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GDEF GEARS UP FOR THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL GRANTS

The Groton Dunstable Education Foundation welcomes students and parents to a new school year. Thanks to your generosity, last year GDEF awarded a total of over \$40K in grants to all five district schools, and we're counting on your continued support to fund more exciting grants that enrich the classroom experience of all our students.

There are lots of ways you can help GDEF support our schools and teachers. We'll again be raising most of our grants funds through our **Annual Giving Campaign** which officially launches in November, but your tax-deductible donations are welcomed anytime. Plans are also underway for a fun, new family fundraising event – a team **Trivia Bee planned for April**, so stay tuned for more details. We're also **looking for new volunteers** in many different areas, from grants and fundraising to public relations and event planning, so please consider sharing some of your time and talents to help GDEF continue its mission of enriching our children's education.

Applications for our fall grants cycle are due November 6th, both for regular mini-grants of up to \$500, as well as for GDEF's special Bruce J. Anderson Foundation "Integration of the Arts" grants, which are available in any dollar amount. Teachers and other staff, as well as parents and community organizations, are encouraged to apply, and applications can be found on our website.

Be sure to look for the GDEF **booth at Parent Open House** nights, as well as at **Grotonfest** on October 3rd, where we'll be once again be selling the popular sweet and sour "Sandy Candy" straws. To learn more about all of GDEF's activities, please visit us online at [**www.GDEFinc.org**](http://www.GDEFinc.org) or email us at info@gdefinc.org.