



# The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation, Inc.

## NEWSLETTER

Winter 2010

*Letter from the foundation president...*

Dear Friends,

I am honored to report that in 2010 the Foundation continues to remain strong in supporting the mission of providing unique, creative, and innovative opportunities beyond the regular educational program for our BASD students.

This past June, 37 students were awarded scholarships from the Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation. This is an increase of seven additional scholarships from the previous year. Each year, the foundation strives to increase the number of scholarships distributed.

Many families have helped by taking part in our mission by establishing endowed scholarship funds for student graduates of BHS. Local businesses and corporations have supported our vision through their support at fundraising activities. It is thanks to support and involvement, like yours, that continues to increase the number of students that are positively impacted by our mission. Thank you, everyone, for all you do.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of our annual newsletter. Your continued support is important to our success. Happy Holidays!

*Paul Blose*

## CREATIVE TEACHING GRANTS 2010-2011

The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation Grant Review Committee met in October to review thirty-two proposals submitted for consideration to the Creative Teaching Grant Program. Again, the committee was faced with the difficult decision of awarding funding as the requests for funds surpassed the amount available to distribute. However, we are happy to say that thirteen grants were funded. Grants were funded through the Patricia McTighe Kelly Endowment, Victor K. Phillips Endowment and the Mary V. Jackman Endowment as well as contributions made by individual supporters.

The 2010 Grant recipients are as follows: Beth Cooper, Center Twp. Elementary; Holly Bly, Intermediate High; David Andrews, Jr. High; Cindy Michelini, Meridian Elementary, Carrie Persichini, Summit Twp. Elementary, Gretchen Lavery, Meridian Elementary; Lewis Liparulo, Center Twp. Elementary and Center Avenue Elementary; Gretchen Kamenski, Center Avenue, Oakland and Summit Twp. Elementary; Susan Kovac, Oakland Elementary; Elizabeth Giegel, Intermediate High; Angela Eyth, Stacy Leedecke, Valerie LePage, and Teresa Marks, Summit Twp. Elementary and Intermediate High; Jennifer Leitch, Beth Ann Gallo, Joy Bernhard, and Amber Buser, Center Twp. Elementary.

Congratulations to all the grant recipients and to their students!

## 37 BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECEIVE A \$1,000 GTSF SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

In June 2010, *thirty-seven* Butler High School graduating seniors received \$1,000 scholarship each from the Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation. It was a proud day for parents, teachers, and administrators to witness the success of the Class of 2010.

The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation (GTSF) has proudly announced the names of scholarship recipients since 1991. Each year, it is the goal of the Foundation to continue increasing the number of scholarships distributed. Funds for the scholarships are possible through the generosity of both individual and business donations, and proceeds from the annual FAB Showcase event.

*MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR!*



**2011 FAB  
SHOWCASE  
APRIL 9, 2011**

**Butler Intermediate School**

**REMEMBER the  
GOLDEN TORNADO  
SCHOLASTIC FOUNDATION  
in your Will or Estate Plan  
LEAVE A LEGACY by  
Providing life-changing  
educational opportunities  
for generations of  
BASD students to come.**

**WELCOME NEW BOARD  
MEMBERS OF THE  
GOLDEN TORNADO  
SCHOLASTIC FOUNDATION**

**Frank Cicco  
Carrie Morgan-Davis**

**BUY A BRICK.....or TWO**

**In the Newly-Renovated Art Bernardi Stadium**

Looking for a unique, memorable holiday gift for your favorite student, alumnus or alumna, family member or friend? Buy an engraved brick for the WALK OF FAME walkway next to the new Stadium Annex at the Butler Area High School's newly-renovated Art Bernardi Stadium!

Bricks include maximum of three engraved lines of 15 characters per line. Characters include spaces, commas, hyphens, periods, etc. You have the option of using one to three lines per brick.

Proceeds from brick sales support the Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation's mission to support the educational foundation of the student enrollment in the Butler Area School District.

**Holiday Special!** Purchase 2 engraved bricks for \$100 during December 2010 (or one brick for \$75). To order your Walk of Fame brick, please call the Butler Area School District Administration office at **724-214-3104**.

***Honor Your Teacher with a  
2010-2011 Star Award***

Has your child's teacher really helped your child shine this school year? Take this opportunity let them know they made a difference by honoring them with a 2010-2011 Star Award. By making a donation of \$15 to the Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation Star Program in honor of your child's teacher, his or her teacher will be honored at the end of the school year with a 2010-2011 Star of Appreciation!



Your honored teacher will receive an acknowledgment card recognizing your appreciation for their dedication.

If you would like to honor your child's teacher this holiday season or throughout the year, please call the Butler Area School District Administration office at **724-214-3104**. Ask for Bernadette and the Star Program.

**DON'T MISS SEEING OUR TALENTED STUDENTS!**

**JOIN US AT THE 2011 FAB SHOWCASE APRIL 9, 2011!**

In 2010, the FAB Showcase presented the spectacular artwork of hundreds of talented Butler Area School District students. Artists ranged in age from elementary to seniors. This season's showcase was presented to the largest crowd of spectators on record. There were guest appearances from many of the elementary music groups and talented local artists performing demonstrations. Proceeds from this amazing event support the GTSF Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone that joined us at the FAB Showcase in 2010. And, **THANK YOU** to **Ibis Tek** and **Amerikohl** for their Signature and Spotlight sponsorships of the event.



Pinky The Clown entertains visitors at the FAB Showcase.

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