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Attention Mohonasen Golfers

As many of you may know, the Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year is the Annual Bill Baker Golf Tournament, which is scheduled for July 12th at Stadium Golf Club. We would like to invite any and all golfers to join us by participating in this year's tournament. This year's tournament features a special prize for the best score from a foursome of Mohonasen teachers. It is great fun and proceeds go to the continuation of our mission to fund innovative educational grant opportunities for our students. Since 1998 we have provided in excess of \$190,000 in grants to the Mohonasen community. Some recent examples are noted in this newsletter.

Registration and Sponsor forms are available for download and completion at the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/site/mohonasenfoundationorg/home/annual-golf-tournament>

**Submit Registrations
and Sponsorship
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Scheduled Monthly Meetings

2019

**5:30 PM High
School Conf.
Room**

January 16th

February 20th

March 20th

April 17th

May 15th

June 19th

September 18th

October 16th

November 20th

**2019
Bill Baker
Memorial
Golf
Tournament
July 12, 2019**

**Stadium Golf
Club**



Reading Nook Draper Middle School



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Thank you so much for supporting our "Reading Nook." We have been enjoying "The Nook" on a regular basis. The kids are excited and engaged while reading in class. We also were able to share 3 bean bags with the ENL teacher who created another reading nook at Bradt. The purpose of the grant is to engage students more in reading. Reading is not something that most students enjoy or want to do. The bean bags have provided an even more optimal literacy environment and intimate setting for reading, comprehension, analysis, and discussion to happen organically.

2019 Approved Grants

<u>January 2019 - May 2019 Grants</u>		\$	13,575.27	
Numbers Talk 3-5 Pinewood	1/16/2019	\$	2,000.00	Kristen Taylor - Pinewood
Dry Erase Tables - High school	1/16/2019	\$	1,309.93	Jodi Scalise - High School
Professional Jazz Ensemble	1/16/2019	\$	2,000.00	Kimberly Kondenar - HS/MS
Remembering the Holocaust	1/16/2019	\$	425.00	Diane Blinn/Autumn Wallace - HS
Sensory Equipment	2/20/2019	\$	2,026.00	Krista Zajesky - Bradt
Girls Night Out	3/20/2019	\$	350.00	Jenifer Spore - High School
Reading Nook	3/20/2019	\$	527.88	Faith Rorick & Lisa Daviero - MS
Digital Art Wacom Tablet	4/17/2019	\$	699.50	Christina Mathieu - HS
3D Printer	5/15/2019	\$	3,513.65	Matthew Brennan - Draper
Coffee Express	5/15/2019	\$	723.31	Erica Restifo - High School

Jazz Workshop

On Tuesday, April 16th, the Mohonasen Music department was thrilled to welcome our musical guests the Gen X Quartet. The quartet, composed of four professional jazz musicians and educators, visited Mohonasen High School and presented a full day workshop and performance. The quartet also joined the High School Jazz band on the stage in their Select Concert that evening.

This was a remarkable day. The quartet worked side by side with our Draper and HS musicians to inspire them to explore the world of jazz. They spent time discussing performance skills and how to become more comfortable with improvisation. It was a very rewarding experience not only for the students, but our staff. We learned so much and became inspired to push our groups to new lengths.



Gen X Quartet performing for students



Students watching instructional jazz session

Holocaust Remembrance Assembly

On Wednesday, April 10th, students in the 10th grade participated in a day of Holocaust Remembrance and education here at Mohonasen. It kicked off with a general lecture on what the Holocaust was and what factors really went into shaping it. Soon after, students heard a moving presentation from Arnon Adler, who shared the story of his father, Bernard Adler, a Holocaust survivor. Mr. Adler seamlessly slipped into the persona of his father to deliver a moving account of what Bernard Adler experienced during his time in the Holocaust, moving from his home, to the ghettos, to the camps, and finally to liberation from the camps. In the afternoon a presentation from Mr. Matthew Rozell, a Retired Teacher, Author and creator of The World War II Living History Project. Mr. Rozell and his students worked to reunite WWII Veterans who helped liberate transport trains from the death camps with those they liberated. Mr. Rozell's presentation was also moving and amazing to hear. After watching an episode from the HBO series, *Band of Brothers* entitled "Why We Fight," students wrapped up the day listening to concluding remarks by Rabbi Ted Lichtenfeld from Congregation Agudat Achim. Students were encouraged to take away from the day the message that we must be witnesses to history in order to keep it going.



Dry Erase Tables

The Mohonasen Foundation provided high school special education students with 4 interactive dry erase tables for the consultant room. These tables allow students and staff the opportunity to practice skills in a fun and engaging environment. Students in our room are now eager to work and use the tables.



Students and teachers enjoy using new Dry Erase Tables for math skills worksheet

***Have a Safe and Enjoyable
Summer***