

A TASTE FOR EDUCATION



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October 22, 2026

6 PM – 9 PM

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Welcome to the 15th annual A Taste for Education fundraiser!

Tonight, as we gather to nourish the future of South Brunswick Township's students, the Education Foundation is incredibly proud to dedicate this evening to an individual who truly seasons our lives.

We express our profound gratitude to **Susan Santowasso**. Retirement has never slowed her passion for our schools. Her familiar, smiling face at nearly every single one of our fundraisers reminds us of what true dedication looks like. Susan, thank you for proving that being an educator is not just a career, but a lifelong commitment to the youth of our community.

To our honoree and everyone in attendance, thank you for being here tonight. Your generosity, paired with the legacy of tonight's honoree, ensures that the recipe for South Brunswick's educational success remains stronger than ever.

Enjoy the evening!

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The S.B. Education Association for their generous
donation of our guest appreciation gift.

The Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township
appreciates the ongoing support & generosity of our
families, volunteers & community supporters!

A TASTE FOR EDUCATION

Fundraising Event Schedule

- 6:00 PM Tasting
 Tricky Tray Raffle Opens
- 7:30 PM Welcome,
 Martin Abschutz – President
 Presentation to our Honoree
 Susan Santowasso
- 8:00 PM Raffle Drawings Winners
 Announced



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A TASTE OF GRATITUDE

SUSAN SANTOWASSO

2026 A TASTE FOR EDUCATION HONOREE

The Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township is proud to honor Susan Santowasso for her extraordinary, lifelong commitment to education, community service, and the students and families of South Brunswick.



Our Honoree, Susan Santowasso

Susan began her distinguished career in the district during the 1973–1974 school year at Kingston School, teaching Special Education. Over a remarkable career spanning more than three decades—including time at Deans School and South Brunswick High School, and over 20 years at Crossroads Middle School—Susan taught across a wide range of disciplines, including Special Education, Compensatory Education, Reading, and Literature.

Throughout her decades in the classroom, Susan earned a reputation for her special gift for connecting with her students. She sees each child for who they are, takes the time to truly understand them, and makes them feel loved, valued, and important. Her students always know they can count on her—not only as an educator who inspires academic excellence, but as someone who genuinely cares about their well-being. The bonds she built over her 28 teaching years created classrooms defined by trust, kindness, and belonging.

Beyond the classroom, Susan has long believed that strong schools are built through active partnerships among educators, families, and community members. She has devoted countless hours to strengthening the town through volunteer service, including her active involvement with the Friends of the South Brunswick Public Library and her ongoing advocacy for local educational initiatives.

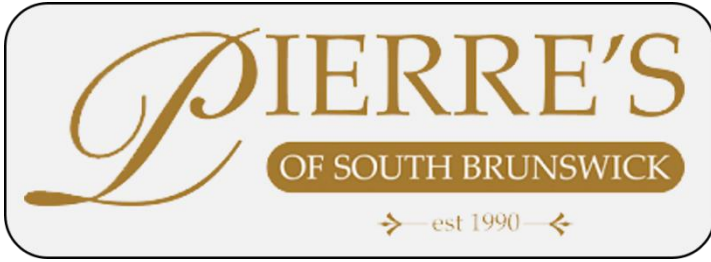
The Education Foundation is honored to recognize Susan Santowasso for her decades of service, her dedication to educational excellence, and her enduring commitment to helping South Brunswick's youth succeed. Her legacy of heart, leadership, and community devotion continues to inspire all who have had the privilege of working alongside her.

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Maschio's Food Service	info@maschiofood.com	973.598.0005 maschiofood.com
Pierre's of S. Brunswick	582 Georges Road Monmouth Jct., NJ 08852	732.329.3219 pierresofsouthbrunswick.com
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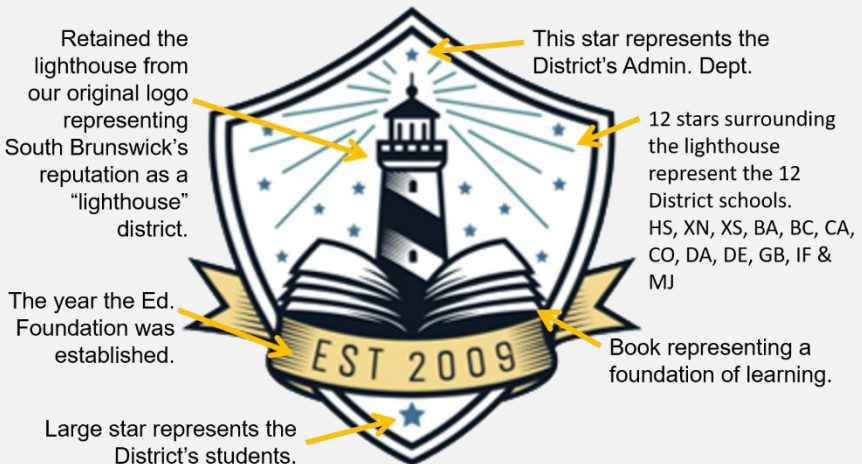
INTRODUCING OUR NEW LOGO

We are thrilled to unveil a fresh look for the Education Foundation! Our new logo reflects our evolving commitment to empowering students, supporting educators, and fostering innovation in our schools. While our look has changed, our core mission remains the same: to unlock the potential of every child in our community.

Thank you for growing with us!



About the logo...



ABOUT THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION...



◆ **Our Mission**

It is the mission of **The Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township, Inc.** to enhance the potential of students, promote excellence in teaching, and inspire innovation in education throughout the South Brunswick School District, guided by strategic philanthropy.

◆ **Bridging the Funding Gap**

The Education Foundation of South Brunswick Township, Inc. counters public funding limitations by securing private resources for rising educational demands.

◆ **Fostering Community Collaboration**

We serve as a vital forum for exchanging ideas and uniting community members around local educational excellence.

◆ **Preserving Academic Excellence**

Our goal is to protect and elevate South Brunswick's status as a premier, top-tier K-12 school district in New Jersey.

OUR ORGANIZATION...

◆ **Dedicated Non-Profit Mission**

We operate as an independent, private non-profit corporation focused exclusively on enhancing local public school programs.

◆ **Strategic Leadership Board**

Our Board of Trustees brings targeted financial and professional expertise to guarantee long-term organizational success.

◆ **Aligned District Partnership**

A permanent, non-voting Board of Education member anchors our leadership team to keep our goals perfectly synchronized with school interests.

How We Serve Our Schools...

◆ **Encouraging Creative Learning & Teaching**

- ◆ **Empowering Educators:** Promoting teacher excellence through grants for innovative programs and creative ideas.
- ◆ **Engaging Students:** Providing funds for creative, student-centered projects that foster engagement and excellence in core subjects.

◆ **Enhancing Student Development**

- ◆ **Enriching Curriculum:** Providing funds for learning activities that supplement and complement the basic educational programs of the South Brunswick School District.
- ◆ **Advanced Technology:** Providing funding for specialized equipment or technology not covered by district budgets.

◆ **Supporting Community Partnerships**

- ◆ **Building Local Awareness:** Promoting community awareness of educational challenges and solutions.
- ◆ **Mobilizing Resources:** Providing avenues for individuals, businesses, and organizations to share resources and gifts with the South Brunswick School District.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS...

◆ **Foundation Scholarship**

Provides award of \$1500 to up to four students per year.



◆ **Dr. Gary P. McCartney Scholarship**

Provides one student per year with a \$1500 award.

◆ **Foundation Vocational/Technical/Trade Scholarship**

Provides one student per year with a \$500 award.

Visit efsb.org for all the details and our scholarship recipients.

OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS...

The financial overview below outlines how strategic philanthropy has directly funded classroom success and innovation across the district.

Investment	Description	Total
Teacher & Classroom Grants	Funding innovative "Spark Grants" for unique classroom projects that directly engage hundreds of local students.	\$94,696
Capital Fund Investments	Purchasing cutting-edge technology, media upgrades, and equipment engineered for broad, district-wide use.	\$100,535
Arts, Athletics & PE	Nurturing well-rounded student development through targeted funding for fine arts, sports, and physical health.	\$15,651
Scholarships	Since June of 2011, the Foundation has awarded 59 scholarships.	\$109,500
OUR INVESTMENT	<i>Directly donated to South Brunswick Township Public Schools to date.</i>	\$320,382

WAYS TO SUPPORT US...

◆ Make a Direct Donation

Contribute safely online or via mail to fund crucial classroom grants and innovative learning tools. Visit edfoundationsb.org to make a tax-deductible gift.



◆ Join Us at Our Fundraising Events

Participate in or sponsor our fundraising events. All proceeds directly benefit student educational enrichment.

◆ Become a Business Partner

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MEET OUR NEWEST TRUSTEE



EFSB Secretary, Lisa Manganello

Lisa Manganello has been a librarian at South Brunswick High School for the past nineteen years, where she was recognized as Educator of the Year in 2015. An active member of the New Jersey Association of School Librarians, Lisa presents regularly on information literacy and she is passionate about sharing her love of reading and research with her students. Lisa's work with media literacy has been featured in reports on NBC and CNN. She lives in Monmouth Junction with her husband, Matt and their two children, Andrew and Nicholas. Andrew graduated from SBHS in 2024 and is entering his junior year at Rowan University. This fall, Nicholas will be a senior at SBHS where he is on the golf team.

"As a parent and a staff member, I've seen the good work that the grants awarded to our teachers have done in our schools and I look forward to helping continue that mission."

Welcome Lisa!

EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION: VOLUNTEER TODAY...

The **Education Foundation** is looking for dedicated volunteers to help us unlock the full potential of every student in our district. We believe that a quality education is the foundation of a bright future, and your support is vital in providing the grants, scholarships, and innovative programs our schools need to thrive. Whether you're interested in **becoming a Trustee, assisting with fundraising events, or lending your professional expertise** to our committees, your involvement directly enriches the classroom experience. By joining our team, you aren't just giving your time — you are investing in the tomorrow.

Contact **vounteer@edfoundationsb.org**
or use the QR code.



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Nancy Asher-Shultz

For Your Service
to the Education Foundation
as Vice President.

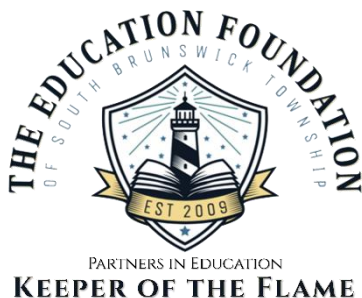
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the time; they just have the heart."

- Elizabeth Andrew





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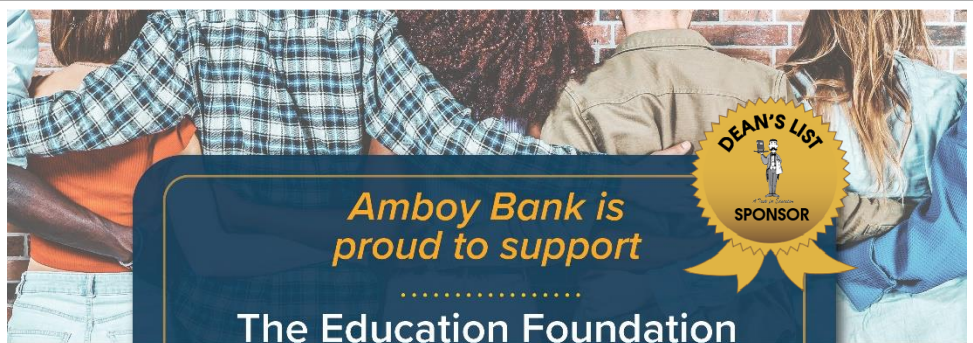
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Our Raffle (Tricky Tray) Prizes are presented in three value levels:

Level 1 (Yellow) prizes are valued from \$20 to \$49.

Level 2 (Green) prizes are valued from \$50 to \$149.

Grand Prize (Blue) prizes are valued at \$150 and more.

Raffle Ticket Bundles

Bundle 1 **\$20**

Includes:

25 Level 2 - Green Tickets

1 Grand Prize - Blue Ticket

Bundle 2 **\$30**

Includes:

25 Level 1 - Yellow Tickets

25 Level 2 - Green Tickets

3 Grand Prize - Blue Tickets

Bundle 3 **\$50**

Includes:

25 Level 1 - Yellow Tickets

50 Level 2 - Green Tickets

6 Grand Prize - Blue Tickets

Additional Tickets:

\$5 – 25 Level 1 - Yellow Tickets

\$10 – 25 Level 2 - Green Tickets

\$5 – 1 Grand Prize Blue Ticket

\$20 – 5 Grand Prize Blue Tickets

Must be present to win. Raffle ends at 7:30pm.

How the Raffle works...

Purchase your Raffle tickets at our ticket table.

Check out the various prizes displayed on our prize tables.

Each prize level is grouped together by value.

Yellow (valued from \$20-\$49)

Green (valued from \$50-\$149)

Blue (valued from \$150 and up)

Each prize has a number.

Find the number of your favorite prizes and place the corresponding color ticket in the prize's numbered container.

That's it!

The Raffle will end at 7:30pm.

All prize winners will be announced after the evening's presentations.

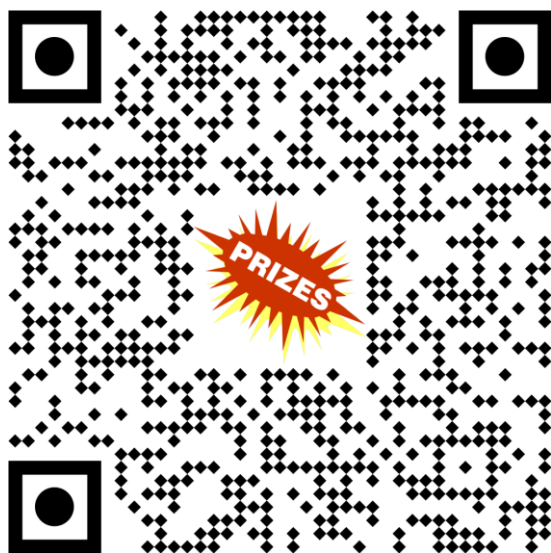
Winners must be present.

Good Luck!!!



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Beam of Light

2025-2026 Beam of Light Recipients

Congratulations to these esteemed staff members who received an EFSB's Beam of Light award in the 2025-2026 school year!

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Christopher Calderone

Teacher - Fifth Grade
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Barbara Capasso

Teacher - Fifth Grade
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Elementary School

Beth Caruso

Teacher - First Grade
Monmouth Junction
Elementary School

Tyesha Edwards

School Secretary/
Registrar
Constable Elementary
School

Dr. Brian Eichert

Behavior Health
Coordinator
Brooks Crossing
Elementary School

Vincent Grillo

Teacher - Preschool
Dayton Elementary
School

Scott Laurence

Teacher - Science
(Biology)
South Brunswick High
School

Sarah Lombardi

Assistant Principal
Constable Elementary
School

Joshua McDonnell (2 times)

Teacher - Music
Brooks Crossing
Elementary School

Lauren Sierotowicz

Teacher - Fifth Grade
Brooks Crossing
Elementary School

Stephanie Viciomini

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Christina

Vildostegui-Cerra

Principal
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Prerna Wasuja

Paraprofessional
Dayton Elementary
School



The Beam of Light program honors Teachers, Counselors, Nurses, Secretaries, Para Professionals, Custodians, Bus Drivers, Administrators, Coaches and School Volunteers in the South Brunswick School District.

To learn more about the Beam of Light award visit edfoundationsb.org or scan the QR code.

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