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Norwalk Children's Foundation Lends Support to After the Bell

Early Bird Golf Registration Deadline: April 16th

11th Annual NEF Golf Classic
Monday, May 4, 2009
The Shorehaven Golf Club, East
Norwalk, CT

Join us for a day of golf, cocktails,
buffet lunch and dinner, live and
silent auctions, and raffle.

Schedule



Registration

Auction Items include tickets for
US Golf Open in Bethpage, Jets,
Giants, and Mets games,
vacations, lacrosse show taping &
tour of Madison Square Garden,
family fun events, dining out,
sports memorabilia, and more!

NEF TechSmart Classes Spring Session - Round 2

- Smartboards Intro, II, Next Steps
- PowerPoint I & II
- Excel for Data Analysis
- Word for Classroom Use
- Genesis Gradebook I & II

After the Bell, a before- and after-school program of The Norwalk Public Schools in partnership with the Norwalk Education Foundation, received strong support for next year with a \$75,000 grant from the Norwalk Children's Foundation. After the Bell began this school year as a pilot program at Kendall and Rowayton Elementary Schools. The grant will help the program continue into next year as well as expand into more schools.

After the Bell provides a secure and encouraging environment for students both before and after the school day. The program reinforces classroom work by providing the children with academic support delivered by Norwalk teachers and teacher's aides. In addition, the children have a number of opportunities for creative learning through supervised enrichment activities such as math games or Spanish, knitting and cooking clubs.

Currently, there are 150 children enrolled at the two pilot schools, with an average of 49% of them qualified to receive free or reduced lunch. Transportation is provided for targeted students in need of academic assistance and at Kendall School, an additional 177 children participate in enrichment only. Thirty-seven Kendall staff and 11 Rowayton staff are now involved in After the Bell.

- Study Island
- Outlook Email
- Digital Photography

TechSmart Registration

With special thanks to **JPMorganChase Foundation**, **CitiFoundation** and **GE Commercial Finance** for their ongoing support of NEF's TechSmart Teachers.

Our Mission

The Norwalk Education Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization committed to quality public education for all of Norwalk's children. We effect positive change by providing programs and funds for innovative classroom instruction, teacher and technology training, and a variety of learning opportunities beyond the school day.

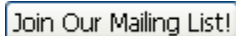


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Chemistry Club

Anthony Allison, Program Officer of the Norwalk Children's Foundation, says the After the Bell program helps them to fulfill one of their most critical missions of providing quality after school programs. "The management of the program, the offerings to the children and the outcomes are all very strong. We also were impressed by the way that not only the children are affected by it, but also by how the teachers talk about it. When children have close connections to their teachers out of the regular school day, both teachers and students learn to see their relationship in a different way that benefits both."

The Norwalk Children's Foundation supports and invests in efforts to change the lives of Norwalk's children living on the edge to improve their chances of becoming self-sufficient adults. It focuses on programs that strengthen family, community and school. For more information visit **Norwalk Children's Foundation**.

Special thanks to additional After the Bell supporters: E.S. Moore Foundation, Fairfield County Community Foundation, GE Commercial Finance, Perrin Family Foundation, and The United Way of Norwalk and Wilton.

NEF Welcomes Two New Board Members

Nathan Hale Middle School Principal Robert McCain and local lawyer Charles Harris have joined the Board of the Norwalk Education Foundation, the organization recently announced.

Robert McCain has been an educator for over 20 years, most of that time working with middle school children. He has held positions as a teacher, assistant principal and principal, all in schools in Connecticut. He has been the principal at **Nathan Hale Middle School** in Norwalk since

2005. McCain currently serves on the Norwalk Public Schools' District Data Team, Policy Committee and District Improvement Planning Committee. Last year, he was the recipient of the New England League of Middle Schools Spotlight School Award for his leadership at Nathan Hale. McCain received both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Eastern Connecticut State University.

Norwalk native Charles Harris, of the Norwalk firm **Harris, Harris & Schmid**, began his law career working for several large law firms in Washington, D.C. Since returning to Norwalk, he began the firm's involvement with the School to Career program that exposes qualified high school students to the practice of law. Harris also established an active internship program for eligible college students. He graduated from American University, the Washington College of Law and completed his undergraduate studies at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts.

THANK YOU for your support.

Sincerely,

The Norwalk Education Foundation (NEF)

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