

## **Ballston Spa Educational Foundation Funds Enrichment Grants**

The Ballston Spa Educational Foundation has provided \$159,796 for educational enrichment projects in the Ballston Spa Central School District since incorporating in 1996. Recently, they awarded the Fall 2005 grants and gave the district \$12,844 for enrichment projects in two of the district's schools.

The Middle School History and Math Departments received \$3,639 for "SMART Boards" which use interactive computer technology to expand the use of classroom computers and Internet technology in a hands-on style. The teachers who coordinated the grant awards include Chris Perrone and Doreen Quinlan.

The Wood Road Intermediate School physical education program received \$9,148 for a "Vertical Climbing Wall". The twenty foot high climbing wall will be used for team building activities, decision-making and strength building. Teacher Anne Cornell is coordinating the project.

A raffle, one of the Educational Foundation's major fundraisers, currently is underway. Each day during the month of February one winning number will be drawn. On Valentine's Day, (Feb. 14) and on President's Day (Feb. 20) the winning ticket will pay \$200. The final drawing on February 28 will pay \$250. The winning tickets on each of the other days in February will pay \$100. Donations are \$10 per ticket.

Other major fundraisers are the annual Golf Tournament in August and the Taste of Ballston Spa, held in the cafeteria of the Ballston Spa High School on March 27, 2006, when over a dozen local eateries provide samples from their menus.

The BSEF, a volunteer, not-for-profit corporation, has an IRS 501 (c) (3) designation and is registered with the Office of the New York State Attorney General, Bureau of Charities. The volunteer community members from the BSEF conduct all fundraising activities with no professional fundraisers retained.

Contributions to the Ballston Spa Educational Foundation may be included in estate planning. Memorial remembrances also may be made through the use of memorial cards available at each of the Ballston Spa funeral homes.

For further information about the BSEF, visit [www. BSEF.8k.com](http://www.BSEF.8k.com) or contact the BSEF at Ballston Spa Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 276, Ballston Spa, NY 12020 or by telephone at (518) 884-7195, Ext. 402.