

SPECIAL EVENTS

Retired Teachers' Brunch

Each year the Whitfield Education Foundation sponsors a brunch for all teachers who have retired from Whitfield County Schools. The event is hosted at a school and features district student and staff as entertainment. The annual event provides an opportunity for retirees to fellowship and renew old friendships.

Innovative Teaching Grants

The Whitfield Education Foundation provides teachers with an annual opportunity to request funding for creative and unique projects through the Innovative Teaching Grant program. The grants assist staff by funding a maximum of \$3,000 per project to provide instructional experiences for students that would not be available through the regular school budget. Grant applications are reviewed by a group of outside judges with educational backgrounds and awarded in August during pre-planning. Projects must be completed within the school year.

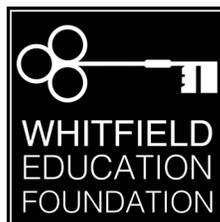


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2016-17 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Celebrity Spelling Bee

Tuesday, November 1, 2016
Crosspointe Christian Centre

Showcase of the Stars

Saturday, January 14, 2017
Crosspointe Christian Centre

WEF 23rd Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, April 24, 2017
Dalton Golf and Country Club

Employee Jean Days

September 7, October 5,
February 8, & March 8

Grant Application Deadline

March 10, 2017

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Supporting Excellence in our Schools

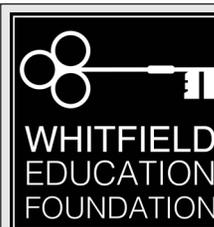


Our Mission

The mission of the Whitfield Education Foundation is to increase student learning opportunities, reward outstanding achievements, and honor retirees.

The Whitfield Education Foundation is a responsive, community-based, non-profit organization established in 1990. The Foundation strives to support the Whitfield County School System's vision and educational mission.

The Whitfield Education Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax-deductible.



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Dear Friends of The Foundation,

For over 26 years, the Whitfield Education Foundation has been supporting the work of the Whitfield County Schools to provide a high quality education for our students. The Foundation has contributed over \$635,000 to the schools over the past two decades in the form of innovative teaching grants to engage students in the classroom.



The work of the Foundation is contingent upon the continued generosity of our many supporters including school district staff, community members, and local businesses. Giving to the Whitfield Education Foundation allows your donation to have a direct impact on the success of students who are the future of our community.

The Foundation holds three major fundraising events to raise needed funds. The Annual WEF Golf Tournament at the Dalton Golf and Country Club, in its 23rd year, continues to be a favorite event among our supporters. Showcase of the Stars provides local student performers the opportunity to compete for cash prizes and trophies. The Celebrity Spelling Bee was held for the first time in 2013 and proved to be a huge success. The Foundation also accepts gifts in memory or honor of individuals.

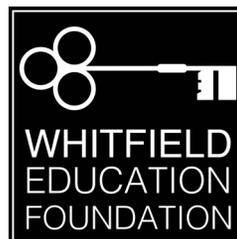
Would you like to make a contribution to continue the tradition of excellence within our schools? For more information on how your contribution can make a difference, contact the Foundation office at (706) 217-6756 or wef@whitfield.k12.ga.us.

Joseph Farmer
President

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Celebrity Spelling Bee

Local celebrities risk public humiliation as they vie for the title of Champion Speller at a traditional spelling bee. The event debuted in November 2013 at Crosspointe Community Centre with several hundred in attendance. The evening begins with dinner and then proceeds to the highly competitive, but light-hearted contest. Presenting sponsors for the event are Dalton Utilities, Mohawk Industries, Georgia United Credit Union, and Shaw Industries.



Showcase of the Stars

The Showcase of the Stars gives local student talent an opportunity to exhibit their musical ability before a live audience. The event is held at Crosspointe Christian Centre and has been moved to January. Now in its 14th year, the event continues to draw students from across the region who compete for cash prizes and trophies.

Golf Tournament

The Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament, now in its 23rd year, is held in April and is presented by Georgia United Credit Union, Shaw Industries, and Mohawk Industries at the Dalton Golf and Country Club. This long-standing event features teams of four players who compete in the best ball competition.

Blue Jean Days

One of the Foundation's most popular fundraisers is Blue Jeans Days for staff. Four days are designated during the school year as WEF Blue Jeans Days and staff pay \$5 for the privilege of wearing blue jeans to work.



OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Payroll Deduction

Employees of Whitfield County Schools have always been supportive of the work of the Foundation and have taken advantage of the opportunity to contribute through payroll deduction. These

contributions are vital to the continuation of the work of the Foundation. Forms for payroll deduction may be obtained by calling the Foundation office at (706) 217-6756.

Major Gift

The Foundation accepts major gifts as tax-deductible contributions from individuals as well as businesses. For more information on making a major contribution, please contact the Foundation office.

Memorial/Honorarium Contributions

Memorial and honorarium contributions may be made to the Foundation to remember special individuals. Contributions made in memory or honor of someone are acknowledged with a note to the family recognizing the gift remembering or honoring their loved one.

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Over the years, the Foundation has worked with numerous families or private entities to set up scholarships as memorials or honorariums. The Foundation accepts the donations and assists with coordination in awarding the funds to recipients within the Whitfield County Schools. Individuals interested in setting up a scholarship fund should contact the Foundation office. All donations to the Whitfield Education Foundation are tax-deductible.

ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Millennium Million Fellow (MMF)

The Millennium Million Fellow endowment was started in 2001 to ensure the continuation of the work of the Foundation. Millennium Million Fel-



lows pledge to give a minimum contribution of \$3,000 to the Foundation over ten years. The funds raised through the endowment are held in reserve and are not a part of the general operating budget. Individuals interested in becoming a Millennium Million Fellow should contact the Foundation office.