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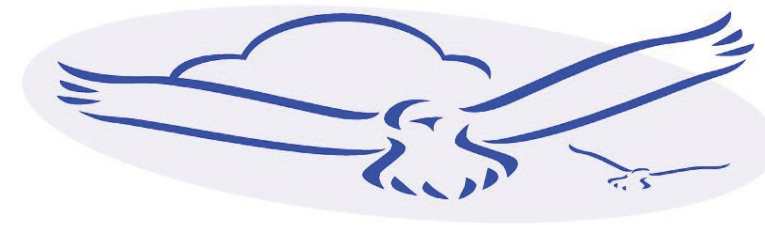
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# The Patriot Foundation

2010-2011 School Year

**Funding opportunities of academic, artistic, cultural, and social growth for students in the Pequot Lakes School District.**

*Student Academia, Art, Culture, and Social Growth*



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Your financial support of the Foundation is eagerly sought. If you would like to support your schools in a way that will directly enhance educational opportunities for all students, please consider a generous contribution to the Patriot Foundation. OR visit our new online giving site at: [www.givemn.org](http://www.givemn.org)

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**Eagle View Elementary students are treated to an internationally published author!**

"The more you read, the better you write," believes Mary Casanova, author of 24 internationally published books. With help from the Patriot Foundation, Mary Casanova and students of Eagle View Elementary were thrilled to have spent TWO days together this winter, inspiring writing at all levels. Our lucky students were able to hear her speak about how she gets her ideas, the writing process and finally becoming a published author. Casanova did lunch, took photos with students and even held a book signing.

Mary is a Minnesota children's author, who struggled as a child with her own reading skills. Today, she writes with the struggling reader in mind, as she tries to capture and hold the young readers attention. Casanova uses vivid description, "I am always working at painting pictures with words". Most of the authors stories are relative to her growing up in northern Minnesota on the Canadian border in a family of twelve.

Deanne Trottier, second grade teacher at Eagle View Elementary brought the request for funding this visiting author to the Patriot Foundation last year. Deanne collaborated with the Pine River district and several other funding sources to make this first time ever presentation possible for our students. "Over 700 Eagle View students attended," stated Trottier, "and hosting a famous author was a complete success!"



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A huge thank you to ALL of our donors and sponsors!  
 Without your time and contributions, the Patriot Foundation  
 would not be as successful as it is today! We truly  
 appreciate our community members and their support!

### Patriot Foundation Financial Summary for 2010-2011



The Patriot Foundation funded several academic, art, cultural, and social growth projects for students in grades Pre K-12. Requests for projects not funded in the school budget are considered by the board of directors three times during the school year.

The following projects were funded during the 2009-2010 school year.

Special Education Class- Transportation Awareness	\$100
Special Education Circle of Friends Activities	\$155
Pre-school readiness Program	\$575
Elementary First Lego League	\$250
Middle Level Tutorial Mentoring	\$200
High School EBD Class	\$227.50
Multi-age Tour of the Native American Museum	\$275
Special Education- Why We Try Program	\$300
Elementary Artist-in-Residence Program	\$500
Total Amount Funded:	\$2582.50

The Foundation generates money for the projects through private individual donations and the foundation is supported through fundraising projects. Two Successful projects during the year were the Rock-n-Reel raffle (\$1747) and the Tour of Colors Bike Ride (\$820).

Check out our webpage at <http://www.patriotfoundation-pequotlakes.com>

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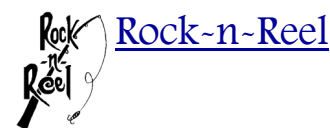
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Photo Gallery



Rock-n-Reel

Upcoming Events

**Thursday, August 8th, 2011 at Billy's in Breezy Point, MN**

Please join us for an evening of live music entertainment, cash raffle, and great food! The evening is a chance to gather with others from our community to show our appreciation & support for the Patriot Foundation!  
 More information: [www.patriotfoundation-pequotlakes.com](http://www.patriotfoundation-pequotlakes.com)

### Patriot Foundation is now accepting donations online through "GiveMN.org"

The foundation has now signed up to accept online donations through the organization called "GiveMN.org". This is a secure website that allows non-profits to accept donations either as a one time donation or a recurring donation. Here are the easy steps to complete your donation~

1. Go to [www.patriotfoundation-pequotlakes.com](http://www.patriotfoundation-pequotlakes.com)
2. Click on the "Donate" link and follow to "GiveMN.org" link
3. Once you have completed your account registration, enter the amount to be donated as a one time item or on a recurring basis.
4. Print your receipt as a tax-deductible donation.

This is a safe & easy way to help fund activities for our students in the Pequot Lakes school district!! Thank you for your continued support~

### Thank You to Kim Bolz-Andolshek for her time with the Patriot Foundation!!

Because of her busy schedule, Kim Bolz-Andolshek had to step down as a Patriot Foundation Board Director. *We sincerely thank Kim for her Foundation work. Her experience and great personality will be missed. Good luck to you on your future adventures!!!*



### Welcome to our newest Board Director Laura Pederson!

Laura will be a great addition to our Board of Directors with the Patriot Foundation. She and her husband, Brandon, have always been great supporters of our Foundation and now we feel blessed to have her serving on the Board. Laura's experience will be a huge benefit to our foundation in years to come!

*Welcome Laura!! We are proud to have you serve on the Patriot Foundation Board!*

Tour of Colors



**Saturday, September 17th, 2011**

This will be our 4th Annual Tour of Colors bicycle ride! The ride is a fantastic way for your family and friends to enjoy the beautiful autumn colors of the area! For more information, visit the Foundations website!

# Funded Projects

## EBD (Emotional Behavior Disorders) Social/Life Skills Program – High School

In an effort to make the EBD program stronger at the high school level, staff members Sherry Lust and Lorry Parrish are helping students apply what they have learned in class to real life situations and be able to have success. Students have the opportunity to participate in quarterly incentive/motivator activities, such as the funded request for a day at Camp Confidence, by following a set of criteria. They must demonstrate continued improvement in social skills, have fewer than 3 referrals, and have passing grades and/or show academic progress. Some specific skills that students may be working on include anger management, following of directions, being organized, turning in assignments on time, advocating for self, empathy, responsibility, workplace attitudes, interacting with others, and managing stress. Twenty students met their goals and earned the Camp Confidence trip. They learned and worked on team building skills, effective communication, following directions, listening and problem solving techniques. They also learned that with hard work and a positive work attitude comes reward!



## St. Cloud University Planetarium Eagle View Elementary Students

Forty-two students from Mrs. Zeidler's and Mrs. Harman's multiage classes attended a Solar System show at the St. Cloud University Planetarium. This show met some of the Minnesota Graduation Standards for Science and provided an opportunity for learning that otherwise would have been unavailable to our students.

