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- All Star Kids Program
- Scholarships
- Classroom Grants
- TeamMates Mentoring Program
- AP Test Reimbursement
- Teacher Development
- Student & Family Impact
- Project Funding
- Student Needs Fund

The Foundation has awarded a total of \$97,000 in Classroom Grant funding to teachers and over \$200,000 in scholarships to Bennington graduates. This year, the Foundation is funding \$110,000 in programs and approved and additional \$40,000 in one-time funding (\$10,000 to each building).

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# Mardi Gras

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SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017

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The Mission of the Bennington Public Schools Foundation is to generate and distribute resources to or on behalf of the Bennington Public School District to enrich teaching, inspire learning, maximize opportunities and promote excellence in education for all students.

The Foundation will achieve its mission by directing resources as follows:

- Assist students in achieving their educational goals through a variety of scholarship opportunities
- Support staff for innovative efforts through classroom grants
- Recognize excellence of caring adults within our school system
- Support programs for the betterment of our school district
- Build community awareness for the Bennington Public Schools Foundation

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## 2017 Mardi Gras Masquerade

### 6:00 Silent Auction & Reception

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### 7:00 Welcome, Blessing & Dinner

Welcome by Board President, Tracy J. Behnken  
Prayer by Pastor, Jeff Ryan, Three Timbers Church

### 8:15 Thank You & Program

Executive Director, Regina Meradith

### Live Auction

Farm House Table crafted from original bleacher wood  
Bennington High School student parking spot, 2017-18 school year  
Stormchaser Suite for 18, with \$350 food voucher  
Controlled Rain underground sprinkler installation

### 9:30 Silent Auction Ends & Dancing Begins

### 11:00 Thank You & Goodnight

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