



South Whidbey Schools Foundation 2021/22 Annual Update

Building relationships between our community and schools to invest in learning experiences that inspire students in our ever-changing world.

2021/22 Classroom Grants

The Foundation funded 19 classroom projects and principal discretionary funds for a total of \$54,920.

S.W. Elementary School:

- Mr. Good: Crazy, Fun Energy Science
- Field Investigation Stools
- Sensory Supports Learning for All
- Supporting Children Experiencing Trauma
- Social Emotional Classroom
- Salmon in the Classroom
- Handwork Through the Grades
- One-Day Sailing Expeditions
- Forest Playground for K-1
- Food Forest

South Whidbey Middle School:

- Supplies for Art Enrichment
- 7th/8th Grade Classroom Calculators
- Farm Caterpillar Tunnel

Alternate Learning Experience:

- Designing & Building a Pocket Park

South Whidbey High School:

- Garden Shed Build
- Operation Cardio
- Cell Phone Tripods & Microphones
- High School Farm Caterpillar Tunnel

All Schools:

- Principals Discretionary Fund
- Plaque to Honor Rene Neff

Grants provide hands-on learning opportunities for SW students

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

-- Benjamin Franklin

The above maxim describes a common theme integral to most of the grants made by the South Whidbey Schools Foundation for school year 2021/22.



High school students in Don Wills' Shop Foundations class (right) designed and constructed an 8' x 12' garden shed, which when auctioned online, brought in \$6,150 to pay for this year's project materials.

Leonard Good taught fifth-graders the ways that energy is generated, stored and released. They later constructed and flew balsa wood planes to demonstrate kinetic energy and energy transfer, as well as the mechanics of lift and thrust.

At the South Whidbey Community Center, Alternate Learning Experience (A.L.E.) students restored salmon habitat by clearing large areas of brush and planting back with small native shrubs.

They also created a 'pocket park' in the



Center's courtyard area by decorating and installing food waste composting receptacles, planting a flower garden at the front of the auditorium, and constructing a wooden cover for the generator.

Third and fifth grade students observed salmon eggs transform first into fry and then into fingerlings in their school aquarium before releasing them into Maxwellton Creek.

At the South Whidbey Middle/High School farm, students constructed a hoop house thanks to a grant from the Foundation.

We invite you to read about a few of the funded grants that your donations made possible.



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Middle and High School Farm Hoop House Produces Hands-On Learning



►A caterpillar tunnel hoop house was put together by South Whidbey High School and Middle School students in the Agriculture program thanks to a grant from the Schools Foundation. The produce was used by the school cafeteria, and surplus was for sale to the public at the vegetable stand operated by the students in front of the high school. The stand was also a project funded by the Foundation the previous year.

A.L.E. Students Design and Build a Pocket Park plus Restore Salmon Habitat



►Alternative Learning Experience (A.L.E.) students designed and worked hard to create a pocket park at the South Whidbey Community Center.

They also helped to restore salmon habitat by clearing brush by the creek in the back of the property.

Additionally, the students created and decorated food composting receptacles in the courtyard area, and planted native plants in front of the auditorium.



Elementary School Forest Playground Refurbishment



►Last spring, SWES received a Foundation grant to update their forest playground to create an outdoor space that was developmentally appropriate for kindergarten and first grade students.

This has become a joyful outdoor classroom; part of SWES Farm, Forest and Sea learning goals.



Salmon In the Classroom Project Teaches About Our Puget Sound Habitat

► The annual salmon release is always a favorite. South Whidbey third- and fifth-graders raised salmon from eggs to fingerlings in the school aquarium, and then released them into Maxwellton Creek at the Rene

Neff Outdoor Classroom. Students learned all about the life-cycle of salmon as well as how pollution, climate change, and other stressors can affect their survival.



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K-6 Food Forest Project

► The South Whidbey School Farm and the First Grade class teachers worked with first grade students to design and grow a Food Forest.

In this forest students experienced the Forest in a new way-- as a food source. They planted trees, shrubs and understory plants for a future of harvesting nuts and fruits. This method augments the curriculum already in place on the school farm. Currently crops are grown in an annual-based system where the food plant is planted once a year and then removed during or after the harvest.

In a food forest, the plants remain after the harvest and the relationships between the plants becomes a significant feature of the system. This project gives children the opportunity to participate in both types of systems.



Middle School Art Enrichment Supplies

► When our on-campus classes resumed after the pandemic, Middle School teacher Susan Milan applied for a grant for supplies for 60 students enrolled in an art enrichment class. She saw many benefits from students able to express

themselves through art after a time of great challenge.

"Thank you to all the generous donors in our community supporting our students through these classroom grants.

"It really shows what a caring and supportive community South Whidbey is," Milan said.

Mr. Good's Crazy, Fun Energy Science

Students love Mr. Leonard Good's crazy, fun science classes. In fact, the girls pictured at right are considering careers in science because of the hands-on classroom science experiments he conducted.



As Leonard and his wife, Linda (a much beloved music teacher), move off island, we wish them well. Thank you both, for all your years of teaching!



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When you purchase *Hometown Heroes, Vol. 2*, students benefit from classroom grants

Learn what makes South Whidbey such a special place in this beautiful, full-color, 283-page book featuring South Whidbey's Hometown Heroes, lovingly written about over the years by Susan Knickerbocker for the South Whidbey Record.

Thanks to the generosity of Susan, the South Whidbey Schools Foundation is one

of three recipients from sales of the latest Hometown Heroes, Vol. II book when you purchase it through our website at www.SWSFoundation.org or at Moonraker Books in Langley or Bayview Gardens.

Financial Recap for 2021/22 School Year

In fiscal year 2021/22, South Whidbey Schools Foundation received donations totaling \$58,943, including \$13,043 from our online gala. Our general fund revenues totaled \$60,287.

In the school year 2021/22 the South Whidbey Schools Foundation disbursed \$54,920 in grants, including \$17,000 in school principals' discretionary funds.

2021/22 Grants Awarded in Academic Areas

Arts, Music, Drama	\$ 6,576
Writing, Reading & Literature	\$ 800
Science, Math & Technology	\$ 7,074
History, Humanities, etc.....	\$ 5,200
Social Emotional Learning/Counseling	\$ 4,879
Special Education.....	\$ 1,835
A.L.E.....	\$ 3,250
Other.....	\$ 25,306
Total	\$ 54,920

SWSF Balances (All Funds)

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022:

Beginning Fund Balance:	\$ 83,990
Ending Fund Balance:	\$ 101,395

(See below for sub-totals)

General & Endowment Accounts:	\$ 69,110
Extra Mile/Mentorship Awards Fund:	\$ 2,027
Designated Funds Total:	\$ 30,258

Designated Funds

Donations/disbursements through Designated Funds supported the following school-related programs this last school year:

SWES Library Fund
Art From the Heart
Growing our Potential (K-6)
Hometown Heroes
Lagerstrom Family Donation
Make-A-Wish
Discover Aptitudes Scholarship
School Farms Program
SWHS Drama Club
SWHS Soccer Programs
UBG&CC Members Scholarship Fund
Whidbey Youth Support (WYSE)
ALE Program

Dear Foundation Supporters,

As we continue to recover from the ramifications of the COVID pandemic, we are thankful to community members for donations which funded 19 grant requests in school year 2021/2022 ...all due to your generous support.

I would like to tell you about one of these donations in the form of a \$20,000 legacy gift made by Gene White. I have fond memories of Gene. She was a remarkable woman who rose from a school food services director to become a global leader in school nutrition.

Gene advised countries around the globe and worked with U.S. AID and the United Nations to improve students' health through school meal programs. She co-founded the Global Child Nutrition Foundation which hosts an annual world forum on school food programs attended by representatives of 650 countries. Its annual lifetime achievement award is named after Gene.



Locally, Gene served for many years on the Good Cheer Food Bank Board. She cared deeply about schools and quality nutrition for children. We have begun distributing funds this year, ensuring her bequest is utilized in the best way possible to honor her passion via this very generous gift.

Legacy gifts enable us to expand our vision of enhancing education for students in our community public schools. They are a great way to make a final statement of what mattered to you in life. You may even earmark what areas you would like your legacy gift to support. Our nonprofit EIN# is listed at the bottom and will be helpful when writing or adding to your estate plan.

Of course, one need not only support the Schools Foundation via a legacy bequest. Once again last year we were unable to hold our gala in person, and though we appreciate the donors who supported our online video gala, our level of event giving was down by more than \$10,000 from in-person galas. Also, we were not able to do our Dine Out restaurant program.

All this to say that we would appreciate any donation either made in the attached remit envelope or via our website.

I close with some good news... we will be having an in-person gala this year. It will be held at Seabiscuit Bakery near the Airpark in Langley, inside and outside on their lovely garden patio. Please purchase tickets and plan to join us on Saturday, April 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. for a magical evening.

With sincere gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelly".

Shelly Ackerman, President
South Whidbey Schools Foundation



EIN# 91-1683607

With gratitude for Jean Shaw and Jim Freeman

Jean Shaw, South Whidbey Schools Foundation's biggest cheerleader and community liaison, passed in December of 2021. She was one of the founders of the Foundation and worked tirelessly over decades to accomplish its goals.

Then, last July we lost our community's *Conductor of Fun* who served for many years as emcee and auctioneer of the Foundation gala.

The promo videos he did with Jean Shaw and Sue Frause are available for viewing on our website in tribute to Jean and Jim.

A bench and plaque were donated to South Whidbey High School in honor of Jean last Spring.

This June a memorial for Jim Freeman is being planned by his family. We will post details on our Facebook page as they become available.



Board member Jean Shaw and Jim Freeman did many Gala promo videos over the years.



Jim Freeman emceed and served as auctioneer at many Foundation galas. His signature saying on the Foundation promo videos was "Do it for the kids!"

Welcoming Four New Board Members to the Foundation

With deep gratitude, the SW Schools Foundation recognizes Susan Milan, Debra McMenamy, and Melanie Shafaat for their years of service on the Board.

Four new Board members have joined us this school year.

They are: **Meredith Macharia**, a public health nurse for a K-12 school district; **Derek Hoshiko**, a community organizer for *For the People*; **Cindy Rupp**, a retired career specialist for Shoreline School District; and **Anna Lester**, parent of two children in the School District.



Meredith Macharia



Derek Hoshiko



Cindy Rupp



Anna Lester

Purchase tickets now for our April 15 "Changing It Up" Gala at Seabiscuit Bakery, formerly the Mukilteo Cafe.

Thank You to Our 2021/2022 Donors...

Your contributions help ignite the love of learning for South Whidbey students!

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April 15 SWSF Gala Fundraiser:

South Whidbey Schools Foundation Gala

April 15, 2023 • 5-7 p.m.
Seabiscuit Bakery / Langley

*Raising funds to ignite the love of learning
by providing classroom grants.*

Fun
Evening.
Great
Cause!

After three years of online galas we're changing things up as we reconnect.

Picture a fabulous evening soiree... with friends gathered around fire pits on the patio listening to the South Whidbey High School jazz band combo, or inside a lovely wooden structure where a bountiful selection of delicious hors-d'oeuvres are spread throughout.

Seabiscuit Bakery (formerly Mukilteo Café) has fast become a favorite Island destination, with accolades for their delicious food.

At the Gala, choose from a variety of hors-d'oeuvres such as salmon sliders; BBQ pulled-pork sliders; endive leaves with feta, pomegranate, balsamic and persimmon; Goegeres puffs; a bountiful charcuterie and cheese board; crudités; assorted crostini and spreads; seasonal fruits; beer, wine, hard apple cider and alcohol-free drinks; plus yummy desserts.

Sit indoors or outside around tabletop fire pits. View videos of grants funded

last year... talk with educators and principals... and meet the new school volunteer coordinator, whose position is funded in part by the Foundation.

At the end of the evening, you'll be able to 'raise your paddle' to support your educational areas of interest, plus bid on a student-built garden shed, a Nuevo Puerto Vallarta condo stay, or assorted red wines. Leigh Hatton is our auctioneer this year.

Tickets are limited to 100 people, so purchase your's online now at www.SWSFoundation.org and come prepared for a good time supporting a good cause.

And, *Do It For The Kids!*

Join us...

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Seabiscuit Bakery**

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