

# NEWS

JUNE 2021

# LETTER

25 YEARS

**MUDD NICK**  
FOUNDATION



*Changing Children's Lives Today & Tomorrow*

## Mudd Nick Foundation 26th Anniversary Golf Tournament & Charity Auction

By Monica Isbell, Mudd Nick Foundation Board of Directors President

The Mudd Nick Foundation board members are excited to bring back our annual charity fundraising event in its traditional, in-person format and hope you will join us. Because we will be following the State of Oregon's COVID-19 protocols, space for the golf tournament and dinners will be limited. We encourage you register on our website ([www.muddnickfoundation.com](http://www.muddnickfoundation.com)) and book your lodgings as soon as possible. ■

**Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**SEPTEMBER 18**  
2021

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<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>
5PM • PRE-DINNER & SILENT AUCTION	5:30PM • DINNER, AWARDS & AUCTIONS		
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\* Limited number of tickets will be sold. | Covid-19 guidelines will be followed at the events.

### Guiding Principles of 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.

#### 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.

*Save the Date*

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SATURDAY | **SEPT 18**  
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*Annual Charity Event*

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Doors open at 5:30PM at North County Recreation District

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Event Artwork Designed by Wendy Bakker, Mudd Nick Foundation Board Member

# Mudd Nick Foundation Provides Needed Funding for Winter and Spring Break Meal Programs

By Renae Scalabrin, Mudd Nick Foundation Board Member

Over the Neah-Kah-Nie School District's winter and spring breaks, lunchtime meals were made available to all students through a partnership with the Nehalem Bay Methodist Church, Bay City Methodist Church, First Student and Camp Magruder. Funding to purchase the food for these programs was provided by the Mudd Nick Foundation, and a grant plus matching funds received by Camp Magruder covered the cost of its staff who prepared all the meals. Dedicated volunteers assembled to set up and fill the lunch bags, and students received a combination of sack lunches and reheatable meals. First Student delivered the meals via two bus routes to designated stops throughout District 56 during the lunchtime hour.

In total, approximately 900 meals were delivered between December 21, 2020 and January 1, 2021, and approximately 400 meals from March 22 to March 26, 2021. The Mudd Nick Foundation is grateful to board member Renae Scalabrin for coordinating this endeavor.

The winter and spring meal break programs were similar to the initiative for which the Mudd Nick Foundation provided funding from May through August of 2020. Ms. Scalabrin stated, "An underfed child cannot learn

Dear Mudd Nick Foundation,

May 18, 2020

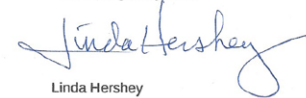
Your extremely generous gift of \$2,000 to our backpack program truly makes my heart sing. The compassion and generosity you bestow upon our students is heartwarming. When you see a need, you provide. It's clear you have generous hearts and a wealth of community spirit.

During this strangely uncertain time, we have doubled the number of students who benefit from our food assistance program. Your donation assures that we can continue to fill the bags and boxes with food for 35 Nehalem Elementary families. 100% of every donation will be spent directly on food. We have no overhead - only devoted staff and volunteers.

We will continue to take every precaution to ensure the safety of ourselves and our families in the packing and distribution of the family food boxes. The continued support from local organizations and individuals has made it possible to add a little extra to our boxes; soaps, paper products, toothbrushes & toothpaste. These items have been very appreciated.

It is my hope that some of our children will one day grow up to fill some of the shoes the Mudd Nicks walk in today. Thank you for each and every step you take to help them along that path.

With a song in my heart,



Linda Hershey  
Family Resource Coordinator

effectively. Supporting food programs for students during this challenging time resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic aligns with the Mudd Nick Foundation's mission of serving and supporting the full development of the students in School District 56." ■

## Unified Champion Schools Club a Great Success

By Carlotta Roddy, High School/Transition Life Skills Special Education Teacher

Neah-Kah-Nie started a Unified Champion Schools Club during the 2019/2020 school year. Unified Champion Schools is a program that intentionally promotes meaningful social inclusion by bringing together students with and without intellectual disabilities to create accepting



Student Building Cornhole Board

school environments. In the past two years, the group has participated in a basketball tournament, led a respect campaign, attended a virtual leadership conference, and held weekly virtual game time during distance learning.

Special Olympics of Oregon now recognizes Neah-Kah-Nie High School as a Unified Champion School and provides additional resources of support.

Neah-Kah-Nie High School Unified Champion Schools Club hosted a cornhole tournament on the afternoon of May 22, 2021. Cornhole is a very accessible game for all skill levels and provides students an opportunity to learn a game that can be played in a wide variety of social settings in their post-school life. Several students worked with Mr. Gernert to build corn hole boards and students met for six practices to learn the game together. Mudd Nick Foundation graciously funded the materials to build the boards, cornhole bags, trophies, scoreboards, and t-shirts.

Pending an ease on COVID-19 restrictions, the club hopes to extend invitations to other schools next year as well as expand activities and leadership opportunities. Providing opportunities in which students with and without developmental disabilities can come together with a common purpose fosters genuine friendships that extend beyond the club activity. ■

# PX2 Learning Experience May 10 to 20, 2021

By Sheri Atteridge, Mudd Nick Foundation Board Member

The COVID-19 pandemic has been quite the challenge for the Neah-Kah-Nie School District and Mudd Nick Foundation learning experiences, including The Pacific Institute's PX2 program, which has been a premier program funded by the Foundation for the past 11 years. Just as COVID-19 guidelines were being formulated in March 2020 by the Oregon Department of Education, it became necessary to cancel the PX2 program the very weekend it was supposed to happen at Twin Rocks Friends Camp. Following that disappointment, the school district administrators and Mudd Nick Foundation board members started exploring alternatives for the students to learn the mindset education offered in PX2. Student learning in Oregon switched to a hybrid model and PX2 needed to make the same switch. After much planning and work with the school administration, PX2 was finally delivered virtually via Zoom technology with part of the students in classroom with the teachers and peers, and the balance of the students taking the class online from their laptops at home. All 7th- and 8th-grade students learned the PX2 concepts during a daily one-hour class May 10th through May 20th. The middle school administration

felt it was successful, even though the students missed the camping experience offered by Friends Camp.

We'll see what 2021 brings to the learning environment and Friends Camp, but we are grateful that the 7th and 8th grade students were creatively accommodated with the foundational PX2 mindset educational experience. ■



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January 27, 2020

Dear MuddNicks,

On behalf of the student body of Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School, we would like to thank you for your organization's continued generosity. The Thought Patterns for High Performance workshop was an amazing, thought provoking experience that will be a positive tool to help with personal growth and success techniques not only for each staff member, but for how we communicate and teach the students as well.

In closing, I thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

Lori Dilbeck  
Middle School Principal



Dear Mudd-Nick Foundation, March 5, 2021  
Thank-you for your generous \$2,000 donation to the on-going school swim program. We are pleased to be able to continue to provide swim lessons to participating students during a time where there have been limited recreational choices! Your contribution enables all students to be recipients! Bravo to your Magnificent Organization!  
Sincerely,  
Sue Dindia-Ray (NCRD Aquatics)



Let's start off with the plays, The Naked Mole Rat and Pete the Cat the Rock Musical. Not going to lie, they were some pretty funny plays. Mudd Nick Foundation funded those field trips. Next I'm going to talk about the microscopes that we recently received. We have been using them for science. So far we have looked at seeds, flowers, dirt, leaves, bugs and even a starfish! These microscopes zoom in at 120x!

We've also been to the Gilbert House because of the Mudd Nick Foundation. We got to play on this huge playground, do lots of fun crafts and there was a learning station too. Thanks to Mudd Nick Foundation we have 3 virtual OMSI trips booked, OMSI stands for Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland

During this tough time with COVID-19 we got Mudd Nick Foundation masks (thank you). Well I wasn't here for the Zoo program but it sounded really fun. Mudd Nick Foundation funded all of these things for our school and I think that's really cool. I am grateful for the things that the Foundation has provided for us."

—Jadyn Huff, Garibaldi Grade School Student

# Zoo Week - Animal Habitats, Adaptations and Traits

By Melinda Ramage and Susan Shepard, Garibaldi Grade School Kindergarten/1st Grade Teachers

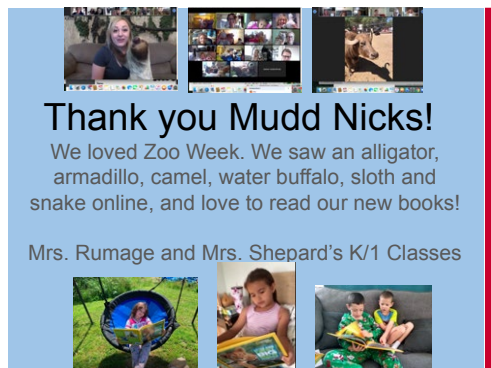
**M**s. Shepard and I wanted to thank you for sponsoring our kindergarten/first grade zoo week, which was amazing. Our goal was to provide 34 students with hands-on, enriching opportunities to make our learning come alive, and give them experiences in the greater world they may not have. Since our Oregon Zoo field trip and OMSI visit were scheduled during our school closure, we modified it to a virtual zoo week in May. Students received a hardcover National Geographic book all about animals in their weekly packet, and we scheduled two live Zoom sessions where animals like an alligator, armadillo, camel, water buffalo and sloth were introduced to our class online and then students could ask questions. We also shared some free virtual zoo visits with our families. Then students selected an animal of their choice and did their weekly writing all about that animal. We published them in a video of the children reading their writing. Although it wasn't



Zookeeper and Her Animal Friend

what we had planned, it went well, and the children were very excited about the experiences.

Thank you to the Mudd Nick Foundation for letting us adapt the program to distance learning and still make it happen for our students and the siblings and parents who were right there to share as well. Although we instead learned how to be an online Zoom audience, the students were respectful and engaged. They learned a lot about different animal adaptations and how they help animals where and how they lived, and students were able to write about them after. It was a highlight for our families, and the kids still talk about it. Several even asked more than once, "we really get to keep this book?" and one student created a non-fiction section in his home library. A parent sent us a message about the nice hardcover book we were able to purchase to send home. Several children commented they have never been to the zoo, or just went one time, and although we didn't get to go physically, we are so thankful to be able to do something fun this week that you made possible. ■



Student Thank You Poster



Book Sent Home with Children

# Drum Circle

By Jo McCoy, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Counselor



Students Happily Drumming

**T**he drum circle has been a fun, community-building activity for our 6th grade students this year. Once we transitioned to a Hybrid learning environment, we have been able to offer drum circle time to 6th graders. Although this year we have only been able to implement the class with one cohort, it will be an activity in which the entire 6th grade class can participate. The drums could also be used with the upper classes as we return to a regular school session next year.

The students that have participated in the drum circles have enjoyed the activities and it has helped the group to encourage each other and gain confidence when they are able to learn a particular beat. It has been a great way to discuss communication and how to work together as a team. ■

# Senior Matinee

By Heidi Buckmaster, Neah-Kah-Nie High School Principal

**T**he Mudd Nick Foundation provided a grant that enabled the High School seniors to travel to the Coliseum Theater in Tillamook to watch *Monster Hunters*. These students gave a big thumbs up to the movie, popcorn, and a drink. We are looking forward to the Senior Golf Scramble! ■

**“** Mudd Nick Foundation has done so much for me. One of the awesome things that Mudd Nick provided is a field trip. In third grade I got to go to OMSI. Mudd Nick Foundation made all of those kids on that field trip feel happy, and we all had so much fun. Another thing that Mudd Nick let me do was the Missoula Children’s Theater camp. In theater camp you got to act and put on makeup, which made you have special effects. We also got to put on a play. None of this would have happened if we did not have the Mudd Nick Foundation. Lastly, Mudd Nick provided a cooking camp. I love cooking, so when I saw it offered, I signed up. At cooking camp we learned a lot about cooking like how to use a knife properly and how to make great dishes. On the last day we got to cook for judges. Thank You Mudd Nick Foundation.”

—Quinn Scalabrin, Nehalem Elementary School, 5th Grade Student

## In Gratitude

By Angel Honts, Nehalem Elementary 2nd and 3rd Grade Teacher

**O**ur 2/3 team enjoyed a virtual OMSI field trip on chemical changes. The kids thought the experiments were interesting and engaging even online. Thank you, Mudd Nick Foundation for giving us this opportunity. ■

## Thank You to Our Seamstress

By Lynn Mudd, Mudd Nick Foundation Co-Founder and Board Member

**D**uring the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sarah Case sewed over 100 face masks that she donated to the Mudd Nick Foundation. By selling the masks for \$5.00 each at the Mudd Dog Stand, we raised close to \$600 for the Foundation. ■

# Middle School Wellness Room

By Jo McCoy, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Counselor

**W**e have officially opened our school wellness room at the Middle School! Thanks to the Mudd Nick Foundation grant, the room now has several sensory-calming activities available for students to use. We have a massage chair, with a canopy over it to reduce visual stimulus if needed, we have several fidgets and tactile objects to reduce stress, coloring pages and colored pencils, as well as watercolor paints and a night-sky room light to create a relaxing atmosphere. A popular addition has been the iPod device and headphones to help students relax when they need a time out from the stress of the school day.



Wellness Room Massage Chair

The room has been especially helpful for a student who has had disruptive behaviors, to be able to take a series of short breaks through his day to help him moderate his behavior. The room is available to all students (and staff) to take a quiet break to help regulate their mood and behaviors. ■

**“** I like my Mudd Nick Foundation experiences because none of them were boring, they are all fun and exciting. We went to the Pioneer Museum and the Maritime Museum. It was so cool to see some history of things. We also saw things we had never seen before like bones of dinosaurs, dead sharks and other animals.

I went to The Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed, which is a hilarious Broadway show. I went on a virtual field trip to the Clean Water Festival. I am also going to go on a virtual field trip on May 11th, 12th and 25th to OMSI. We are going to learn about nanochemistry, microscopic zoos and biochemistry.

In conclusion, I like and had fun at all my field trips and Mudd Nick Foundation experiences. I would like to do many more. I would like to thank the Mudd Nick Foundation for the microscopes. I would also like to thank the Mudd Nick Foundation for the great, amazing, and interesting experiences.”

—Trenady Thorpe, Garibaldi Grade School Student

# Yoga Mats for Physical Education Classes

By Kelly Ceder, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Physical Education Teacher

I just wanted to thank you again for the grant to buy mats for Physical Education classes. We use them EVERYDAY and even did a few workouts with The PLAY 60 NFL Field Trip. With distance learning, we have had to incorporate a lot more fitness related lessons to accommodate students at home who don't have equipment or space. We use the yoga mats every day for every class period with the students who are here, which is anywhere from 16-24 students at a time. They are super nice and durable, so they don't rip or tear. The material makes them easy to sanitize between each class as well. Students have done everything from yoga, weightlifting, and HIIT on them (and more). We even have used them to keep students socially distanced during the short game at the end of the class (with the in-person students only). They have helped us to deliver the best program we can for distance learning. We can't tell you how much the students and staff appreciate the Mudd Nick Foundation for supporting us. ■



Students Exercising on Yoga Mats

## Meet Mudd Nick Foundation's Newest Board Member - Wendy Bakker

By Monica Isbell, Mudd Nick Foundation Board of Directors President

Wendy moved to Manzanita four years ago, from San Diego, with her husband Dan and daughter, Kayla (10). Dan is a Federal Firefighter and transferred from Camp Pendleton to Fort Lewis McChord. Her mother, Lyla Hendrickson, is a long-time resident of Manzanita, a former Manzanita's Citizen of the Year and was the family's deciding factor in moving to the Oregon Coast. Wendy worked for a San Diego-based magazine for ten years and continued to work remotely after her move.

In 2017, she changed gears, when she decided to become a Pilates instructor for the North County Recreation District. Having more time on her hands, she was able to devote her energy to her daughter's school, Nehalem Elementary. There she joined the Parent Council and started volunteering her time. Wendy is grateful for the activities and events the Mudd Nick Foundation provided for her daughter in and out of school.



Wendy Bakker

When asked to help with fundraising for the annual Mudd Nick charity event three years ago, she was thrilled to become a part of such a wonderful organization. Wendy was honored when the board asked her to become a member. Born and raised in New Jersey, this small town Jersey girl will tell you, you stand tall and you stand proud and you always, always support the community you live in. ■

# Board of Directors, Advisory Council and Staff

## Board of Directors

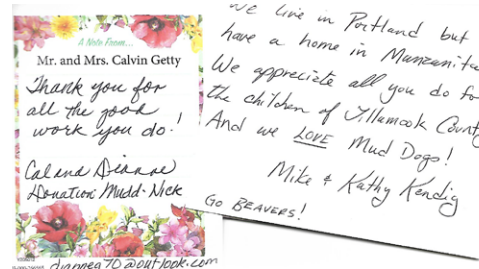
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Jennifer Holm, Program Coordinator



Dear Mudd Nick,  
I am sorry I won't be able to attend the Zoom event on 9/18, but I want to make a donation.  
I love what your foundation does & I so enjoyed getting to know Jim + Lynn at their wonderful hot dog stand. I am so glad Lynn has continued it.

I am a part-time Manzanita-er but it's my favorite place!  
Bobb Schaubert



# Create a Meaningful Legacy through a Bequest or Memorial Donation

By Ken Resnick, Former Mudd Nick Foundation Board Member

On June 13, 2019, Ken Wilkes, former board member, treasurer and long-time supporter passed away. The Mudd Nick Foundation board was surprised and thrilled to learn that before his death, Ken made a significant bequest to the Foundation from his stock brokerage account and his cash account. Those funds were dispersed to the Foundation in July 2020. Other supporters have proactively set aside a portion of their retirement



Anna and Ken Wilkes

pensions to be dispersed to the Mudd Nick Foundation upon their deaths. Several board members have also specified the Mudd Nick Foundation as a bequest recipient in their wills or 401K plans. We hope others will consider doing the same to help the Foundation be financially stable long into the future through a commitment made today. A

planned charitable gift of cash, securities or other assets can provide the donor with tax benefits and help sustain the excellent work of the Foundation. A few simple ways to make a bequest include:

- Name the Mudd Nick Foundation in estate plans with a gift of cash or securities.
- Name the Mudd Nick Foundation as a beneficiary of an IRA, retirement plan, or life insurance policy.
- For those who do not need the Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from an IRA or 401K, an annual gift may be made to the Mudd Nick Foundation, providing the donor with tax benefits.

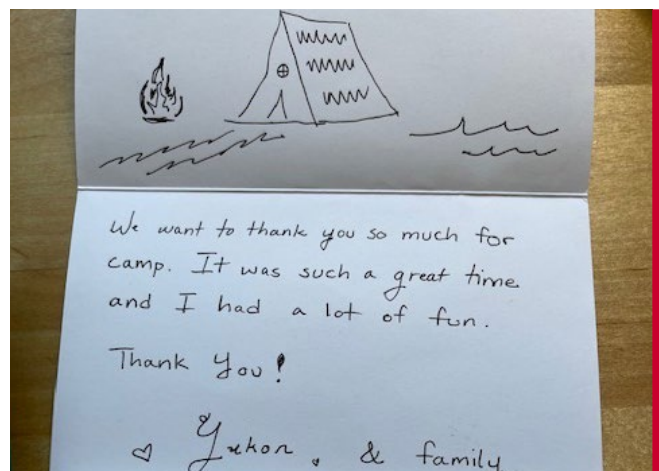
For information about the Mudd Nick Foundation Planned Giving Program, contact Doug Nicholson, Co-Founder and Board Member [doug@muddnickfoundation.com](mailto:doug@muddnickfoundation.com). We encourage you to seek advice from your financial advisor when setting up the type of bequest most advantageous for your family. The Mudd Nick Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Our Tax ID number is 20-5221242.

Another way to support the Mudd Nick Foundation is to make a donation "In Memory Of" or "On Behalf Of" a loved one.

## 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.org](http://www.muddnickfoundation.org) and click on the Donate button to contribute via PayPal
- Make a silent or oral donation thirty days prior to the annual auction and dinner event or become a sponsor of 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



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- Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Mudd Nick Foundation

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*—Forest E. Whitcraft*

**P**lease consider volunteering to serve on a Mudd Nick Foundation committee: Fundraising, Finance, Communications, Learning Experiences, and Governance. We need your expertise and enthusiasm. Contact Monica Isbell (monica@muddnickfoundation.com) for more information.

## Calling for Volunteers

Every time you shop with your linked Rewards Card at Fred Meyer, you'll help the Mudd Nick Foundation earn a donation. Fred Meyer will award a total of \$650,000 each quarter to eligible participating organizations. Rewards Customers still get the Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates. Most purchases qualify for Community Rewards, but some items are not eligible.



**F**red Meyer has a Community Giving website that enables individual shoppers to link their Rewards Cards to the charity of their choice. We ask that you register online at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards) and select Mudd Nick Foundation as the organization to receive a donation based on your dollar spend.

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