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Barn Bash 2019



Join us on Saturday, **November 9th** for the fourth annual Barn Bash! ZEF's largest fundraiser of the year will be held at the Golf Club of Indiana.

Sponsorships

Barn Bash sponsorships are a great way to show the community your business supports our schools, teachers, and students. Click [here](#) for more information about ZEF sponsorship opportunities or contact Julie Bradley at

ZEF Indiana Ambassadors of Music Scholarships

Nonprofits have a front row seat to people's desire to help others through the generosity of their time, talent, and/or treasure. Whether it is the committee that produces a fun, successful Barn Bash, our volunteer Board members that spend countless hours to ensure organizational strength, staff dedicated to furthering the mission on a daily basis, or our donors' contributions that make it all possible, ZEF is honored to have the support and commitment of our community.

This spring, ZEF had the opportunity to provide scholarships to six ZCS students to attend the 2020 Indiana Ambassadors of Music 2020 European Concert Tour. This amazing opportunity exists due to the generosity of ZEF donors that have a passion for music, unique educational experiences, philanthropy, and kids.

Congratulations to **Griffin Burke, Harrison Hawkins Wilding, Aubrey Heslin, Sterling Powell, Sophie Quick, Samuel Seyer** and **Wesley Turnbull** on your ZEF Indiana Ambassadors of Music Scholarship award! We can't wait to hear about your experience next June.

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Thank you to Barnes & Thornburg for leading the way by signing on as the 2019 Barn Bash Presenting Sponsor!



Tickets

Tickets will go on sale Monday, July 29. VIP tickets are \$125 per person and include a VIP reception, dinner, and open bar. General admission tickets are \$75 before 10/25 (\$85 after) and include dinner and cash bar.

You won't want to miss this exciting evening with friends, dancing to the sounds of *Big Rosco* and *The Hammers*, an auction, the chance to bid on trips of a lifetime, a wine and gift card pull, and more!



Save the Date: State of the Schools Address

ZEF Grants in Action: *Exploring the Stories of Readers, Writers, and Historians*



Zionsville Middle School (ZMS) Media Specialist Kelsey Buckley and Humanities Teacher Emily Wleklinski were awarded a 2018 Spring Classroom Grant, *Exploring the Stories of Readers, Writers, and Historians*. This grant provided 1,200+ ZMS students the opportunity to hear from *The New York Times* bestselling author Alan Gratz.

Mr. Gratz talked with students in a *Choose Your Own Adventure* style presentation, answered questions, signed copies of his book, and visited with an after-school book club.

ZMS students read books by Alan Gratz in preparation for his visit and in conjunction with current curriculum. Major historical events are told from the perspective of an adolescent in many of his works. These books spark great discussions about human connection and varying perspectives in some of history's major events. Students learned about his writing process and the vast amount of research that goes into each of his historical fiction novels.



The third annual State of the Schools hosted by the Zionsville Chamber of Commerce and ZEF will take place at 8:00am on Tuesday, **September 17** at the Zionsville Town Hall.

Zionsville Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Scott Robison will update attendees on the current issues facing our schools.



Donors Choose Matching Funds



Did you know that ZEF offers matching funds for Zionsville teachers' Donors Choose projects? Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Boone County (CFBC), teachers can apply for up to \$250 of matching funds for their project. Learn more by clicking [here](#)!

Amazon Smile

You've connected your personal Amazon account with Amazon Smile to benefit ZEF, but what about your business account?

ZEF Announces 2019-2020 Grant Deadlines

Calling all ZCS teachers, administrators, and staff! ZEF Grant Deadlines for the 2019-2020 school year are set and we are ready to fund your great ideas! Please note that the deadlines for 2020 Imagine Professional Development Grants and Spring Classroom Grants have been combined into one easy to remember date: 2/20/2020!

Classroom Grants fund innovative projects that promote educational excellence in our schools. Imagine Professional Development Grants are for professional growth and renewal opportunities. As you plan your school year, ZEF grants are a great way to try that project you've always wanted to or increase your knowledge through training.

Applications and guidelines can be found on the [ZEF website](#) under the "How We Do It" tab. Questions? Don't hesitate to contact Lyle Browne at lbrowne@zcs.k12.in.us or 317.733.4805.

2019-2020 ZEF GRANT DEADLINES

Fall Classroom Grants

Monday, September 16

Imagine Professional Development Grants

Wednesday, February 20, 2020

Spring Classroom Grants

Wednesday, February 20, 2020

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