

## December Newsletter

The Allendale Foundation for Educational Excellence ("AFEE") is the fundraising organization dedicated to raising money to support educational experiences at Hillside and Brookside schools.



AFEE funded a wireless headset & speakers for Brookside PE classes

### '23-'24 Key Initiatives

- Brookside Enhancements
- Author Visits
- STEM Programs
- Theater Week

### Grant Progress

AFEE is proud to fund mini grants (\$500 or less) to enrich the educational experience of our students. Since September, AFEE has funded **10** mini grants.

## Save The Date

- **March 15th:** Annual Auction at Edgewood Country Club in Rivervale
  - *Tickets Go On Sale January 10th!*
- **April 29th - May 3rd:** 2nd & 3rd Grade Theater Week

## Brookside Construction



AFEE proceeds contributed to a portion of the Brookside enhancements.

- **Indoor Cafeteria:** Completed at the end of November and opened at the beginning of December. Students can now enjoy the space they helped design.
- **Outdoor Cafeteria:** In progress
- **E-Sports Lounge:** In progress



# AFEE In Action

## Community Night Out

Thank you for joining us at Allendale Bar & Grill on October 23rd and 24th. We raised nearly **\$3K** from a portion of the proceeds from your dine-in and take-out orders!

## Burger Of The Week Contest Winner

Congratulations to 1st grader, **Ilya Gonzalez**, for coming up with the "Fall Touchdown" burger. Her mouthwatering creation was featured on the AB&G menu for a week.

## Author Visit

4th graders worked with Gordon Korman on their writing skills and learned about his process – from researching and brainstorming, to developing characters, rewriting and revisions.

## Sensory Tables

Kindergarteners used their five senses to interact with various materials at the new exploration stations. Sensory tables allow children to build fine motor, cognitive, language, social/emotional and calming skills.

## High Touch High Tech

2nd graders conducted hands-on experiments to discover the causes and changes in states of matter and the properties of solids, liquids and gases.

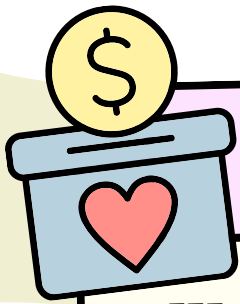
## Mystery Games

3rd graders used problem solving and critical thinking to play mystery games as an extension of their Mystery Genre Study in reading.



...for winning two tickets to the Annual Auction by participating in the donation raffle





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