

Cov. schools receive gift from CPEF

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COVENTRY — The Coventry Public Education Foundation (CPEF) recently gave out teachers aids to the elementary schools in Coventry.

Audrey Levy-Lachance, the co-president of the Tiogue Elementary School PTA and secretary of the CPEF, explained that a teachers aid is constructed by placing two pieces of PVP piping together to form a telephone.

She said that when the child talks into the pipe it amplifies their voice which makes it easier to hear themselves speak.

Lachance said with younger children, it'll help them learn how to pronounce their words better.

She said that this "helpful tool" has been on the market for a number of years but that a local business man had donated 1,000 of them to the CPEF a few weeks back.

She said in turn, they wrote a letter to the principals of all five elementary schools with a grant application saying that they had received this donation.

She said they reached out to the kindergarten, first and second grade teachers and explained that if anybody would like a Teachers aid in their classrooms to fill out the grant.

She said that every school returned their applications.

Lachance explained that the CPEF tries to provide teachers with items that will help supplement and boost their curriculum.

"The big push in the schools today is the different learning techniques that students have," she said.

She said that teachers are looking for different ways to teach their students and that the CPEF advises them to write letters explaining what they need.

In response, the CPEF will help to provide these items to the classrooms.

Lachance said that the foundation has also provided other helpful items to schools, like the high school.

She said the foundation donated \$25,000 worth of basketball equipment, including six rims, a rebounding machine and a basketball conditioning machine.

She explained that there was a big basketball shoot out held at the high school where they presented the new equipment.

Along with the shoot out, she said they held a raffle to give away tickets to the Celtics games.

She said that some tickets were already given away but that they would like to hold another fundraiser for the last pair, hopefully on Dec. 1.

She said that the CPEF looks to get the community involved in helping out their schools.

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