



the Foundation *Flyer*



In Jim's Words

Lynn and I welcome the opportunity to address all of you who have supported us over the years. I just wish we could sit down and thank you in person for what you've done for our students and community.

Rumors have it that Lynn and I have stepped down from the Mudd Nick Foundation board and no longer are active in day-to-day operations. Nothing could be further from the truth, as our passions burn brighter than ever. Two years ago, the board directors elected Monica Isbell as president of the board, and she has taken us to heights we never imagined possible. Our board should make you proud. Every one of them are careful stewards of your donations. Lynn and I of-



Jim Mudd, Mudd Nick Foundation Founder and Board Member

ten ask ourselves how lucky can we be to have recruited such dedicated people.

Five years ago, the board members challenged each other to develop better support within the North Coast community. I can tell you that challenge has been met. You only need to work an hour at the Mudd Dog Stand with Lynn and me to see the large donations that pour in from local folks and visitors who are inspired by our mission as communicated in our newsletter that is displayed on tables. The Mudd Nick Foundation is alive in this community.

Because of your generosity, we have been able to expand the programs we fund for District 56 schools and other youth organizations. Our board meets with school officials and challenges them to "think out of the box" to develop learning ex-

periences that are unique and impactful for students. From sports, to college and career planning, to life-changing experiences for children with special needs, we are doing things today that ten years would not have been on the table.

Some have questioned us about what donations are generated by our Mudd Dog Stand. I'd like to clarify that all tips go to the Mudd Nick Foundation. Those tips are typically \$1 at a time. Large donations - \$500 and above - come into our stand in the form of checks, and are not considered tips. We solicit such donations by effectively telling the Mudd Nick Foundation's story. This summer, we expect to generate tips and donations of approximately \$8,000. People also ask how long Lynn and I will operate the stand. The answer is - till we die! Bringing in donations through this mechanism is very important to us.

It all gets down to this. The Foundation is driven by you, our supporters. Our mission clearly resonates with you. You believe in our work and trust us to deliver life-enhancing learning experience to every school aged child in North Tillamook County. I wish you could accompany students as they are engaged in the various learning experiences to witness the value your donations create.

This is the truth - when wonderful people with a shared passion get together, anything is possible. On behalf of Lynn, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your philanthropy.

—Jim Mudd, Mudd Nick Foundation Founder and Board Member

A Message from District 56 Superintendent

The Mudd Nick Foundation is the most active community partner of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District. Collaboration and trust are at the center of our relationship. Neah-Kah-Nie School District and the Mudd Nick Foundation work relentlessly to enhance the lives of children on the North Oregon Coast. The purpose of the Mudd Nick Foundation is to "Provide learning experiences that stimulate children to aspire to their greatest potential and to pursue their dreams." The mission of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District is to "Prepare students to become productive and responsible citizens for an ever-changing world through diverse educational opportunities in partnership with the community." The Mudd Nick Foundation and the Neah-Kah-Nie School District have similar goals.

As the Neah-Kah-Nie School District Superintendent, and as a member of the Mudd Nick Foundation Advisory Council, I gauge the success of the efforts of the Mudd Nick Foundation by asking children how they are impacted by Mudd Nick Foundation learning experiences. I also seek input from school staff and work with the Foundation to determine the most efficient use of the Foundation's resources.

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Accolades for Jim Mudd

On September 22, 2017, Jim Mudd, a graduate of North Salem High School Class of 1959, will be inducted into North Salem High School's Hall of Fame and receive the Distinguished Lifetime Award. Jim readily admits there was nothing remarkable about his high school days that would have even hinted at him receiving such recognition in the future. He explains that it was the marriage to his wife,

Lynn, that changed everything and prompted him to open his heart and devote his energies to do good work in the community. Testimonials from a range of people (two included here) were submitted to support Jim's nomination.

—Monica Isbell, Mudd Nick Foundation Board President

North Salem High Distinguished Lifetime Award Nomination of Jim Mudd, Class of 1959

Jim Mudd was a very charismatic, above average student at North. He graduated from Oregon State in 1964 and married his college sweetheart, Lynn Newberg, that same year. By the time health reasons forced an early retirement in 1996, Jim had become the West Coast Manager for the Bridgestone-Firestone Company. "Lynn raised 3 kids while I traveled," Jim would say. Lynn's roots were in Manzanita, Oregon, where her parents had lived since 1966. That very connection became a stroke of fortune for the children of Manzanita, the Neah-Kah-Nie School District, and Northern Tillamook County. Jim and Lynn spent a lot of time in Manzanita and by the time they moved there in 2003, a late-in-life commitment towards "giving back" to his community had morphed into an incredible lifetime achievement of community service. What follows is his story.

In 1990, Jim and his friend Doug Nicholson decided to start an affordable, fun-filled golf tournament in Manzanita. For the first three years, the tournament was an enjoyable get together for a number of Jim and Doug's friends. In 1993, Jim, his wife Lynn, and Doug, saw an opportunity to make the gathering more than just a golf tournament. Tillamook County has some of the poorest residents in the state and they decided to do something to help "broaden the horizons" of children with opportunities many were sorely missing. Many knew very little about life outside the Oregon Coast.

What Guides the Mudd Nick Foundation

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Mudd Nick Foundation is to provide learning experiences that stimulate children to aspire to their greatest potential and to pursue their dreams.

MISSION: Our mission is to broaden the horizons of all children in North Tillamook County through programs in collaboration with our community partners.

EXTERNAL VISION: Our vision is that the children in our community become life-long stellar citizens who expand their life experiences, minds and curiosities; accept responsibility for their actions; treat themselves and others with respect; maintain high personal integrity; exhibit socially-accepted behavior; and have fun.

Jim, Lynn and Doug's idea was to help open the eyes of these young people by offering and funding experiences that were remarkable adventures unrelated to school activities. The Neah-Kah-Nie School District, not surprisingly, supported this unique idea and was an early advocate of what these three people had in mind. So, in 1993, that fun-filled golf tournament became the Mudd Nick Golf and Charity Tournament. It raised money by selling tickets for a competitive golf weekend, including dinner, an auction, and prizes. It became so successful that in 2005, the Mudd Nick Foundation was established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity. A board of nine directors was selected. The board's main job was and is to oversee the charity's operations, raise funds, and distribute money to applicants who petitioned to provide various types of learning experiences for children. The officials of Manzanita couldn't believe their luck in finding out there were local adults interested in expanding the minds of their children and had, through the Mudd Nick Foundation, the financial means to make dreams come true.

The Foundation's motto is "Changing Children's Lives Today and Tomorrow." Each year, many opportunities funded by the Foundation have opened the eyes of children who might never have experienced these activities. Over the years the Mudd Nick Foundation has received more than \$1,000,000 in contributions and has touched the lives of hundreds of young people, many of whom have never been far from home and know very little about what the rest of the world had to offer. As a result of the tireless planning and fundraising of the Mudd Nick Foundation's board and volunteers, children in one of the poorest counties in Oregon have been able to experience what they may never have seen.

Jim Mudd never aspired to be a hero, but through his hard work and generosity has become a Manzanita icon. Few individuals achieve in a lifetime what Jim has. The number of young men and women of North Tillamook County touched by the Mudd Nick Foundation continues to grow because of the generosity of people like Jim Mudd. North Salem High School could do no better than to honor this distinguished graduate.

—Mike Youngquist, North Salem High School Class of 1959,
Mudd Nick Foundation Supporter

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North Salem Alumni Association:

Jim Mudd and the Mudd Nick Foundation have dramatically changed the lives of many Tillamook County children. From grade school through high school, my peers and I have been given opportunities that otherwise we could not have taken advantage of. Many of my fondest memories have taken place because of the Foundation's generosity and service; they truly change lives, and that is why I believe Jim Mudd should be inducted into the North Salem Hall of Fame.

As a grade schooler, I had the opportunity to watch multiple plays, musicals, and orchestras because the Mudd Nick Foundation funded our fieldtrips. In middle school, I attended the Oregon Writing Festival and PX2, a positive thinking and leadership conference in Seattle, thanks to the Mudd Nicks. These experiences have shaped me into who I am today and given me insight into the world around me. But the most life changing and fulfilling experience of my 16 years occurred this summer: I spent two months in Costa Rica with the Partners of the Americas program on the Mudd Nick's \$2,500 scholarship.

I learned so much during my stay. I learned about an entirely new culture, and I learned how to solve problems when placed in an unfamiliar situation. I improved my Spanish skills tenfold, and I improved my people skills at the same time. But most importantly, I became a stronger, more resilient and independent person. None of this would have been possible without the incredible kindness of the Mudd Nick Foundation, begun in part by a man named Jim Mudd—a most worthy inductee of the North Salem Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Alaina Holm

*North Salem High Hall of Fame Recommendation
Letter from Alaina Holm, Neah-Kah-Nie High
School Graduate and OSU Sophomore*

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All students who attend the Neah-Kah-Nie School District are fortunate to experience thirteen years of life changing learning experiences. When a student graduates from Neah-Kah-Nie High School, he/she has experienced countless Mudd Nick Foundation learning experience opportunities includ-



Paul Erlebach, Superintendent Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56

ing: field trips (Portland Zoo, Women in Trades Fair, Fort Clatsop, OMSI, Newport Aquarium, or the Career Expo); Partners of America Costa Rica Student Exchange Program; athletic teams (softball, baseball, wrestling, volleyball); Battle of the Books; Washington D.C. spring trip; Blazers game; PX2; S.H.E. Warriors; Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); Lego

Robotics; Chess Club tournament; or hundreds of other highly engaging Learning Experiences. In the last ten years, more than \$1,000,000 has been raised to support 30 to 50 annual programs. These learning experiences impact all students, regardless of ethnicity, learning ability, or economic status. Youth who live on the North Oregon Coast are so fortunate to have adults who truly place children first!

Who funds these Learning Experiences and, more importantly, why? The mission of the Mudd Nick Foundation, "Is to broaden the horizons of all children in North Tillamook County through programs in collaboration with our community partners." Donors and volunteers generously support the Mudd Nick Foundation to ensure children dream big and have the resources to reach their aspirational dreams. These adults work tirelessly to provide children access to the arts, opportunities to compete in athletic events, the chance to build self-esteem and self-reliance, and ways to give back to their communities.

Why do sponsors and volunteers go out of their way to prioritize youth who live on the North Oregon Coast with so many learning experiences? I believe the answer is simple - children can only dream if the adults who care for them are dreamers. Make a child's dream come true by supporting the Mudd Nick Foundation at: muddnickfoundation.com. Thank you.

*—Paul Erlebach, Superintendent Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56,
Mudd Nick Foundation Advisory Council Member*

8th Grade Trip to Oregon State University

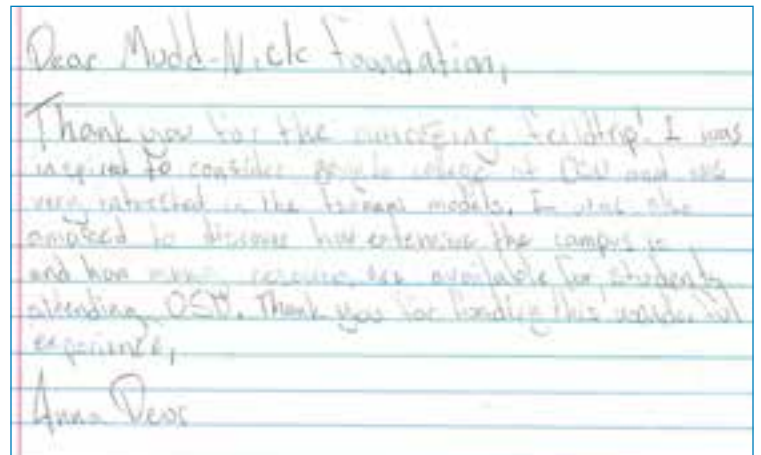


Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Students at OSU

On April 11th, the 8th grade class at Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School took their annual trip to Oregon State University (OSU) to explore the possibilities awaiting them at college. They started the day off with a question and answer session with two current OSU students, who shared the ins and outs of daily college life, the importance of time management, options for majors of study, and much more. Then, it was off to lunch in one of the busy campus dining halls filled with college students and staff, followed by a tour of campus from one of Neah-Kah-Nie High School's recent graduates and current OSU student, Alaina Holm.

The highlight of the visit was a tour of OSU's wave simulator. The students were given an assignment, with very specific parameters, to build a small scale structure to withstand a simulated tsunami wave. During the tour, their structures were put to the test. The structures were set on the 'shore' of

the wave simulator and as the waves came in, the students were able to witness whether or not their structures were strong enough to withstand a tsunami wave. It was a great



hands-on learning experience to get students excited about engineering.

—Jennifer Holm, Mudd Nick Foundation Program Coordinator

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FBLA State Competition



Neah-Kah-Nie High School's Future Business Leaders of America Club

This year the Mudd Nick Foundation continued its support for Neah-Kah-Nie High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club to compete at the state level.

In April, students who qualified spent two nights in Portland competing against schools from all over Oregon. In addition to competing, they attended workshops that focused on business and how to achieve success. Out of the 29 students competing, fifteen qualified for the National competition in Anaheim, CA.

At Nationals, the competition was tough. Neah-Kah-Nie students were competing with more than 12,000 kids from around the nation as well as students from China, Puerto Rico and Haiti. Both the state and national competition provided a wonderful platform for Neah-Kah-Nie students to

“The National FBLA conference allowed me to realize the astounding amount of people in the United States and beyond who compete to stand out among thousands and thousands of individuals. Having the opportunity to meet people from across the country who share similar interests is a unique and fortunate experience. Thank you to anyone who helped us to get there.”

—Gabe Calkins, Neah-Kah-Nie High School Student

learn and grow their knowledge in the world of business

—Jennifer Holm, Mudd Nick Foundation Program Coordinator

Join Us for the Mudd Nick Foundation Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Dinner and Auction on September 16th

Hopefully, you have received our registration form in the mail. You can participate in our primary fundraiser by either mailing in that form along with your check or by going to www.muddnickfoundation.com and clicking on Register for Annual Event, which will take you to the registration page where you can pay with your credit card. As always, expect to have a grand time.

Sponsorships are welcome, as well as items for our silent and live auctions. If you wish to donate an auction item, please phone Tim McCarty at (503) 957-6607 prior to August 15, 2016. We also are calling for volunteers to assist prior to and during the weekend. Please contact Lynn Mudd at (503) 368-5205 or Jennifer Holm at (503) 887-3080 for details about volunteer opportunities.

At the Friday evening September 15th spaghetti dinner from 5:00 to 9:00pm, you will find out the golf team assignments and tee times. You can also peruse the high quality silent auction item tables and learn about the exciting live auction items.

The Golf Tournament commences Saturday morning September 16 at 7:30am. Players can sign up to play either 9 or 18 holes. Dinner runs from 5:30 to 10:00pm.

Thank you for supporting the Mudd Nick Foundation.



2017 Mudd Nick Golf Tournament & Charity Auction

OBOB Tournament - A Nail Biter This Year

The Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) team attended the Region 1 qualifying tournament for the OBOB on Saturday March 18 at Thomas Fowler Middle School in Tigard. 42 schools participated in the tournament, with the top four teams travelling on to the State Tournament. Once again, Neah-Kah-Nie was so close we could taste it, but unfortunately a trip to State was not in the cards.

Last year we were the 16th team out of 16 teams in the Sweet 16. There were 38 schools last year, and competition was fierce. Last year in the finals we beat the 1st place team (Pilgrim Lutheran) and lost our next bout to the second place team (OES); OES went on to win the State Competition.

This year for the first time, there were two rounds of pool play, and we made a strong showing with 170/160 points available in the first four rounds, which means we earned



Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Oregon Battle of the Books Team

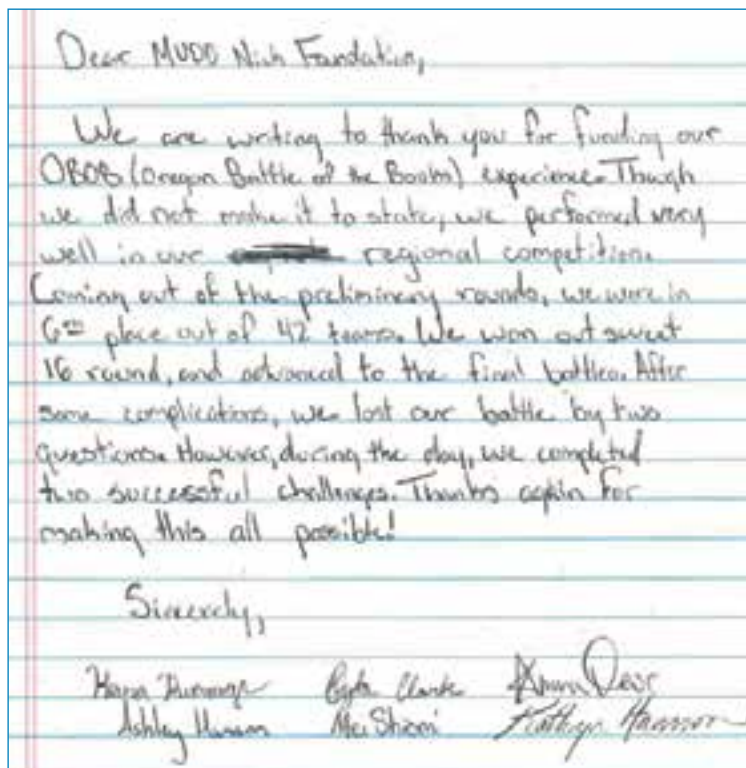
our points and stole a few from the opposition as well. After that, we went to the cafeteria to see if our performance rated us entry into the finals. We scored better than last year, so chances were good. When the rankings were released, Neah-Kah-Nie came in 6th out of 42 teams, giving us excellent placement in the finals, and a real shot at the state competition.

We won our first round in the finals against Jackson Elementary, but lost to the amazing Cedar Meadows team by 11 points in the final 8.

A few memorable takeaways:

- The single characteristic of our team that I appreciated more than any other was the community-mindedness of our team. We were the first out of our seats to shake hands and thank the other team. We consoled another team that lost the same round we did. We were respectful to all the adults around, and we shared the responsibility of carrying all the books and snacks around the middle school.

- We had an excellent showing by Ashley Hamann, our lone 6th grader on the team. She is excited to return next year and swears that we, "100% will make it to State next year."



- Spokesperson Kara Rumage excelled, leading a team that was perfection itself, the team members always had an answer in the time allowed, were disciplined and quiet when required, and their professionalism was mentioned by numerous adults throughout the day.
- We successfully challenged two questions where the answer varied from our own. I had never seen a successful challenge in competition before. Our team was given two copies of the book, and our team had to find text evidence that supported their answer in two minutes. Not only were we able to challenge successfully twice, but one judge said, "Neah-Kah-Nie's answer to this question was better than the answer on the card."

After our difficult loss, we went to Taco Bell for lunch and had a nice time processing the successes and failures of our day. Team members were very disappointed that their hard work did not result in a trip to State, but were also proud of their strong showing. They beat at least one team that is going to State, and they were every bit as prepared and capable as any of the 42 teams that attended. Mudd Nick Foundation, thanks as always for this amazing opportunity to take kids to participate in activities outside of our communities. This was a very memorable day indeed!

—Kathryn Harmon, Library Media Specialist
Neah-Kah-Nie Middle/High School

Nehalem Elementary and Garibaldi Grade School

This year, the Mudd Nick Foundation sponsored many exciting field trips and added learning experiences for the students at the elementary level. Both elementary schools were granted specific field trips for each grade level such as: OMSI, Oregon Children's Theater, Oregon Zoo, Discovery Village, Netarts Bay, and Fort Clatsop, to name a few.



Nehalem Elementary Students at Kilchis Pumpkin Patch

The Foundation also provided added support in reading for the second year in a row by funding the purchase of books to send home with students over the summer in order to avoid the summer reading slump. This encourages students to continue reading throughout the summer so they can start strong in the next school year.

—Jennifer Holm, Mudd Nick Foundation Program Coordinator

NCRD Forest to Sea Science Camp

This year's Mudd Nick sponsored Forest to Sea camp was another great learning experience. Thirty children ages 7 to 10 explored the rich coastal environment in which they live with field trips to Oswald West State Park, the Nehalem River and Fish Hatchery, and the Nehalem Bay State Park.



Children Exploring the Coast at Forest to Sea Camp

At Oswald West State Park, they hiked the ancient forest trails, walked the suspension bridge and observed and learned about the large sea lily fossils that can be seen within the sedimentary rock there. The children learned about the salmon hatchery operations from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel, hiked to Umbrella Falls, and studied the stream and riparian areas of the Nehalem River. At Nehalem Bay State Park, they walked the trail and explored dune ecology. They studied different marine organisms in the bay and learned how they utilize the estuary for feeding.

The campers were diligent in continuing to make sure they did their part for SOLV and cleaned the beaches and river banks during their hikes throughout the week.

"The Forest to Sea Camp gives children the opportunity to learn about the connections between people and the natural world. Hopefully, these lessons will stay with the students and help them develop into good stewards of our planet."

— Peter Walczak, Forest to Sea Camp Instructor



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Special Attention for Children with Special Needs

Members of the LifeSkills class from Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School were able to venture out on a few community outings as a result of a grant from the Mudd Nick Foundation. They visited Fred Meyer for a day of shopping, which included learning to identify items from a list, finding those items in the store, counting out money to purchase those items, receiving and counting change, and learning social skills necessary in a public place. Not only was the trip educational, but the day ended with a trip to Starbucks, so the students had a lot of fun too! It's often hard for these special students to practice shopping in a real store, so grants like this are not only appreciated, but a true luxury for these children.

Another community outing that the Mudd Nick Foundation sponsored for these students was a trip to the Tillamook Air Museum. Each student practiced purchasing his/her own ticket (with the help of teachers and aides) and then enjoyed an afternoon checking out all the museum has to offer. They were fascinated by the various aircraft and artifacts.



Fun at Sky High Spots in Tigard

Twenty three middle school students with various special needs traveled to Sky High Spots in Tigard, known as "the trampoline place." They spent the day participating in all sorts of new adventure activities, but trampolining was definitely their favorite! Discussions took place prior to the trip about being friendly to others, manners and attitude, and representing the Neah-Kah-Nie School District in a positive



End of the Year Bowling Trip

Earlier in the school year, they were invited by Tillamook High School to attend a Mardi Gras party. This trip tied into students' goals about recognizing survival signs, greeting others, playing games, engaging in socially appropriate conversations, and following directions. So much fun was had that afterwards, the students decided to plan a few of their own parties, which led to further social skills learning and practice. This is a great way for the children in the LifeSkills classroom to integrate with the general population, and enjoy spending time with peers of the same age.

These same students went on an end of year bowling trip. Again, they were able to practice with money, by paying for their game and shoes, and ordering and paying for their own snacks. They also enjoyed bowling, time away from the classroom, and hanging out with their friends. The students had a great time and are hoping to make this an annual event.



Using the New Smart Board

light. Many social skills were practiced, and the students had smiles on their faces all day long. The day ended with a pizza party, and a good time was had by all.

The Mudd Nick Foundation recently purchased a Smart Board for the LifeSkills classroom at Nehalem Elementary School. The board allows students to touch the screen, bringing interactive displays and lesson content to life. "The Smart Board has been an amazing addition to my classroom. Students love to use the board and engage in learning. It has made calendar time much more exciting and successful," explained teacher Brianna Moses. "The students are motivated by the technology and each student is able to interact at his/her own level."

*—Debbie Sherman, Mudd Nick Foundation Program Coordinator
for Children with Special Needs*

Another Successful GBAM Learning Experience

For the fifth summer in a row, the Mudd Nick Foundation was proud to sponsor GBAM (Great Big Art Mash). This is an art camp held at the Bay City Arts Center, specifically for children with special needs. This year's theme was "Under the Sea," and the week was spent doing various art projects, such as making underwater snow-globes; designing and building wooden boats; painting; making shark puppets, pirate ship and treasure map centerpieces, and more. The children en-



Great Big Art Mash 2017

joyed catered meals daily, and spent the afternoons learning music and dance. There is a high teacher to student ratio, and all instructors are experienced in working with children who are differently abled.

"It was the best week of my summer. I loved every minute of it," commented Kelli Roach, a three-time instructor. "I can't wait until next year!"

"Sofia has never had an experience like this, she's never been able to attend camp before," raved Leti Flores, whose daughter attended GBAM for the first time. "I can't thank the Mudd Nick Foundation enough. I hope she gets invited back next year; it's been the highlight of her summer. And the best part: The staff was so amazing, I didn't have to worry one bit!"

The week was capped off by a Friday night dinner and performance, where the children displayed their art work and then put on a show for their family, friends, and three Mudd Nick Foundation board members. There was a drumming presentation, open mike, and a choreographed dance. What a fantastic way to end a fantastic week!

GBAM would not be possible without the time and dedication put forth by Leeauna Perry, Executive Director of the Bay City Arts Center. The Mudd Nick Foundation is grateful for her efforts.

—Debbie Sherman, Mudd Nick Foundation Program Coordinator for Children with Special Needs

Experiencing Bay Ocean Spit Up Close and Personal

On June 6th, the Neah-Kah-Nie 7th grade class went on a Mudd Nick Foundation sponsored field trip to the Bay Ocean Spit. There were four stations: kayaking at Cape Meares Lake with Tillamook Kayak; a hike with Gary Albright from TCPM; water testing with Dr. Kristi Foster from TEP; and a trip to the Whiskey Creek Oyster Hatchery to learn about baby oysters and how to grow them taught by Christine Smith, President of the Friends of Netarts Bay. The weather was incredibly beautiful, hot at times, with the marine layer coming in and giving us a reprieve every so often.

Students had an amazingly memorable day. They learned about boat and water safety, and the formation of Cape Meares Lake. They learned how to paddle, balance in a boat, work with a partner, and how to turn a boat around with a paddle. They learned about how the PH of a body of water is incredibly critical for the survival of mollusks all over the world. They learned about the history of the Bay Ocean Spit and how it was developed more than 100 years ago, and why it isn't here today. They tested for dissolved oxygen and PH levels of Tillamook Bay and Netarts Bay water and recorded their numbers in waterproof notebooks that we can use for years to come. In all it was an incredibly memorable event, that was so appreciated by all. Thank you, Mudd Nick Foundation, for making this incredible field trip a reality!

— Kathryn Harmon, Library Media Specialist, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle/High School

Volunteer! It's fun! Calling Volunteers

The committees listed below assist the Board in executing the Mudd Nick Foundation's mission. We are looking for individuals interested in becoming involved. Please contact Monica Isbell, monica@muddnickfoundation.org.

Communications – engages in supporter and community outreach, creates newsletters and other materials, maintains the website, and handles media relations.

Finance – performs oversight of financial matters to ensure compliance with fiscal policies and procedures and governmental regulations.

Fundraising – develops strategies and conducts fundraising activities.

Governance – maintains the policies and procedures manual that guides the board, and recruits and trains board and advisory council members.

Learning Experiences – manages the process of reviewing applications for funding programs and events that are consistent with the Foundation's mission.

Saturday Academy for Talented and Gifted (TAG) Students

On a rainy Saturday in February, twelve of Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School's brightest participated in a hands-on learning experience with the Saturday Academy.



TAG Students Exploring Biology by Dissecting Marine Animals

The students participated in a day long biology class focusing on marine animals, the highlight being the opportunity to dissect a variety of animals including: sponges, earthworms, crayfish, squid, frog and a spiny dogfish shark. The dissection allowed the students to see firsthand the inner workings of animals.

— Jennifer Holm, Mudd Nick Foundation Program Coordinator

Dear Mudd-Nick Foundation,

I am writing to you to thank you for funding the TAG opportunity at Neahkahnie Middle school on Saturday February 25 2017. The opportunity to have a professor from Saturday Academy come in and teach us about the biology of ocean creatures, as well as how organisms get more complex as you go through the animal kingdom was wonderful! She delivered all her information very smoothly so everyone could follow. This was my first time to take a biology class, and it was a pleasure to be there. I learned that sponges are one of the simplest animals out there, and that they can drastically vary from type to type! The dissection activity was a lot of fun and gave me an insight into what was in the animals. I believe that the most complex creature we looked at was the Spiny Dogfish Shark, which also happened to be pregnant. The day was very informative and went by too quickly. Once again thank you for sponsoring us, so that we could have this opportunity. We in the District are lucky to have you supporting the community in many different ways. This is one experience that I won't soon forget!

Sincerely,

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Neah-Kah-Nie High School

Crab Derby 2017 at Kelly's Brighton Marina



Sheri Atteridge, Tim McCarty, Kelly Laviolette, Janice Laviolette, Brad Mudd, Monica Isbell & John Isbell

On June 3rd, under sunny skies, Kelly and Janice Laviolette, owners of Kelly's Brighton Marina, just south of Wheeler, held their annual crab derby. Attendees had a great time crabbing, eating fresh crab and oysters, and perusing the various vendor booths set up onsite. The Mudd Nick Foundation was the beneficiary of over \$15,000 in proceeds from raffle tickets sold during the day. The Foundation is so grateful to Kelly and Janice, recipients of *The Jim and Lynn Mudd Service to Children Award* in 2016, for their amazing generosity this year and in previous years. We thank all the purchasers of raffle tickets for supporting the Foundation's mission as well as our volunteers and raffle item donors. Amy Dunlap VanDyke spent numerous hours assembling the raffle baskets. John Isbell, Monica Isbell, Brad Mudd, Abby Mudd, and Sheri Atteridge sold raffle tickets and Tim McCarty and Sam Holm guided patrons in the parking lot. It was another great event.

— Monica Isbell, Mudd Nick Foundation Board President

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If your contact information or family status changes, you can now go to our website – www.muddnickfoundation.com – to provide your new information so we can keep our database up-to-date.



Ways to Donate

You can support the work of the Mudd Nick Foundation in the following ways:

- Mail a donation to Mudd Nick Foundation, PO Box 250, Manzanita, OR 97130
- Drop off a donation at the Manzanita Mudd Dog Stand (58 Laneda Avenue) during the summer months
- Leave cash or a check in the donation jar at the Manzanita Mudd Dog Stand
- Visit www.muddnickfoundation.com and click on the **Donate** button to contribute via PayPal
- Make a silent or oral auction donation thirty days prior to the annual auction and dinner event or become a sponsor at the event
- Direct your United Way donation specifically to the Mudd Nick Foundation
- Designate the Mudd Nick Foundation as your charity when you shop on AmazonSmile.com
- Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Mudd Nick Foundation

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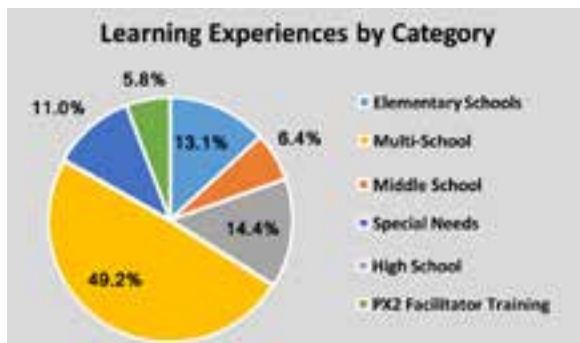
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Funding of Learning Experiences

The Mudd Nick Foundation approved \$113,000 for Learning Experiences for the 2016-2017 school year and for summer 2017. This record level of monetary commitment acknowledges the importance of providing children in North Tillamook



County with educational and life experiences beyond those offered by the Neahkahnie School District. All Learning Experiences funded are co-developed with teachers and other community youth organizations to complement the School District's curriculum. This translates into 61 Learning Experiences that will provide participants with over 2,000 opportunities for life enhancement. Included in the total is a \$4,000 grant to Neahkahnie Youth Athletics that offers competitive sports programs to children from third through eighth grade.

As noted in the following chart, 11 percent of our grants, or \$13,195, is directed to children with special needs. The Middle School's 49.2 percent includes \$26,000 for *Path to eXtreme success*® (PX2) training to all qualified 60 seventh graders who are in good standing and express interest in attending the three-day offsite training at Friends Camp in Rockaway Beach (Friday night through Sunday afternoon). The course is facilitated by The Pacific Institute, Seattle, WA.

Moreover, in spring 2017, we will fund a *Thought Patterns for High Performance*® (TPHP) and PX2 facilitator training program for interested District teachers, school administrators, and other qualified volunteers. TPHP is the adult version of PX2 that we provided last fall to several District teachers, parents of children who attended PX2 last year, and four Mudd Nick Foundation Board members. The TPHP course will enable District teachers and parents to reinforce the positive behavior patterns taught in PX2, creating a culture of common language and positive, cooperative, can-do thinking amongst children and adults in their homes and across the community. Having our own facilitators is expected to reduce our future training costs by 35 percent. This will allow us to offer PX2 for all seventh graders without having to seek special donations and provide a TPHP training course for interested District teachers, school administrators, and adults whose children attended a PX2 training.

—John Isbell, Mudd Nick Foundation Board Treasurer

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