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Dear Friend,

Help bring the love of nature to Milford Central School! Now in existence for seven years, the Milford Education Foundation (MEF), a non-profit 501c3 with an all-volunteer board, has sponsored many successful programs that directly impact the lives of our students! This year we sponsored the 1000 Book Club Program by purchasing updated books and 100 new tote bags. The program ensures that all elementary students have quality literature available to them. The 1000 Book Club Program helps foster students' love for reading while encouraging the whole family to read together. We want to do more!

Every year we strive to expand our programs, and we are very excited about one of our next exciting goals. In the next school year, we would like to build an interactive outdoor classroom and expand

our school garden! School garden programs offer so many benefits! Students learn hands-on by getting dirty, planting fruits and vegetables, watching them grow, and then eating fresh, healthy food that they have grown with their bare hands! As a result, students' health improves through better diet, their physical activity is increased, and they appreciate nature. We are hoping to add picnic tables to create an outdoor classroom, and the area could also serve as an outside social eating location for staff and students.



### **Every dollar in is a dollar out to students and programs!**

In order to succeed and provide students with opportunities like this, we rely on the generosity of our community. We ask that you contribute to our annual appeal and make a difference in our student's lives. Every donation helps! We have enclosed a donor envelope for your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your support,

MEF Director

*The Milford Education Foundation, Inc. is a 501C3 not-for-profit organization that was created by parents and staff to fund-raise, apply for grants, and provide supplemental support for academic, athletic, and cultural enrichment programs that are not funded within the school budget. Milford Central School no longer has a separate Parent Teacher Organization or Friends of Music and Art group, as all efforts in these and other areas have been combined into the foundation for grant application and support.*

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