

Slowly we are getting back to normal...

Steadily we are planning for the future...

Now we are ready to reach forward...

Greetings!

Our annual fundraising Gala takes place this week through June 5. Once again it is online due to pandemic precautions. Next year it will be in person!

I invite you to view videos here on our website or on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SWSFoundation.org> to see videos about student projects, teacher reports, a special song by Tom walker, and messages that will inform and inspire.

We are ready to reach forward this coming September to fund innovative teacher-requested classroom grants that enhance student education. We are ready to reach forward – *with your help*.

More than \$23,000 was raised during last year's online Gala, down \$10,000 from the previous year's in-person Gala, but enough to make classroom grants and special disbursements that allowed school principals to rapidly respond to the needs of online learning.

We are grateful for your past support, and hope you will continue to be a champion of igniting a love of learning. Donations can be made by clicking on the [PayPal Donate Button](#).

Videos during the five-night Gala include a report on online reading by first-grade teacher Michelle Zisette, a message from SWES Principal Susie Richards, a raingarden project report by second-grade teacher Debra Davies Vogel, an update by library media specialist Val Brown, a song by Tom Walker, plus intros by South Whidbey's Conductor of Fun, Jim Freeman, who has emceed our Gala for many years.

We are most grateful to generous donors like you who help ignite a love of learning in young minds. *Your donation makes a difference!*


Shelly Ackerman
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