



SUPPORTING OUR DISTRICT'S GREATEST NEEDS

Shrewsbury Public Schools

Overwhelming Generosity *Together we can do so much*

Almost seven years ago, The Colonial Fund was created to fund innovative projects in our schools that could not be supported through the annual operating budget. In the long term, we remain committed to that mission. But in the short term, we cannot ignore this year's dire budget situation. There is a growing list of needs that we will not be able to fund through our diminishing operating budget. For that reason, in early June, we made a plea on behalf of our schools, to raise funds for the greatest needs in our district. The generosity we've seen from this community - *and all of you* - is truly humbling and continues to make us hopeful that together, we can make a difference. **Over 200 donors have helped us raise just over \$56,000 for our schools. Thank you to each and every donor, for each and every dollar!**



If you haven't yet, please consider making a donation to honor our amazing educators, as others have already done:

"in honor of the staff, leadership, teachers, volunteers, coaches and all the rest it takes to make a school district work"

"in gratitude for the outstanding education and opportunities our daughters received from Shrewsbury Public Schools"

"to all the teachers who do so much!"

There is still time, and a great need, for us to help our educators and our students, who have been asked to sacrifice so much these past few months, and who will be asked to sacrifice **even more** this coming school year. Every dollar we raise now gives us the power to save the quality of education we all want for our children.

Thank you for anything you can do to support the Colonial Fund. Click [here](#) to donate now.



Shrewsbury Smart Cookies *Buy your sweets now to support the Colonial Fund*

Inspired by the recent budget deficit to do something to help her school, Shrewsbury High School student Leah Rider formed Shrewsbury Smart Cookies. This project embraces the innovation and creativity that are hallmarks of the Colonial Fund. For \$12, you can get a fresh batch of delicious homemade cookies, muffins or scones delivered to your home in Shrewsbury; for just \$15-\$20, Leah will bake you a pie or cake. All proceeds will benefit the Colonial Fund. See the [Shrewsbury Smart Cookies Facebook page](#) and this [newspaper article](#) for more information or contact Leah at shrewsburysmartcookies@gmail.com to place your order.

If you know any Shrewsbury students who would like to help Leah in her efforts and support our schools, please contact her. She is recruiting students who are willing to bake 1 to 2 times per week and sell their delicious creations to family and friends.

Leah's first goal is to raise \$1,000 for the Colonial Fund. We love the initiative she has shown in coming up with this idea and managing it over the summer. It's a great example of how students, not just adults, can make a difference in our schools. Thank you Leah for supporting the Colonial Fund!

Equity Audit Workgroups *Join Us. Make your voice heard.*

In January, Shrewsbury Public Schools undertook an equity audit, well before the racism crisis that continues to embroil our nation.

The audit's findings raise a number of issues and important questions regarding how our district can provide a more equitable educational experience for all of our students and how we can ensure that all students and families feel accepted and respected regardless of their race, religion, socioeconomic status, or any other characteristic.



Over the coming weeks and months, our school district will be listening to our stakeholders' perspectives on these issues and learning about how we might best address these issues. We need the participation of all stakeholders - students, parents, the community and staff - to make this work meaningful and sustainable. **Please consider joining the the Shrewsbury Public Schools Equity and Anti-Racism Coalition** and make your voice heard. Email equity@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us to express your willingness to help. *This is important work. We cannot change the future without you!*



Summer Reading Recommendations from SPS district leaders

As many of us face a summer not quite as full of activities as summers past, consider spending your down time reading one or more of these books recommended by Shrewsbury educators. While intended for adults, some of the ideas expressed could spark good family conversations around the dinner table or campfire.

- Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson
- White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo (strongly recommended as a must read)
- How To Be An Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi
- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander
- Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?: And Other Conversations About Race by Beverly Daniel Tatum
- Becoming by Michelle Obama

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