

## Community News – October 2015

### **Needham's Special Education Services and Programs**

Please join us for an overview of what Needham has to offer students with all types of needs at all of our schools, from preschool through age 22.

This is an opportunity to meet all of the Special Education Directors, and to learn about what will be new this year.

Monday, October 5\*

7:00 pm - Refreshments

7:30 pm - Program begins

Broadmeadow School Media Center

120 Broadmeadow Road, Needham

\*Please note new date due to change in administrator availability.

### **Needham Education Foundation**

Bring your ideas! NEF Accepting Fall '15 Grant Applications

Did your child come home last year talking all about breakdancer Luca Lazylegz? Did you attend one of the Needham Talks lectures on resilience and social-emotional wellness? For the past 25 years, the Needham Education Foundation (NEF) has funded these and many other entertaining and educational programs that "make learning come alive" for Needham public school students. If you have an innovative idea to enhance your child's learning experience or school community, we want to hear from you!

The NEF is now accepting applications for its Fall 2015 grants program. Small grant applications for up to \$5,000 and concept papers for large grants up to \$15,000 are due October 22. Select large grant applicants will be invited to prepare a full application due December 11.

The NEF continues to offer two additional options to ease the small grant application process: (1) Express Grants allow applicants to apply for a program already funded by NEF at another school; (2) Multi-School Grants allow schools to apply together without the constraints of the small grant funding limit. Any Needham Public School educator, administrator or community member - including students and parents - is eligible to apply. Contact your NEF school rep for help with an application or shaping an idea. To see what NEF has funded in the past and to apply online, please visit <http://www.nefneedham.org/grants/>.

### **Needham Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program Seeking Volunteers**

Are you someone that believes that all children have the right to be "Safe, Strong and Free?" If so, then join our dynamic team of trained CAP volunteers who are committed to teaching children in the Needham Elementary Schools the skills that they would need to stand up for themselves if faced with a situation involving verbal, physical or sexual assault.

We are now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. The next training begins October 17th. 19 Continuing Education Credits available for MSWs. For more information or an application, please visit our website at

[www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org](http://www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org) or contact Caren Nemtzow, Coordinator, at 781-444-2415, ext. 2120 or [cnemtzow@needhamcommunitycouncil.org](mailto:cnemtzow@needhamcommunitycouncil.org).

