

SHARON/WINDSOR SCHOOL

School begins with a full day Kindergarten experience that is designed to promote the development of early literacy, numeracy, and writing skills, which leads to the development of a strong academic foundation in grades 1 through 3. The literacy program follows a balanced literacy



approach which incorporates principles from the Reader's and Writer's Workshop model (Columbia University Teacher College) that promotes literacy skills in an individualized fashion.

Mathematics instruction is experiential in nature so that students are best equipped to understand how math concepts apply to their world. The development of basic math facts is emphasized throughout the K-3 math program and through the use of Rocket Math, a program that promotes fact development.



The climate and culture of Sharon School is established through the Responsive Classroom approach ensuring that all of the adults in the building have opportunity to interact with students each morning through Morning Meeting.

By following a Socratic Seminar format, students are given voice to share their own experiences or expertise in order to be acknowledged by their peers. The approach has created a warm and inviting school culture where each member is recognized as important to the whole.

REF is proud to support the Sharon School Book Nook, which permits teachers to make text selections for students that align with each child's reading level, so that the school's goal of seeing each student make individual progress is most easily realized. This year REF has committed \$9,000 of the Annual Golf Classic proceeds to support the Literacy Program.

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SAVE THE DATES

HOLIDAY BAZAAR - NOVEMBER 20, 2011

POND ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

9TH ANNUAL RECOGNITION CELEBRATION AND CASINO NIGHT

MARCH 16, 2012 – JOHN HENRY'S STONE TERRACE

9TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC – MAY 22, 2012 – 1 PM START

GOLF AND DINNER – MERCER OAKS

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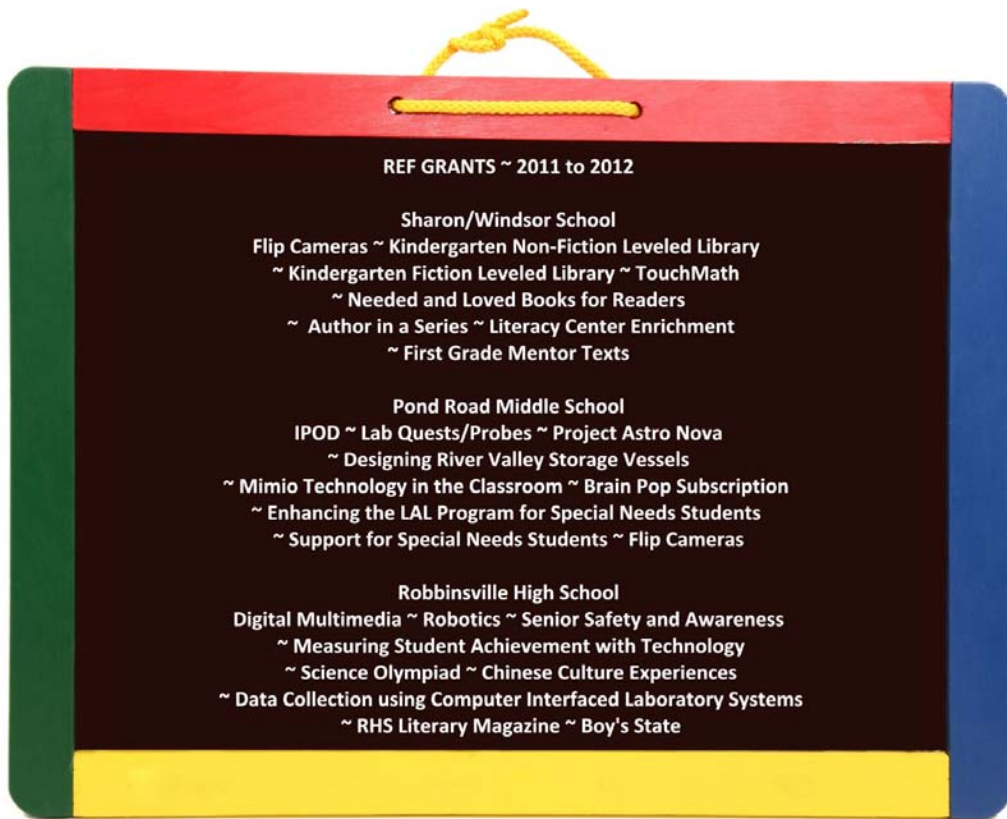
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REF GRANTS ~ 2011 to 2012

- Sharon/Windsor School**
 Flip Cameras ~ Kindergarten Non-Fiction Leveled Library
 ~ Kindergarten Fiction Leveled Library ~ TouchMath
 ~ Needed and Loved Books for Readers
 ~ Author in a Series ~ Literacy Center Enrichment
 ~ First Grade Mentor Texts
- Pond Road Middle School**
 IPOD ~ Lab Quests/Probes ~ Project Astro Nova
 ~ Designing River Valley Storage Vessels
 ~ Mimio Technology in the Classroom ~ Brain Pop Subscription
 ~ Enhancing the LAL Program for Special Needs Students
 ~ Support for Special Needs Students ~ Flip Cameras
- Robbinsville High School**
 Digital Multimedia ~ Robotics ~ Senior Safety and Awareness
 ~ Measuring Student Achievement with Technology
 ~ Science Olympiad ~ Chinese Culture Experiences
 ~ Data Collection using Computer Interfaced Laboratory Systems
 ~ RHS Literary Magazine ~ Boy's State

ROBBINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

RHS students are gaining acceptances at the most competitive colleges and universities in the country because of the well rounded and civic minded experiences the school offers. With a full complement of experiences that include; social sciences, the arts, athletics, technology, business, and Project Lead The Way's outstanding Pre-Engineering program, RHS prepares students to meet the challenges of life beyond high school. The environment is one where achievement and success are appreciated and students understand the value of creating a safe school culture. Although the high school is still in the early stages of its development, the opportunities provided to students pave the way for a high degree of success.



RHS administered 180 Advanced Placement tests this year to 99 students enrolled in 13 different AP courses. The average score was 3.0 or better for at least 65% of the students. This represents a 6% increase of passing AP scores over the previous year.

REF provides financial support to RHS through their fundraising events and grant writing. REF is also the recipient of individual and corporate donations. REF awards mini-grants to the RHS Staff for innovative programs and projects both in and out of the classroom.

*** RHS STATISTICS ***

→ **98% of the Class of 2011 is attending college**

- 76% - 4 year Institution
- 22% - 2 year Institution
- 1% - Military
- 1% - Other

→ **Average SAT scores (2010 data):**

- Mathematics – 549
 - 35 points above NJ average
 - 33 points above National Average
- Critical Reading – 525
 - 30 points above NJ average
 - 24 points above National Average
- Writing – 531
 - 34 points above NJ average
 - 39 points above National Average

POND ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Currently configured with grades 4 through 8, PRMS combines the unique nature of a middle school with a safe and comfortable upper-elementary school experience for its youngest students. As fourth grade students transition to Pond Road from the Sharon School, they continue with Responsive Classroom experiences that create a sense of community and an understanding of the power of each individual's story. Fourth and fifth graders follow an elementary schedule yet have the opportunity to be mentored by older, more mature middle school students.



Once students reach grade 6, they follow a middle school model of instruction and experience a range of curricular programs designed to open critical thinking and self-awareness in each student's academic pursuit. Students benefit from an array of classes in music, art, technology, physical education, and the academic core which includes a double language arts block, mathematics, science, social studies, and Spanish (grades 7 & 8). Students are in teams to create a personal feel to the school climate. Students participate in leadership opportunities and peer development programs to develop civic mindedness and sense of community value. The academic program prepares students for the academic rigor at Robbinsville High School.

Student support programs through special education and remedial instruction meet the needs of individual students. Programming for exceptionally able students is accomplished through a case management model in grades 4 through 8 where learning is facilitated by the classroom teacher partnered with a gifted education specialist.

REF's Annual Golf Classic proceeds are dedicated to expand RHS's Project Lead the Way Pre-Engineering Program to middle school students beginning in September 2012. The program is designed for middle school students.

Coupling the innovation required to write computer programs through Lego Robotics with coursework that tracks toward the high school curriculum, middle school students will enjoy unique and challenging pre-engineering experiences.