

## How the Franklin Education Foundation Came Into Existence

In 1999, Ms. Mildred Harden, a former Franklin teacher, willed \$100,000 to the Franklin Elementary School to create an academic scholarship. The executor of her will, attorney Don Kovach, Esq., a Franklin graduate, suggested that Ms. Harden's bequeathal be managed by a foundation, and soon the Franklin Elementary School district began to investigate this proposal.

Soon after, Mr. James Lent, another Franklin graduate, met with School Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Turner, to discuss his desire to honor his late mother and former Franklin teacher, Mrs. Barbara Lent. This discussion evolved into the creation of the Franklin Education Foundation (FEF) in 2002. Today, several community leaders volunteer to serve the Foundation. These officers are caring, dedicated individuals who desire to support education in Franklin.

## A History of Franklin School

In 1915, Franklin School was built, and a proud educational tradition began. The Franklin Zinc Company was instrumental in the creation of the school. The sturdy structure was expanded in 1926 and again in 1959. All those who are associated with the school are proud of its history and its current status. In 1982, the Franklin High School ceased instructing 9th through 12th graders as Wallkill Valley Regional High School was constructed. Although years have passed since many students walked the halls of Franklin School, many of our graduates from high school and eighth grade have continued to contribute to our community and our nation.

Without a doubt, all of Franklin Elementary School's successes are made possible by the work of the generous people who have encouraged and supported the students of Franklin along the way.

## FRANKLIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

*Leading the way to excellence*



*In recognition of all  
who have contributed to  
Franklin School  
and continue to help the  
students of Franklin.*

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The Franklin Education Foundation (FEF) is a nonprofit organization established to support Franklin Elementary School programs and students.

The purpose of the FEF is to raise funds and utilize these resources to enhance programs and help students through a host of activities. Educational materials have been purchased for students, grant monies have been used to fund special projects in classrooms, and additional plans are underway for supporting future educational endeavors. As technology is further integrated into the school curriculum and other significant advances occur in the field of education, the FEF will assist in assuring our students are prepared to succeed in the 21st century.



Contributions are tax deductible. Additional information can be obtained by calling 973-827-9775 Ext. 214 OR Ext. 212.

## An event to remember:



Sally Gorman, granddaughter of Barbara Lent, presents Bruce Knutelsky, past President of the FEF, with a check for \$50,000. Mr. Jim Lent honored his mother, Barbara, with this generous gift. Barbara Lent taught 4th grade in Franklin Elementary School from 1943-1971.



### Franklin Education Foundation

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