

# Foundation News

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## *A Message from the Chair*

by Katherine Henckler

The Morris Educational Foundation  
. . . Connect with Us!

Since you are reading this newsletter it is more than likely that you have some tie to the Morris School District and, therefore, a connection to the Morris Educational Foundation. We want to challenge you to strengthen that connection. Read about how we are improving the educational experience for every child in our district and think about how you can help further our mission.

Support our Friends Campaign. We appreciate the connection of our donors to the MEF, but with thousands of families in our district, we need to have more than a couple of hundred “friends” become a part of the foundation. Friends Campaign co-chairs, Alice Cutler and Viki Craig, orchestrated a terrific appeal this year, and we’ve raised more money because of it.

Encourage a Morristown High School senior to connect with us by applying for one of our scholarships. Applications are available in the MHS Guidance Office. Many of our students are not aware of the scholarship opportunities that we offer and need a push to get the application process going. Thank you to trustees, Chip Frost, Russ Hawkins and Carol Allison, who administer our scholarships.

If you have a child in one of our schools, recognize a staff member through our Teacher Tribute program. We

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MHS Special Education students experience Team Building, June 2006.

## Character Education in the Morris School District

Morris Educational Foundation grants continue to support the Morris School District’s comprehensive character education curriculum. Character education, a component of the NJ Core Content Curriculum Standards, promotes the core ethical values of honesty, respect, fairness, and responsibility. The curriculum also seeks to decrease biases, stereotyping and bullying while fostering an understanding and respect of cultural, racial, religious and ethnic differences.

Although the objectives of character education are the same across all grade levels, each school has the opportunity to personalize its method of character education instruction. Home grown lessons and activities such as “Character Counts” (Thomas Jefferson) and “No More Bullies” (Normandy Park) allow each school to creatively address issues of concern that are specific to individual grade levels. Lessons and activities take place throughout the year to keep the character-building messages current in all the schools.

In 2005, the MEF provided a \$30,000 grant to fund Frelinghuysen’s school-wide, multi-year Resolving Conflict Creatively Program (RCCP). The goal of RCCP is to help students develop strategies and skills to handle conflict nonviolently and to apply these skills to larger conflicts in their community and beyond. (For details, see Fall 2005 newsletter at [morrisedfoundation.org](http://morrisedfoundation.org).) A grant for \$2,633 was provided in 2005 for the program, Out of the Mouths of Puppets. Every year, this program involves students in writing, producing, and performing plays on topics of concern to middle school students. Scripts reflect leadership themes in conjunction with character education. The plays are performed using puppets. Last year, Quest eighth graders produced a play on “Problems and Promises” which addressed cliques, bullying and gossip, academic responsibilities, increased independence and more. The “puppets” even delivered skits in Spanish and French.

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## Character Education

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MEF has provided three grants to Thomas Jefferson in support of its Character Counts program spearheaded by their School Spirit Committee. These grants included funding for a kick-off assembly in the fall of 2003 (similar funding was provided to Alexander Hamilton); support for students to attend a Community Theatre performance in 2007 on the Life and Times of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (similar funding was provided to Normandy Park); and, most recently, TJ received a \$1,100 grant for a rewards program in which color coded wrist bands are awarded to students who exhibit positive character traits. Similar to the "Live Strong" bracelets made popular by Lance Armstrong, each colored band is imprinted with one of the six pillars that are the foundation of the program: *trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.*

In 2006, Morristown High School received an MEF grant for Complementing Academic Behavior, a program designed to honor Special Education students who strive to attain their full potential. Each month teachers announced a behavioral objective and, at months end, invited students who complied with the criteria to participate in that month's reward. In June 2006, the top 25 academically accomplished and well-behaved students earned the opportunity to participate in a formal rewards ceremony with parents, teachers, administrators and staff. In addition, students who exhibited exemplary behavior participated in a team-building celebration at a local park. A statistical analysis of students who consistently succeed in CAB is forthcoming.

Over the past two school years, Alfred Vail applied its annual \$2,000 in Cultural Arts money provided by MEF towards residencies which tie into its character education program: *Everyday Manners Today (2006-07)* and *Campfire: Sure and Safe (2005-06)*. (See *Cultural Arts grants on page 5.*)

In 2006 and 2007, Woodland received three grants in support of a challenge objective to present character education programs that inspire students to act as good citizens. In 2006, a grant for \$1,500 was used to purchase books for the program, *African Americans of Character*, in which second grade students selected a book about

and delivered book reports on a famous African American. Students presented their work on the school's closed circuit television broadcast, *Good Morning Woodland*, or directly to other classes. Parents were invited to all events and school halls were decorated with students' work. This project promoted awareness throughout the school of the contributions made by these historic figures. The \$2,000 in Cultural Arts money provided by MEF in 2005-06 went towards a Character Magic assembly for the entire school. Patrick Ireland, one-man performer, used magic and music to encourage students to value themselves, respect others and their wonderful world. Students recalled and discussed these important messages in their classrooms. This year Woodland School used the MEF Cultural Arts grant of \$2,000 to help underwrite character education scripts written by Woodland teachers. These vignettes are now being delivered by hand puppets on the school's *Good Morning Woodland* closed-circuit television program. (See *Cultural Arts grants on page 5.*)

Hillcrest School developed its own program, *Coins for Character*, supported by a \$1,090 MEF grant. Students are given artificial coins to put in their personal bank account when they are spotted doing something positive towards others. They can withdraw coins to purchase rewards, such as books, an extra class in their favorite

subject, lunch with a favorite teacher (or even with the new principal, Ms. Kelly Harte), and more. At the end of each month, students who have accumulated the most coins are celebrated and given a green t-shirt to wear that day.



**Hillcrest School: Parent volunteers help students deposit coins into their accounts under the Coins for Character program.**



**Thomas Jefferson students show off their Character Counts bracelets.**

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publicize this program around the holidays and also at the end of the year, but we all know our staff members "go above and beyond" every day of the year. Consider making a tribute to a staff member through the year. The staff appreciates the gesture and we appreciate the support. Trustee Claire Mackin has put Teacher Tribute forms in most of the school newsletters. Forms can be downloaded anytime from our website at [morrisedfoundation.org](http://morrisedfoundation.org).

If you are a staff member, contribute to our Staff Campaign. Sure, our formal appeal was made in the fall but maybe you have just become aware of some of our great programs. It is not too late to make a donation either directly or through payroll deduction. It is not the amount but your participation that we encourage! Or connect with us by writing a grant. The foundation considers many different types of grants. The process is easier than ever, and the Grants Committee, chaired by Ann Rhines, reviews grant proposals all year long.

We are thrilled to have added five new trustees to the Morris Educational Foundation. Please read about our newest members on page 3 of this newsletter. They are Mark George, Nancy Hedinger, Ellen Merwin, Len Muscarella and Marcy Yarnis. They made the connection and we are happy to welcome them.

As always, if you have a suggestion, please let us hear from you.

## Heritage Day 8th Annual All-Class Mixer

by Dave Perry,  
MHS Alumni Association President  
Friday, April 20, 2007, was another very memorable day in the storied history of Morristown High School. It was the 11th Annual Heritage Day celebration, highlighted by an afternoon awards program run by the Student Heritage Club. Students, faculty, alumni and friends gathered to celebrate the induction of four distinguished alumni into the Wall of Fame (now 42 honorees) and four former teachers (posthumously) into the Teacher's Corner (now also 42 honorees). On the following Friday evening (April 27<sup>th</sup>), the 8th Annual All-Class Mixer was held at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany. It was a rousing success, with over 200 alumni, spouses and friends in attendance.

### **New Wall of Fame inductees include:**

*John E. Horner '39*  
(Educator, College President)  
*Ascribed the virtue of Scholarship*

*Albert Simmons '49*  
(Education)  
*Ascribed the virtue of Guidance*

*Carmine A. Vigilante '38*  
(Citizenship)  
*Ascribed the virtue of Legacy*

*John L. Walker '50*  
(Government Official)  
*Ascribed the virtue of Altruism*

### **New Teacher Inductees included:**

*James Beaver* (MHS '66)  
(History) 1971–2003

*Lawrence Lightner*  
(English) 1942–1963

*Mary Oerther*  
(English) 1948–1970

*Saul Swanger*  
(Math) 1944–1984

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Morris Educational Foundation?  
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to learn all about us!  
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## New MEF Trustees

### **Nancy Hedinger**

Nancy and her husband, Bob, have lived in Morris Township for 21 years. Nancy joins the MEF Board with 15 years of related experience. She recently resigned from the Environmental Endowment for New Jersey where she served as a founding member of the Board of Trustees. She has served on the Executive Boards of the Woodland, TJ, Normandy Park and Frelinghuysen HSAs (most recently as co-president of the Frelinghuysen HSA). Nancy has been a member of the MHS PAC Guidance Advisory Committee for the past eight years and is a member of the MHS Seed Committee. Nancy has also been a co-president of the League of Women Voters of the Morristown Area and is the member of the board of directors responsible for the Women's Studies Portfolio. Nancy and Bob have three children. Their oldest daughter, Lauren, a 2003 MHS graduate, will be graduating in June from Princeton University and their youngest daughter, Erin, a 2006 MHS graduate, just finished her freshman year at Elon College in North Carolina. Their son, Robert, is a freshman in the MHS Science Academy.

### **Mark George**

Mark and his wife, Dorothy, settled permanently in Morris Township in 2004. Mark grew up in the township, graduated from Seton Hall University, and moved back to this area in 1971. His son, Kyle, is a freshman at Morristown High School. Mark is active in Morris Township functions as well as numerous activities of his son—basketball, baseball, soccer and Cub Scouts. He was the treasurer for Cub Scout Pack 145 in Mine Hill. Mark is presently Director of Budget & Reimbursement at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

### **Len Muscarella**

Len has lived in Morris Township for 18 years. He and his wife, Sally, have two daughters: Anne, a 2006 graduate of Morristown High School and a freshman at Boston College, and Nicole, who is graduating from Frelinghuysen Middle School in June. Len is the president of a web marketing and development company called Interactive Media Associates, Inc. He is on the board of directors of Family Service of Morris County and has been an active member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Morristown and the Morris United Soccer Club. He earned his B.A. at Boston College, an M.A. from The Newhouse School at Syracuse University, and an M.B.A. from Rutgers University.

### **Marcy Yarnis**

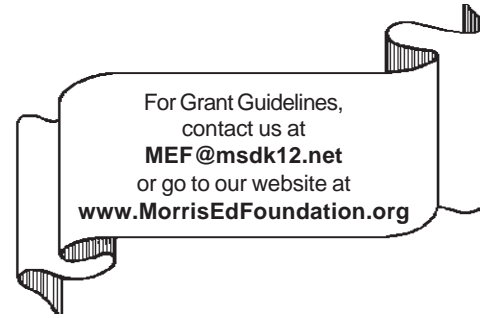
Marcy has lived in Morris Township for ten years. She has a son at Sussex and a daughter at Frelinghuysen. Marcy has been involved in the Morristown school system for seven years. While at Alfred Vail and Sussex, she served on the HSA board in secretarial and fund-raising positions. She helped to organize and run Field Day at Alfred Vail for six years. Led by her passion for the importance of reading to young children, she helped implement the lap-reading program at Alfred Vail and ran it for six years. Marcy also became involved in the Junior Grade Book program at both schools and the Second Grade Book Club at Alfred Vail. Marcy has sat on numerous district committees such as a think tank committee that proposed and helped put into action MSD's plans for raising math scores on statewide tests in K-12 schools.

### **Ellen Merwin**

Ellen and her husband, Charlie, have lived in Morristown since 1999. She has two children at Frelinghuysen and has served as co-president of the HSA at both Hillcrest and Alexander Hamilton. An active volunteer in the community, Ellen also interviews prospective students applying to her alma mater, the University of Chicago. She has coached Little League and lacrosse and was a Girl Scout leader. Prior to moving to Morristown in 1999, Ellen and her family lived in North Carolina and Massachusetts. She grew up in the Washington, D.C. area.

## Morris Educational Foundation Grants

So far in the 2006-2007 school year, the Morris Educational Foundation has funded grants totaling \$38,694 for projects aimed at enhancing educational opportunities for students in the Morris School District. MEF has also assisted in acquiring and administrating grants and scholarships from outside sources. We continue to explore new venues for our funds. Keep those grant requests coming!



### The Sport of Reading

**Linda Murphy, Alexander Hamilton School**  
\$266

Author Dan Gutman will be coming to AH to excite students about reading. Each student will receive an autographed paperback book by the author. The money requested is to purchase books for students who cannot afford to purchase them on their own.

### Gothic at Midnight

**Victoria Brown, MHS—\$680**

This performance by the State Theater of New Jersey will help students make connections between a writer introduced during freshman year with a writer from the sophomore Language Arts curriculum. Students will attend a one-man show starring actor/story teller, Joshua Kane. Edgar Allan Poe and Charles Dickens are two authors to be featured.

### The Fudge Corporation

**Michelle Curran, Alexander Hamilton School—\$300**

This is a repeat grant. The students create a business, plan, and carry out the project. The result is homemade fudge. The fudge sold and the money goes to a worthwhile charity.

### Smart Music

**Michael Russo, MHS—\$1,525**

SmartMusic is an interactive practice system that provides students with a richly personalized learning experience. It provides skill-building methods, practice exercise, assessment tools, and accompaniments for more than 30,000 titles. This mobile digital work station will be used during lessons, for individual practice and in recitals and concerts. The recording studio will be able to travel from various practice and rehearsal sites to the concert stage for performances.

### Classroom Jeopardy

**Kevin Rooney, Frelinghuysen Middle School—\$1,550**

The Classroom Jeopardy game is an exciting and interesting way to learn, practice, and review material in any subject area. The game lends itself to fostering healthy competition through organized team initiatives. In addition, it allows for students at all academic levels to participate in a common activity and meet with success.

### Colonial Symphony Music Ed Program

**Norma Davis, MHS—\$6,000**

The Colonial Symphony conducts a music education program that enhances the curriculum. There are a series of composition classes for advanced music students, a special Open Master Class for these composition students that benefits the entire music department, a series of demonstration/performances for the wind ensemble and orchestra by quintets from the Colonial Symphony, and a mentoring program at Frelinghuysen Middle School.

### Extra Special Experiments

**Suzanne Grossman, Woodland School**  
\$250

This project will introduce the entire school to methods of scientific research by using newly purchased books related to scientific investigation. As a result, students will be better prepared for the annual Science Fair.

### Preschool Smiles for Tiles

**Kitty Rosenberger, Lafayette Learning Center — \$500**

The preschool inclusive classrooms have bathrooms with stark white-painted walls. The grant will provide funds needed to tile part of the bathroom walls. Each child and his/her family will design a tile. After these tiles have been completed, they will be installed as part of the new tiling of the lavatories.

### History's Mysteries

**Amy Bozza, Frelinghuysen Middle School**  
\$1,000

This project promotes literacy across the curriculum. Novels will be purchased that enhance the 8th grade social studies curriculum. Students will discover the excitement of historical fiction. They will examine the liberties that authors take while writing historical fiction. In addition, the students will have an opportunity to analyze the impact that historical facts have on characterization, theme, plot and setting.

### DARE Program

**Jason Lawlor, Frelinghuysen Middle School—\$2,333**

The DARE program is given to every sixth grade student at Frelinghuysen. The program addresses many of the NJ CORE Curriculum standards including health education, decision making skills, conflict resolution, and ways to deal with peer pressure. The money requested will be used to fill the gap between the Morris Township contribution and what is needed to successfully complete the DARE program for our students. This is a grant for this year only because of the unexpected lack of state funding.

Want to know how  
to help fund exciting grants  
for MSD students? Support the  
**TEACHER TRIBUTE PROGRAM**  
by filling out and sending in the  
form on page 8 of this newsletter!  
Honor one of MSD's exceptional  
staff members and, at the same  
time, enhance the quality of  
education in the  
Morris School District.

## Cultural Arts Program 2006–2007

For the second year the Morris Educational Foundation provided a “Choose-Your-Own-Theme” grant celebrating Cultural Arts in all elementary schools. The foundation provided \$2000 to each elementary school (\$1000 to the preschool at Lafayette) to help fund an artist-in-residency or outside speaker of the school’s own choosing. What a terrific way to support the arts and our students! And what a wonderful venue of programs the schools have selected, many of which tie into the character education initiative of the Morris School District.

### Alexander Hamilton School

#### Spirit Tree

As part of a two-week artist in residency program, 5th-graders created life-size paper maché figures based on their research of the Eastern Hemisphere. They presented their research and figures at an assembly in front of the entire school. Third and fourth graders created folk art and flags representative of these same Eastern Hemisphere countries.

### Alfred Vail School

#### Everyday Manners Today

This residency ties into the school emphasis on Character Education by highlighting every-day manners for all grades. Through skits, dancing, multi-media devices and hands-on student involvement, students learn about meeting and greeting adults, table etiquette, bullying versus good sportsmanship and using the magic words rule.

### Hillcrest

#### BJ Ward Residency

In January 2007, local poet, B.J. Ward came to Hillcrest to give interactive lessons to the 2nd grade on writing and being creative. Each student created his/her own poem and recited it to the others. A published author and professor, Ward is known for a teaching style that engages young children through silliness and fun while tackling the subject of writing seriously.

### Lafayette Learning Center

#### Painting Birdhouses and Ceramic Plates

With support from MEF and matching grants obtained by Suzie Schub at Jumpstart, Inc, creative artists came to LLC to guide the students in creating and decorating their own special 3D and 2D birdhouses and clay tiles.

### Normandy Park School

#### The Poetic Lens

This MEF grant is partially funding a residency for 2nd and 3rd graders with poet B.J. Ward and photographer Jim Delgiudice. Students take photographs and write poetry based on their photos. The specifics of the art of photography and the language of poetry is stressed. The residency lasts for eight days from May 30 through June 14.

### Sussex Avenue School

#### Shakespeare

This Shakespearean experience was presented by Margaret Noonan and the Revolving Door Studios. As part of this theater residency, Ms. Noonan met with each 4th grade six times in January. The program finished with each class performing a scene from Romeo and Juliet for parents and students. An open forum of discussion was held afterwards.



Children at the Lafayette Learning Center, working busily at decorating their birdhouses and clay tiles.

### Thomas Jefferson School

#### Theatre Arts Residency

The Community Theatre in Morristown is coaching 4th graders about performing and visual arts through a musical production of School House Rock. After participating in set design, costuming and backstage production, students will perform the musical twice on June 1st for the entire school. The residency is partially funded by the TJ PTO.

### Woodland School

#### Good Morning Woodland

MEF is helping to underwrite the creation of character education scripts written by Woodland teachers. These vignettes are delivered by hand puppets on the school’s *Good Morning Woodland* closed-circuit television program, which is aired three out of every six days throughout the school year.

### Lafayette Learning Center ... painting birdhouses and ceramic plates



## 2006/2007 Annual Friends' Campaign

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Jones, Sandra  
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Katz, Robert  
Keller, Morris & Edith  
Keown, Mary  
King, Kevin & Jennifer  
Kostrowski, Linda  
Kurasiewicz, Fred & Barbara  
Kurek, Jane & Mike  
Lacey, Polly & Ron  
Laconi, Sharon  
Lebeaut, Brigitte & Alex  
Lee, Adrienne  
Leidy, Kay & Joe  
Lenat, Marilyn  
Levine, Sharon  
Levite, Dawn & Tony  
Liguori, Penny  
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Lockman, Michael  
LoFrumento, Tony & Maria  
Lowther, Vivian  
Luisi, Robert  
Lupatkin, Julie & William  
Lyons, Robert  
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### Friends Campaign is Off and Running!

The Friends' Campaign is currently underway and we hope you will participate if you have not already. The annual campaign is the Foundation's major fund-raiser. All of the money raised is returned to the schools of the Morris School District through numerous grants that are awarded to both teachers and administrators.

To date, the 2006-07 Friends' and Staff Contributions Campaigns have raised more than \$43,000. If you have already received our request but have not yet contributed, please be as generous as possible when making your donation. If you are employed by a company with a matching gift program, we hope you will complete the appropriate forms.

We extend our gratitude to our loyal friends who have already contributed. We hope you will consider an additional donation before the end of the school year. Or please consider sending us new names for our next Friends' Campaign mailing.



### Annual Friends' Campaign

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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Corporate matching gift form enclosed

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Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_.

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The following may have an interest in supporting the MEF.

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# The Morris Educational Foundation Teacher Tribute Program

## Winter 2006 Teacher Tribute Awardees

- |                                |                             |                             |                              |                               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Jose Acevedo (MHS) *           | Christine Dario (MHS) *     | Suzanne Grossman (HC) *     | Betty Matakitis (Woodland) * | Heather Russino (TJ) *        |
| The Alfred Vail Sch. Teachers  | Ronald Davenport (MHS)      | Carol Guarino (FMS) *       | Robin Matelsky (NP)          | Mary Lou Scalera (AV)         |
| Theresa Allan (NP)             | Norma Davis (MHS)           | Mark Gutkowski (MHS)        | Sharon McDonald (WD)*        | Sharon Scarpa (FMS)           |
| Tara Andre (FMS)               | Rose DeCarlo (TJ) *         | Mrs. Gyorfy (NP)            | Patti McNamara               | Carla Schechner (FMS) *       |
| Michael Andriola &             | Carl Della Peruti (FMS)     | Aatifa Hammond (LLC)        | Steven McPeters (WD) *       | Joe Schmidt (NP) *            |
| the Sunset staff (Sussex)      | Jill DeMark (FMS)           | Hugh Heagney (MHS)          | Joan Miller (NP) *           | John Schumacher (FMS) *       |
| Bilqis Ansari (MHS)            | Mary Ellen DiCataldo (FMS)  | Frederick Hefter (AH)       | Karle Miller (TJ)            | Ariella Schwam (NP) *         |
| Carolina Araujo (Hillcrest)    | Dawn DiMartino (MHS)        | Carlene Henke (FMS) *       | Ethel Minchello (FMS) *      | Alison Schweikhart (MHS)      |
| John Babula (TJ) *             | Argaille DiMatteo (TJ)*     | Patty Herbert (FMS)         | Gabrielle Meyer (TJ)         | Marietta Scorsune (MHS) *     |
| Hae In Back (TJ)               | Ray Discolo (FMS) *         | Bevinn Herrmann (NP) *      | Jean Molinaro (FMS)*         | Lauren Scott (Sussex) *       |
| Treacy Badenhausen (WD)        | Mary Beth Dishinger (FMS)   | Rebecca Hitchcock (AV)*     | Scott Montague (FMS) *       | Kenneth Sitarik (MHS) *       |
| Marya Bandola (MHS) *          | Dottie and the Woodland     | Nichole Hodge (LLC)         | Tara Montague (FMS) *        | Christina Skrod (AH)          |
| Dr. Anita Barber (Alfred Vail) | Kitchen Staff               | Lisa Horton (Woodland)      | Wendy Nunn (Woodland) *      | Cherie Smith (NP) *           |
| Brad Batastini (MHS)           | Helen Dunbar (MHS)          | Chris Hull (MHS)            | Marilyn O'Connor (MHS)       | Barbara Snyder (FMS)          |
| Adora Bautista (LLC)           | Janyce Dunbar (MHS)         | Carol Jackler (FMS) *       | Jodi Nathan (Hillcrest)      | Trudy Specht (Woodland)       |
| Gary Bernstein (FMS) *         | Susan Duncan (LLC)          | Lynne Jackson (FMS) *       | Rachel Nowetner (MHS)        | Cheryl Stetz-Barnert (FMS)    |
| Marysol Berrios (Sussex)       | Ilene Eddy (LLC) *          | Joy Jenkins (FMS)           | Betsey Nunn (FMS)            | Denise Stierch (FMS)          |
| Jeffrey Bigas (FMS) *          | David Emma (MHS) *          | Jan Kaiser (MHS)            | Wendy Nunn (Woodland) *      | MJ Strelec (MHS)              |
| Steve Bitalla (FMS)            | Melinda Ernst (Woodland)    | Lisa Kattermann (Woodland)  | Marilyn O'Connor (MHS)       | Gregory Sumski (Woodland)     |
| Adene Black (AV)               | LuAnn Fabbo (NP)            | Christine Kelly (Sussex)    | Sharon O'Connor (FMS) *      | Sussex Ave. School Teachers   |
| John Bodnarchuk (MHS)          | Ann Falduto (Woodland) *    | Michael Kelly (FMS) *       | Kathleen O'Donnell (MHS)     | Joanne Tauriello (TJ)         |
| Mary Bonkowski (AH)            | Tracey Fascia (NP)          | Nicole Kelly (MHS)          | Ana Ortiz (NP)               | Mr. Tom, Custodian (WD)       |
| Jim Boothby (MHS)              | Susan Femia (Woodland)      | Vanessa Kelly (AH)          | John Pallino (FMS)           | Crystal Toye (NP) *           |
| Jean Bowers (Sussex) *         | Sharon Fierro (Woodland)    | Joan Kenny (TJ) *           | Liane Paul (Woodland)        | Mary Trezza (AH)              |
| Amy Bozza (FMS) *              | Kathy Flanagan (Woodland) * | David Kerstein (FMS)        | Vincent Phinn (FMS) *        | Nina Tudorowsky (WD) *        |
| Pat Brisco (TJ)                | Ashley Flynn (FMS)          | Doug Koban (Woodland) *     | Brian Pickler (MHS)          | Irma Vargas (Woodland) *      |
| Cassandra Brown (AH) *         | Victoria Fortna (AH)        | Ellen Kraskousas (NP)*      | Pat Pierson (AH) *           | Luis Vargas (MHS)             |
| Gerald Brown, PE *             | Kelvin Franko (MHS)         | John Kurbel (FMS)           | Kathy Plumbo (Woodland)*     | William Venezia (TJ) *        |
| Jeff Brown (TJ) *              | FMS Team 6-1 Teachers       | Maria Laffler (MHS)         | Kristen Price (NP)           | Chastity Veszeri (TJ)         |
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| Lisa Camelotto (AH) *          | FMS Team 8-2 Teachers       | George Lavigne (MHS)        | Janet Rosoff (FMS)           | Adrienne Weber (NP)           |
| Beverly Cardona (LLC)          | Andrew Fulgione (FMS) *     | Gianna Limone (FMS) *       | Kim Richards (FMS) *         | Jennifer Weitz (NP)*          |
| Vicky Carney (FMS) *           | Mary Ellen Fultz (FMS) *    | Penny Liguori (FMS) *       | John Richter (Sussex)        | Shelley Weitz (NP) *          |
| Joanne Carrigan (LLC)          | John Furphey (MHS)          | Janet Leeson (FMS)          | Giovanna Ricucci (FMS)       | Christine Williams (Woodland) |
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### What is the Teacher Tribute Program?

It is a way to honor teachers and staff members of the Morris School District and to make a contribution to the Morris Educational Foundation. Many families use the Teacher Tribute Program as a gift to acknowledge and honor a teacher during the holidays or at the end of the school year, but contributions can be made at any time! Each honoree is sent an acknowledgment card from the MEF stating a contribution has been made in his or her name. Contributions not only honor the teacher or staff member but are used to support the Foundation's grant programs.

**The Spring 2007 Teacher Tribute Program  
 is currently underway!**

**Your TRIBUTE will continue the success of the Foundation!**

To make your contribution in honor of a particular teacher or staff member, please complete the attached form. If you would like to send a personal message to the honoree(s), please write it on a separate card or notepaper. Once your contribution is processed, you will receive an acknowledgement that may be used for tax purposes. The honoree will receive notification of your donation but **not** the amount. Your personal message will be enclosed. You may honor more than one person. Questions can be directed to MEF@MSDK12.net.

### 2007 Spring Teacher Tribute Program

\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_ \$5 (minimum per honoree) \_\_\_ \$Other \_\_\_

In \_\_\_ honor of *or* In \_\_\_ memory of:

Teacher or staff member: \_\_\_\_\_

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