



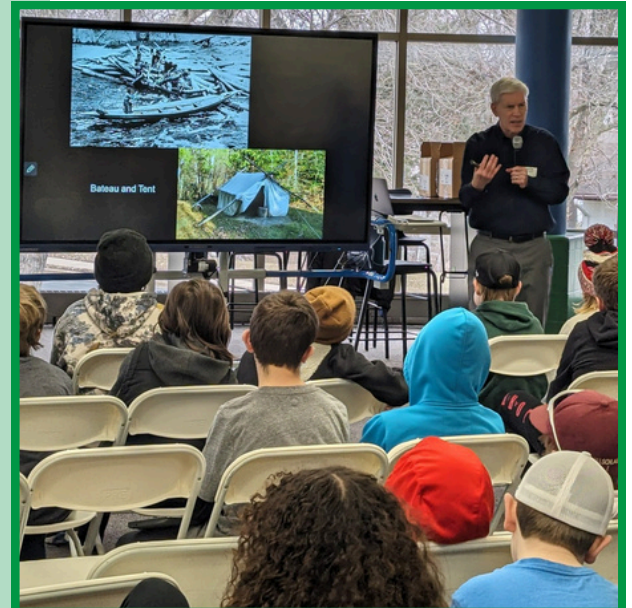
# REF News & Updates

April 2025

## Funding Highlights

In the past month, the Rockford Education Foundation proudly funded the following initiatives:

- **William Durbin Author Visit:** Funding secured for an upcoming visit by celebrated author William Durbin to engage students in discussions about writing and literature.
- **Vocal Jazz Academy:** Provided resources for RHS students to explore jazz vocal techniques and performance.
- **Brass Clarinets:** Assisted with Music Partners in funding the purchase of new brass clarinets to enhance the music program.
- **Jet Spindle Sander:** Supported hands-on learning in woodworking and technical education.
- **RHS Banners:** Supported the purchase of new IB panels to enhance educational displays and resources.
- **Stainless Steel Tables & Stools for Food Science Room:** Improved facilities for the Food Science room for hands-on learning.



### Mission:

To support and enhance education, maximize students' potential, and inspire the community.

# Upcoming Events



## Catalog Fundraiser Kick-Off: April 7th-21st

Spring fundraising is here! Keep an eye on your email and child's backpack for details. Proceeds will support:

- REAMS Arts Experiences
- 4th & 5th Graders' Deep Portage Field Trip Accounts
- RMS-CES Environmental Experiences
- RHS DECA Activities Account

More Details: [www.rockfordfoundation.org/events/catalog](http://www.rockfordfoundation.org/events/catalog)

**Order Deadline:**  
April 21st

**Delivery Date:**  
May 21st

## Family Fun Bingo Night - Friday, April 11th

Looking for a fun family night out? Join us for a **FREE** evening of bingo, prizes, and community fun!

**Location:** REAMS Gymnasium - Door 35

**Doors Open:** 6:00 PM | **Bingo Begins:** 6:30 PM



Registration Required: [Sign up here!](#)

## Other Important Dates:

### ★ May 7th - Staff Appreciation Luncheon

In honor of **Teacher Appreciation Week**, REF will be hosting a **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** to thank our dedicated Rockford educators and staff who make a difference every day. We will be seeking **monetary donations, desserts, beverages, and volunteers** to help make this event extra special! Stay tuned for more details on how you can contribute!

### ★ May 1st - Spring Gratitude Gifts

Celebrate spring and wrap up the school year with a **Gratitude Gift** for our incredible Rockford staff! Your donation will **directly support REF's Mini-Grant Program**, funding creative and impactful projects for students. For the **2024-2025** school year, we have awarded 20+ mini-grants totaling over \$8,000 to enhance student learning.

**Donation Options:** \$10, \$20, or \$50 and each donation includes a gift card for the recipient.

## Get Involved - We Need Volunteers!

As REF expands its community events and fundraisers, we need volunteers to help bring these opportunities to life! **Sign up to volunteer:** [www.rockfordfoundation.org/get-involved/](http://www.rockfordfoundation.org/get-involved/)

