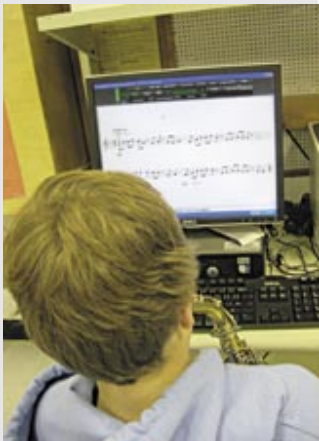


# Smart Music Program fuses fun and learning

The Harrison Educational Foundation (HEF) encourages excellence in education by generating and distributing private funds for curriculum enrichment programs to benefit the students of the Harrison Central School District.

One of the most recent grants that was distributed to the Harrison school district was the Smart Music Program. Smart Music is an award-winning Internet based program that encourages students of all levels to transform their practice sessions into a fun learning experience. Students can practice and playback their lessons solo, with piano accompaniment or with the full band. Smart Music listens as you play and gives you constant feedback. It can even tell you the position of your hands for a note you might have missed. Karen Froehlich a teacher at LMK and advocate of Smart Music is convinced that this program has encouraged the students to practice longer and smarter. She has seen her students improve tremendously and they are excited to take the next step in their growth as musicians. The Smart Music grant was given to 7th and 8th graders.



In 2010 the Harrison Central School District and the Harrison Educational Foundation are teaming up to bring significant additions and improvements to science programs in Harrison schools. The HEF Black Box Planetarium Theater will re-open its doors this spring with brand new state-of-the-art optical/digital technology. This represents the first of several major HEF grants aimed at Harrison science programs in the coming year.

For further information on the Harrison Educational Foundation and other grants, please visit their website [www.harrisoned.org](http://www.harrisoned.org).