

News from the Foundation- Winter 2025



The Methacton Education Foundation is committed to funding innovative programs that benefit our students. Learn about the impact we've made this year, and discover how you can join us this spring—starting with our Dodgeball Tournament!



DODGEBALL IS BACK!

Get ready for a fun-filled afternoon of friendly competition at our Dodgeball Tournament!

Here's how you can support the event:

- Form a team and compete! Grab your friends, colleagues, or family and join the action on the court.
- Cheer on the competitors! Be a spectator and enjoy the excitement. Tickets are \$5 to enter!
- Become a sponsor! Show your support for the Methacton Education Foundation by sponsoring this exciting event.

Team Information:

- Teams may be 6-10 players and can be co-ed.
- The Team Captain (adult) registers first and creates a team name.

- Creative and fun uniforms are encouraged (must follow school guidelines).
- At least 70% of each team must be from Methacton School District
- Teams compete with similar grade-level divisions.
- Event organizers may move teams between divisions to ensure safety and equity among players.
- Team names are subject to review.

Win Prizes!

- Best Dressed Team
- Best Team Name
- First Place Teams in each division
- Top Fundraising Team

Proceeds from the Dodgeball Tournament will be used to fund grants that support the Methacton mission by providing extra funding for creative and exciting learning experiences that help all students learn and grow.

For more details, including how to register, purchase tickets, and become a sponsor for the Dodgeball Tournament, click here www.methactonfoundation.org/dodgeball or email dodgeball@methactonfoundation.org. org.

REGISTER SPONSOR DONATE



Our mission is to enhance the educational experience by providing resources that empower educators and inspire students. Each year, the Foundation awards grants to projects that demonstrate creativity and can make a significant impact on student learning. From STEM initiatives to arts enrichment, we are committed to fostering an environment where curiosity thrives and students are encouraged to explore new ideas.

Through community partnerships and generous donations, we continue to expand our reach and support more projects that align with our vision of excellence in education. We believe that by investing in our schools, we are investing in the future of our community. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of Methacton students and help them reach their fullest potential.

2024 Grant Awards to Date

Technology and Engineering Classroom Makerspace Upgrades

- Methacton High School
- \$40,000
- Technology upgrades, including powerful CAD desktops, a multi-material 3D printer, and a large format printer, will transform the Technology and Engineering Education classroom into a hub for innovation and student-led projects, fostering essential skills for future STEM careers.

Planer for Tech Ed Class

- Arcola
- \$20,000
- A modern planer with updated safety features will benefit students in STEM, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities by providing hands-on
 experience on industry-standard equipment, preparing them for future vocations or home-hobbyist woodworking.

Back Pack Program

- · All Schools
- · \$15,000
- The Backpack Program aims to provide essential food supplies to students in need across all schools.

Outdoor Education

- Skyview
- . \$14 500
- The Outdoor Ed program is a transformative, two-day and one-night experience, fostering environmental connection, responsibility, and stewardship through discovery, critical thinking, and teamwork.

3D Printer for Maker Space

- · Worcester and Eagleville
- . \$5,000
- Elementary school libraries can foster creativity and learning by incorporating 3D printers into their maker spaces, offering students a hands-on tool to bring their imaginative designs to life.

Entrepreneur Program

- · Methacton High School
- . \$5.000
- Uncharted Learning's Entrepreneurship Business Program empowers students to develop essential skills and a growth mindset through hands-on experiences, fostering their entrepreneurial spirit and preparing them for future success.

Hydroponic Farm

- · Methacton High School
- \$3,500
- Continued support for the high school hydroponic farm provides students with hands-on experience in sustainable agriculture, STEM concepts, and the
 future of food production, all while growing fresh produce for the school or community.

Hands-On Robotics Kits

- · Methacton High School
- \$2,200
- This grant funded robotics kits for Methacton High School's Robotics, providing reusable resources to kickstart hands-on learning in STEM.

ACTFL World Language Convention

- Staff Development
- \$1,600
- MEF sponsorship sends Methacton language teachers to the ACTFL World Language Convention for professional development, enhancing curriculum review and bringing innovative practices to the classroom.

Support for Science Fair Students

- · Methacton High School
- \$1,000
- Funding is needed this spring to send Methacton High School Science Fair students to the PJAS State Competition at Penn State, where they can present research, compete for awards, and potentially win scholarships.

STEM Innovation Forensic Labs

- · Methacton High School
- \$1,000
- Continued support will allow Methacton High School's STEM Innovation Forensic Labs to provide cutting-edge, hands-on forensic science experiences that
 engage students and deepen their understanding of STEM principles.

Electric Car Club

- Methacton High School
- \$500
- · Continued support will enable the Electric Car Club at Methacton High School to showcase their innovative designs and inspire younger students

STEM Fab Lab

- \$25,000
- The Methacton FAB Lab empowers students, teachers, and the community to learn by doing. This STEM space uses cutting-edge tech (3D printing, lasers!) to tackle real-world problems and foster creativity and collaboration.

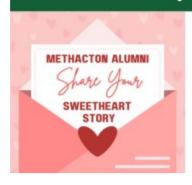
Horizon Project

- Arcola
- \$5,000
- Continued support of the Horizon Project was students and the community to reach for the

d STEM education, inspiring

LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT WE FUND

ALUMNI & FRIENDS



Did you and your partner meet during your Methacton High School days? We'd love to share your story!

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With Valentine's Day just around the corner, we would love to feature a few "Methacton Alumni Sweethearts". Share your love story with us! We want to know what you're up to now, how you met, stories of your time at Methacton High School, and where life has taken you since.

If you're comfortable sharing, we'd love to hear from you!

Share Your Methacton Love Stories with Us!



ATTENTION STAFF:

The Methacton Education Foundation (MEF) is accepting proposals for grants for their Spring 2025 funding cycle. The deadline is March 3rd. This fall, grants were awarded at every grade level:

The MEF website has all the information you need to submit a a grant to propose funding for your creative idea as well as criteria for the evaluation of your proposal.

APPLY FOR A GRANT



Are you looking for ways to help us make the Methacton School District stronger? We could always use your help! Here are ways to support the Methacton Education Foundation:

- DONATE- MEF is a 501C3 and all donations are tax deductible
- <u>TAX CREDITS</u> -Did you know your tax dollars can support the students at Methacton?
 Learn more about <u>EITC</u>.
- VOLUNTEER- We have tons of volunteer opportunities!
- JOIN US! Sign up for our events!

LEARN MORE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 3/3/2025- Fall 2025 Grant Applications are Due
- 3/16/2025- 2025 MEF Dodgeball Tournament

The Methacton Education Foundation is a charitable organization proudly supporting innovative educational programs for Methacton students.

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