

Illuminations



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MPEF is thankful for our community's support and the opportunity to provide grants for educational excellence in Mattawan Consolidated School.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving next week!

Brain Strong Award Ignites Passion for Reading

Early Elementary teacher Deb Milka was thrilled to receive a 2015 Brain Strong award from MPEF.

Deb said, "I have students who are so excited about the 'Chapter Books for Emergent Readers' that I have purchased through my MPEF Brain Strong Award. The books are easy readers in anthology form. This means the child who struggles with reading has a nice thick 'chapter book' that makes them feel like all the others around them."

She added, "I have one friend who said to me, after picking up the shiny new red book, 'Mrs. Milka, this book has OVER 300 pages! And, I can read them all, I am sure of it!' "

Continuing her gratitude for the award, Deb said, "It is so exciting to see a child, who once dreaded reading, want to read and find the motivation to improve! Thank you, MPEF!"

See all 40 of the 2015 Brain Strong award recipients on our [website](#).



Wattson Says:



Superintendent Praises Efforts of MPEF

MPEF supports education through grants for literary programs, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math), building character and fostering positive connections, safety, innovative classroom programs and more. Thanks to donations from our community - MPEF continues to be an important part of our school district's success.

From Robin Buchler, MCS Superintendent:

"School doors open every fall with enthusiasm regardless of the resources available to us. It is our goal to provide numerous opportunities for our students to learn and grow, as we prepare them for their future journey.

"MPEF walks right along side us by providing grants to individual teachers or groups of teachers so they can provide that little extra to enhance learning.

"Thank you, MPEF. Thank you, thank you for all you do, for your generosity, and for caring about kids."

Watch your mailbox! The print edition of **Illuminations** will be arriving soon.

The newsletter mailing kicks off our Annual Fund Drive for MPEF program support. Look for the donation envelope and consider a contribution to help our schools through MPEF!

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Shopping for Teacher Gifts? Think MPEF!

MPEF's Holiday Teacher Recognition Program is a great way to honor your child's teacher(s). Make a donation and we will send a personalized letter to the teacher, announcing your gift.

Find all the details [HERE](#).

Have questions about MPEF? Contact us at mpeforg@gmail.com or call 269-668-3361 ext. 1728.

Donate Today!

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