded a total of \$43,056 in education grants for Rutherford students. The REF has now exceeded \$125,000 in cumulative funding since its inception.

This year's funding is the largest award of grants the REF has ever made.

Listed below are the grants funded in 2008; visit the REF website for a full description:

Picture This Sara Behnke  
Lincoln School Grade 3

Boys to Men Bernedetta Rubin & Nancy Crowley  
Lincoln School Grade 1

Behnke's Book Club  
Sara Behnke  
Lincoln School Grade 3

Wheel of Language  
Lorraine DeCaprio  
Lincoln School Grade 1

Traveling Planetarium  
Toni Murphy  
Washington School Resource

Mastering Math  
Washington School  
Grade 1 Teachers

Thanksgiving Parade  
Elizabeth Ersalesi  
Washington School Grades K - 3

Mathematical Library  
Jessica Iamele  
Washington School Grade 3

Manipulating to Math Success  
Allison Seaman  
Washington School

Environmental Learning Center  
William Mulcahy  
Washington School

World Language Festival  
Lynn Decker  
Pierrepoint/Union Schools

Respect, Sportsmanship & Social Justice  
Margaret Byrnes  
Pierrepoint School Grade 4

Newark Museum Planetarium Program  
Toni Murphy  
Pierrepoint School Grade 4

Traverse Climbing Wall

Roy Roig  
Pierrepoint School Grades 4-8

Animated Music  
Connie De Fazio  
Pierrepoint School Grades 4-7

Poetry in Action  
Dorothy Meissner  
Union School Grades 4 - 8

Caring Habit of the Month  
Louise Hetzel  
Union School Grades 4 - 8

Traveling the Silk Road  
Lourdes Osorio  
Union School Grade 6

I CAN with Ipod  
Louise Cuomo  
Union School Grades 6-8

Traveling Exhibit  
Roxanne DiVuolo  
Union School Grades 4-8

Moo! Moo! Assunta Smith and Lynn Decker  
Union School Grades 6-8

YourTake.org Louise Hetzel & Danielle Sabato  
Union School Grades 6 - 8

Shakespeare Workshop  
Lorraine Lewis  
High School

Living Lab  
Helene Wetzel  
High School

Weather or Not  
William Mains  
High School

Heroes and Cool Kids  
Jack Hurley  
Grades 6, 8, 9, 11, 12

## 2008 Fall Raffle

October 15, 2008 is the date for the REF Fall Raffle.

Prizes include: a Mac Book laptop; a Sharp portable air conditioner; NY Giants tickets; a \$500 Barnes & Noble gift card; and dinner for

two at Jamie's Restaurant in Clifton.

Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each and are available until October 14.

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## Washington School Environmental Center

The REF is pleased to have been able to contribute \$20,000 toward the cost of the Washington School Environmental Learning Center.

This is an innovative and exciting project that was designed to enhance the core curriculum with hands on experience for the students.

The project commenced with a Spring 2008 groundbreaking and was completed during the Summer.

The project was funded entirely by private donations and is the paradigm for REF projects – enriching our students' educational experience without public funding.

## REF Fundraising Activities

→ The **High School Alumni Walk** is an ongoing program and is a great way for graduates to memorialize their years at Rutherford High School and support the REF at the same time.

→ The REF is a member

### ***About the REF...***

The REF is a non-profit corporation comprised of parents, educators, alumni, and residents who are devoted to the enrichment and continuing excellence of Rutherford schools and the

of the **Boiling Springs Savings Bank Community Alliance Program**. This is a no cost way for supporters of the REF to generate funds. Just visit the REF website, download the form and sign up for this program at your local

community they serve. We welcome volunteers interested in assisting the REF to fulfill its mission. Those interested can email the REF for more information. We rely on a variety of fund raising

## Grape Adventure

The 2009 Wine Tasting will be held on **March 29, 2009**. The event will once again take place at the William Carlos Williams Center and will feature over 100 quality wines.

Please consult the REF website for ticket sales, which will begin after the first of the year.

Boiling Springs branch.

→ On December 7, 2008 the REF will be holding its third annual **Barnes & Noble** book fair at the Clifton store. Barnes & Noble will contribute a percentage of all REF-designated purchases to the REF.

activities including direct donations. Visit our website for more information or mail your tax-deductible donation to:

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