

Ode to Arlington Education Foundation

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Twas a lovely day in the Spring of Ot '12
When Tim came down the 8th grade hall
At first I thought Oh gosh "Am I fired"?
Think, Packer, Think, what could have transpired.
For there are times that I must admit,
I roam from curriculum just a wee bit
Then Lauren Jordhal came in, a camera she had
I was confused- but she seemed quite glad
She said, "Come on kids give Ms. Packer pause
She's won an award, and gets a round of applause
The grimace I gave when handed my plaque
Was me looking like I'd been given a thwack
When the words did sink in I grew amazed and surprised
One of AEF's teachers of the Year- Oh, my...It was I!
The families of Arlington donations they gave
In my name for grants that surely do save
All the teachers' some time and many of their funds
Which we use for learning and skills and some fun
AEF is amazing -the whole Motely Crew
They deserve the thanks for all that they do
Tech help, smart boards, document projectors for sure.
Primary Source, Facing History and oh so very much more.
Lemonade stands and yard sales and internet searches galore.
They hunt for grant treasure that will help us endure.
I'm sure you may think you go unobserved
But I'm here today to say that that is absurd
All the work that you do to keep us in reach
of our goals and our needs and all necessities
Fund this, save that, all you do is help out
Teachers, students, all the town -give a shout
To the members of the AEF crowd
Know that we are all very proud

To acknowledge your talents, your work, and your drive
For all that you give us we are here to provide
A hearty call out, a shout out, a WooHoo to you.
Raise a glass to our hosts, A great Thank you –
Adieu