

FOUNDATION REPORT



The Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township, Inc.

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For ten days in June of 2021 residents of South Brunswick witnessed groups taking photos all around the township. Was this part of a new paparazzi trend? No, it was teams of participants in the Ed. Foundation's "Tour of South Brunswick" Photo Scavenger Hunt fundraiser.

The Photo Scavenger Hunt was developed to raise funds for the Ed. Foundation but also to build community awareness through the visitation and enjoyment of public places and commercial locations throughout South Brunswick.

The "Hunt" was joined by 35 teams of family and friends with 133 participants, all looking to "click"-off as many of the 28 official checklist photos as possible. Photos had to include at least one of the team members. The response was fantastic as teams submitted over 600 photos! Ten teams completed the entire checklist and became eligible for the Hunt's two grand prize (a \$100 gift card to a local S. Brunswick restaurant). Twenty-six teams were eligible for the Hunt's twelve standard prizes (a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant).

Grand Prize Winning Teams

Friends2021 and Sneaky Sneks

Standard Prize Winning Teams

Doe Ct Team, Explorers, Fantastic Four, Gal Pal Adventurers, MomandCami, Polar Bear, SB Partners In Crime, Star Family, StasandFirefighterDad, Team Sherlock, Team Dinosaur, The Eternal Flame

Honorable Mentions

Brownings!, Chips and Guac, Cornfield Family, Donut Ninjas, Finding Nemo, Gross Family, Kaitlyn's Crew, Krazy-The Kakar's, Kuroodi Family, Majid Family, New Kids On The Block, Rane's@SB, Raut Family, Rogol Fam, Smarties, Suzie's Crew, Team Puppieskitties, The Lookouts, The SuperStars, Trinaaays, Undead Dragon

The Hunt was generously sponsored by a donation from SBEA-PRIDE.

Visitors can view the entire collection of Hunt photos at [EFSB.org](https://www.efsb.org).

It all started on Saturday April 30, 2011 with just 26 riders. Seven riding the 25 and 10 mile routes along with twelve riders peddling the family fun 2.5 mile route. The event also included a "Tikes on Trikes" route with tricycles riding on the high school track. The Tour de South Brunswick has come a long way since that day including the 2020 version, "The Virtual Tour de S. Brunswick", and the cancellation of the event in 2021 both due to Covid-19.



Now the Ed. Foundation is pleased to announce the return of the TdSB on June 12, 2022! Also returning is the Foundation Fun Walk!

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THE FOUNDATION PROVIDES GRANT OF OVER \$17,000 TO S.B. SCHOOL DISTRICT

On February 15, 2021 the Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township, Inc. announced a capital grant of \$17,325 to purchase document cameras for the South Brunswick School District.

Previous grants, through the Foundation's Spark of Innovation program, have been used to purchase document cameras for individual teachers. With this capital grant the District will be able to purchase 175 cameras to be used in grades K thru 12 classrooms.

The use of document cameras within the District has proven to be a great instructional tool. "We have found that this year, especially because of remote teaching, our need for document cameras has grown substantially and there is a need for use in all of K-12. Teachers have expressed the need to display material, model science labs, model art projects, and interactively write alongside their students. Document cameras have proven to do all this and more," said Jenn Diszler - Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Administration, South Brunswick School District



"In a nutshell, this grant will afford teachers in grades K-12 an interactive way to engage students both in school and remotely," Jenn Diszler said. "The Foundation will be contributing to the overall success and quality of teaching in SB. Again, we can't thank the Education foundation enough for their continued support to our teachers and our students. We are so lucky to have their partnership and support. "

Through its mission, to promote and provide educational support and opportunities through innovative programs and projects, the Foundation has donated over \$232,000 to the South Brunswick School District including capital grants totaling over \$58,000.

The less digitally capable individual families are, the further their students are left behind. When classes transition online, these children lose out because of the cost of digital devices and data plans.

Unless access costs decrease and quality of access increase in all households, the gap in education quality will be further widened. The digital divide could become more extreme if educational access is dictated by access to the latest technologies.

"Dear Ed Foundation Members,

We just received news today from the district that you are funding document cameras for classes. I just wanted to send a direct message to you to thank you. You have NO idea how much this means to us. I teach early childhood and the task I'm charged with each and every day is the challenge of my entire career as a teacher!

The doc cameras will allow me to use more of my "hands on" materials during zoom classes each day. So, with the warmest of thanks, I appreciate your support. Thanks."

*- Karen Delcampe
Preschool Teacher
Monmouth Junction School*



TdSB Fun Facts

With its 10th anniversary approaching here are some Tour de South Brunswick Bike Rides Fun Facts.


Since starting in 2011, **3402 riders** have participated in the TdSB. Together they have peddled more than **35,000 miles**. That's more than 6 round trips from South Brunswick to Los Angeles, over 33 rides from South Brunswick to Disney World and if you could pedal there, more than enough miles for 3 round trip rides to Honolulu, Hawaii. And more than enough miles to circle the Earth. Below is the breakdown:

Ride	Riders	Total Miles
25 Mile	247	6175 Miles
10 Mile	1246	21460 Miles
4 Mile	1909	7636 Miles
Totals	3402	35271 Miles

Since 2014, the TdSB averages over 10 miles per rider, with an average of 560 riders each year.

In 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Ed. Foundation hosted the "Virtual" TdSB and Foundation Fun Walk which had

59 riders (6189 miles), 66 walkers (6073 miles) and covered 12262 miles.



Beam of Light
CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
2021 RECIPIENTS

Glenn Ferraris
 5th Grade Teacher
 Brooks Crossing Elementary School

Liza Geddis
 1st Grade Teacher
 Deans Elementary School

Visit EFSB.org for previous recipients and details on how you can send a "Beam of Light" to honor a special person in the South Brunswick School District.



Thank you all the participants in our Board & Brush fundraisers on October 21st & December 7th.

Board & Brush
creative studio*



In 2021 the Ed. Foundation announced a new addition to its Foundation

Scholarship Program, the Foundation Vocational/Technical/Trade Scholarship. This \$500 scholarship provides funds to a graduate of South Brunswick High School working on post-secondary education at an accredited vocational, technical or trade school.

This new scholarship joins the existing Foundation general scholarships (up to 4 per year) and the Dr. Gary P. McCartney Scholarship (for student perusing an education career). The value of each of these scholarship is \$1500. Funding for these scholarships comes from a direct donation from Chartwells and Dr. Gary P. McCartney.

The 2021 recipient of the Dr. Gary P. McCartney Scholarship:
Julie Natale.

We understand the difficulties many of you have had during this pandemic. We empathize with you & your families as you continue to rebound from its financial and emotional effects. Even though we are on the road to recovery we realize this will be a slow process. The Foundation is looking for the generous support of the South Brunswick Community to help continue its mission to support the students, staff and schools in the S.B. School District.



If you are in a position to make a tax-deductible contribution, please visit EFSB.org for donation options. Even the smallest of donations can make a difference. Thank You!

The Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization (Tax I.D. 32-0258888).

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Interested in getting involved with the Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township?



Serving on the Ed. Foundation team is a great way to give back to the community, the South Brunswick school district, and make wonderful friends. Volunteers are instrumental in helping with events such as our A Taste for Education, Tour de South Brunswick and Foundation Fun Walk. New volunteers are always welcome!

Please visit edfoundationsb.org or email president@edfoundation.org.



JOIN THE ED. FOUNDATION'S CORPORATE GIVING PROGRAM

Since 2011, the Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township has donated over \$234,000 to the South Brunswick School District through its grant and scholarship programs. Now you can

help us grow and give even more by joining our Corporate Giving Program.

From small to large businesses we invite you to partner with the Ed. Foundation. Our Corporate Giving Program recognizes and celebrates those who help us with their generous contributions and support of our mission to provide innovative programs through teacher grants, student scholarships, and more!

Visit EFSB.org to Join.

Meet Our Newest Trustees

Lisa DeMarco



"As a member of the Ed Foundation for the past two years, I've been most excited about being part of the grant process. During my 15 years as a teacher in South Brunswick, I loved being able to support the students and staff!"



Caroline Guirguis

Caroline has joined the Ed Foundation this past year and what has drawn her to this service is the opportunities created by the foundation for partnerships, community building and supporting the educational experiences and initiatives in our district.

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