

# NEWS

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# LETTER



## 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.



John & Lori Longfellow, Long-Term Donors and Event Attendees

## Mudd Nick Foundation Holds Successful Fundraising Event

By Monica Isbell, Mudd Nick Foundation Board of Directors President

**O**n the weekend of September 16 and 17, 2022, the Mudd Nick Foundation (MNF) held its annual charity golf tournament, auction, and dinner – for the first time in three years – in person. The golf tournament on Saturday had a great turnout of 74 golfers.

Some groups played nine holes and some 18 holes. Doug Nicholson, co-founder and interim treasurer, reported that all received tee prizes and there were awards for first, second, and third place teams for nine holes and eighteen, as well as awards for longest drive, closest to the pin, and closest drive to the string in the fairway for both men and women.

One-hundred-eighty participated in the Saturday night dinner. President Monica Isbell welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their past, current, and future donations. She acknowledged the board and the dozens of volunteers who made the event possible. She also expressed gratitude for the many individuals and merchants that donated silent and live auction items.

The Neah-Kah-Nie (NKN) High School choir under the steady hand of Michael Simpson, teacher and director, sang *The Water is Wide*, an old folk song arranged by Mr. Simpson that had a complicated harmony.

Lynn Mudd, co-founder and board member, and Brad Mudd, vice president, announced that the winner of the 2022 Jim and Lynn Mudd Service to Children Award was John Isbell, who served as a board member for over a decade and, for the bulk of that time, also as treasurer. John recently shifted to Emeritus status and was unable to attend the event in person.

The audience heard presentations from three speakers. First, Cole Brown, a NKN High School senior, related some of the adventures he had as an exchange student last summer to Costa Rica in the Partners of America program that was made possible by a grant from the MNF.

Rachel Lee, senior and class president, spoke about the many ways in which the MNF has impacted her life since kindergarten. Lastly, Gale Nelson, CEO of the Rinehart Clinic, let the attendees know that a sizable grant by the MNF made it possible for the new Neah-Kah-Nie Student Health & Wellness Center at the High School to serve students in District 56 and the larger community.

After enjoying a gourmet dinner with a Hawaiian theme, including an entire roast pig, Doug and Brad conducted a lively oral auction.

Liz Carroll, who attended the dinner for the first time with husband Dan, shared her impressions about the MNF and the fundraising event. “It’s amazing what a few people with a great idea can accomplish. The Mudd Nick Foundation sets the example and shows us all what is possible.



Chung & Judy Lee, Long-Term Donors and Event Attendees

# The Mudd Nick Foundation Board of Directors Extends a Heartfelt Thank You to All Merchants and Individuals Who Generously Donated Items and Financial Support to the Live and Silent Auctions at Our Fundraising Event in September 2022

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*We apologize if we inadvertently missed including a merchant or individual.*

## The Mudd Nick Foundation Thanks the Volunteers Who Spent Countless Hours Making This Year's Event Possible

Doug Nicholson	Linda Vogel	Joan Henderson	Dan Bakker	Lynn Mudd
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# The Mudd Nick Foundation Is Very Grateful to Our 2022 Event Item Donors

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## 2022 Jim and Lynn Mudd Service to Children Award

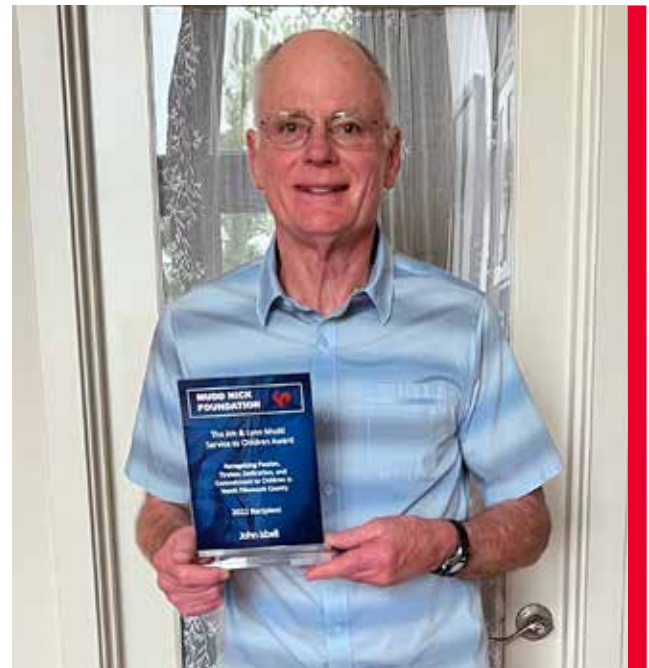
By John Isbell, Mudd Nick Foundation Board Member Emeritus

I was surprised to learn from Lynn Mudd that I'm receiving the prestigious 2022 Person of the Year award! I still have a lump in my throat as this was totally unexpected.

As I previously said, serving on the Mudd Nick Foundation Board was truly one of the highlights of my life. I have so many wonderful memories of working with the Board members, Jennifer Holm, and a host of volunteers in raising funds to provide wonderful learning experiences for the children in North Tillamook County. I especially cherish my memories of times spent with Jim and Lynn, as their passion for life and the Foundation was contagious, and it inspired all of us to do more for the children.

I'll be a Mudd Nicker for the rest of my life so feel free to contact me if I can help with any of the treasurer's duties.

Thanks again for this special recognition as it means the world to me. ■



John Isbell, Mudd Nick Foundation Board Member Emeritus

## Fire School 2022 – An Enlightening Learning Experience

By Stephen Albrechtsen, Neah-Kah-Nie High School Teacher

Fire School was held at Camp Tadmor in the Cascade Mountains east of Sweet Home, OR on April 6-8. Fire School is a joint effort between Future Natural Resource Leaders (FNRL), Oregon Department of Forestry, Cascade Timber Consulting, FNRL member schools, and a variety of other agencies and groups to provide high school students with firefighting training. The cost was \$110/person which included all meals, lodging, and wild land firefighting classes. The camp started at 4:00 pm on Wednesday and finished at 3:00 pm on Friday. This year, we were able to take eight students. Students interacted with a variety of firefighting professionals from around the State to learn about jobs and opportunities within the realm of forestry and firefighting. The camp kept the students busy from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. Students were able to interact with other students from around the State and build future contacts. There was a total of 81 students from all regions of our State.



Students Participating in Fire School

The Mudd Nick Foundation grant gave students a great opportunity to learn about the forest, firefighting, and themselves. Being able to step out of their comfort zones and interact with new environments was a catalyst for big growth. Students learned about firefighting, but more importantly learned they are competent, needed, and worthy. This develops self-confidence, which is an integral part in a student's future ability to grow.

Thank you, Mudd Nick Foundation for granting this opportunity and promoting student growth. Only one of our students at the camp will be 18 this summer, the minimum age for working on an official wild land firefighting crew. That student, Dario Ayala, will be working on a wild land firefighting crew from Tillamook later this summer. It was a big hit and I have already a lot of students asking about next year. ■



Hard at Work at Fire School

## Pirate Cruises

By Esther Troyer, Neah-Kah-Nie High School Counselor

Neah-Kah-Nie High School Students participated in a school wide work readiness event called Pirate Cruises. Students did some personal post-secondary planning and then chose an entry-level job through the cruise line to apply for. Students were required to create a resume based on the job description, fill out a job



Pirate Cruises Work Readiness

application, create a cover letter and participate in a mock interview with volunteer community members. They then finished the activity by writing a thank you note to their interviewer. Many positive comments were received from our community members who were so impressed with our students' performance and preparation. We are so thankful for our community volunteers who give of their time and knowledge to help prepare our students with needed life skills experiences! ■

February 16, 2023

Dear Mudd-Nick Foundation,  
Thank-you for your generous \$2,000 donation on Feb. 2nd, 2023 to the historical NCRD School Swim & Water Safety Awareness Program.

We are honored to be able to continue our mission of providing these specialized swim lessons & water safety to the students of Nehalem Elementary.

Your charitable contribution enables all students to be recipients of this life saving opportunity!

Sincerely,  
Sue Dindia-Gray  
NCRD AQUATICS

Bravo to your Magnificent organization!



## Missoula Children's Theatre

By Kiley Konruff, North County Recreation District Administrative Assistant & Mudd Nick Foundation Board Member

This year we welcomed Missoula Children's Theatre for the Summer of 2022. I have hosted this camp for many years now and I must say I think this is the best year we have had yet with the kids, production, and directors. We welcomed 62 kids ages 5-15. Missoula Children's Theatre brought *The Jungle Book*. This production was angled more towards the book and less towards the well known Disney production. I was



Students Performing *The Jungle Book*

impressed to see how many kids were familiar with the book. It was a great week and while the kids weren't actively in rehearsals we spent parts of our days coloring, playing with sidewalk chalk, playing at the Nehalem Elementary playground, and the always popular with big and little kids—BUBBLES! Along with the rehearsals for *The Jungle Book*, the kids also got to participate in 3 different workshops put on by the directors. This year they learned about mime work and how to be expressive in body language and facial expressions but without using your voice, improvising without a script and acting. The kids loved the workshop and had so much fun learning some new tricks and techniques for their big stage debut.

This year was a great combination of both littles and bigs and I personally loved that characters were a combination of bigs and littles such as Wolf pups, Kaa and the Wolf Pack. Every year I continue to be amazed at the talent I see coming out of these kids. This year I learned that the child who played Akeela has a great singing voice! As always, this production brought a very full theatre two days in a row. The cast gave both shows lots of laughs, and the performers received a standing ovation at each show! ■

## Mudd Nick Foundation Funds Opera to Go at Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

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

Portland Opera To Go presented *Camino de Fe* to Neah-Kah-Nie High School and Middle School students in March thanks to the generous support of the Mudd Nick Foundation and selected sponsors of the Portland Opera. Performed in both Spanish



Portland Opera to Go

and English, the Opera tells the story of a family that endured hardships but stuck together, supported each other, and ultimately realized their dream of becoming American citizens. Students were able to ask questions of the performers following the show. Cast members shared their education pathways to the Opera as well as information about careers in the performing arts. It was a great cultural experience! Tami Waldron, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School secretary, enlisted student Ansel Albrechtsen to help take yearbook photos of the *Opera To Go* Assembly.

Neah-Kah-Nie High School and Middle School hosted the Portland *Opera To Go*, nicknamed POGO, March 9, 2022. They performed their production of *Un Camino De Fe / A Journey of Faith*.

Neah-Kah-Nie High School Principal Dr. Heidi Buckmaster said, "Our school is lucky to have this opportunity supported by the Mudd Nick Foundation and selected sponsors of the Portland Opera."

For 20 years, POGO has traveled and shared opera experiences with communities around the region. Alexis Hamilton, manager of education and community engagement at Portland Opera said, "It has been such a thrill to be back in schools. Sometimes we are the first experience students have with live theater, let alone opera!"

The youth opera performed *A Journey of Faith / Un Camino de Fe* by Hector Armienta, which is ideal for grades 4-9, and is sung in English and Spanish. POGO's production featured an amazing ensemble of singers and actors who share this family's story about immigrating to the U.S. from Mexico.

"We are so proud to be bringing a story to students that we haven't told before. Representation matters, and seeing yourself on stage and hearing your story told opens powerful doors and windows in kids' minds," Hamilton said.

One of the POGO performers, Mariana Ramirez, shared an experience she had performing at a school. "A student from La Salle approached Mila and I crying and saying how she never saw a performance like this before and it was the first time she saw anything that represented her culture. That was really touching and heart-warming."

At the end of the lovely performance in the high school gym, cast members shared their education pathways that led them to the opera and about careers in the performing arts. ■

## Rent Was Fantastic!

By Stephen Jackson-Clark, Neah-Kah-Nie High School Teacher

Our Learning Experience was to have as many students as possible attend a performance of the play, *Rent*, at Portland Center Stage. The objectives were for them to experience this iconic story, understand its origins, appreciate the level of professional performance, and provide feedback to the performers and us afterwards. In doing so, we were also hoping to expand the students' empathy for people who are different from themselves, and to provide positive role models for those who could identify with the characters.



Students at Portland Center Stage

We were able to meet as a group the day before we left on the field trip to explain the origins of *Rent* in *La Boheme* and the two group leaders' personal connection with the production. We outlined our expectations of proper audience behavior and encouraged the students to think of questions for the talk-back after the show.

The day of the field trip, everyone showed up to the bus on time and we began our bumpy trip to Portland. The students then saw an amazing production of this musical and exhibited excellent audience behavior throughout. We then stayed for a talk-back session with the performers, which was very informative. We solicited feedback from the students on the ride home and the next day in school, which was very positive indeed. They continue to ask excellent questions and provide positive reflections, which indicates great empathy and outcomes for them. The students also expressed their gratitude to the Mudd Nick Foundation for this wonderful opportunity. Thank you very much indeed! ■



Portland Hamilton

“The bus driver who transported the MNF funded field trip, for special needs students, to the play *Hamilton* in Portland said the experience was life changing for the students. One student yelled out, “I am *Hamilton*!” when he got on the bus after the performance. The driver was so excited to observe the student’s responses to the play. The driver’s response to the student’s excitement was, “This is why I am a bus driver.””

—Carlotta Roddy  
Life Skills Special Education Teacher  
Neah-Kah-Nie MS and HS

## Pinball

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

The last two days we visited North Coast Pinball to learn from Will how to repair and troubleshoot pinball machines.

We learned about all the components that make up these complicated and amazing machines - things like motors, microchips, capacitors, transistors, resistors, and solenoids that make a pinball machine function.

We got to help rebuild a gate that wasn't



Students Troubleshooting Pinball Machines

firing and rebuild flippers that were, “a little weak.” We got to put a pinball machine into test mode and see the insides of the works to understand what makes these machines tick. Sometimes literally...

Will was able to figure out what was wrong with this mystery gate that wouldn't fire. Q15 does not look like Q14 or Q16. He knew that this was the issue from the machines test menu that let us know exactly where the problem could be found!

We got to hear about the three deaths of pinball and play machines that were made 50 years ago as well as machines that were made last year! We reviewed at least one machine and graded it in six areas to see which areas were strong, and which were weak.

We ate donuts and drank hot chocolate and generally had a wonderful time.

Many thanks to the Mudd Nick Foundation and Will Irace for making this event possible. We learned a lot and made some really fun memories!

Because we missed Tuesday due to a two hour delay - we will be visiting Will one more time on Wednesday, March 1st. ■

# High School Robotics Met Wednesday Afternoons from October to May!

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

**W**e welcomed back one senior - Bella Simmons who had participated in Robotics since Freshman year!

We welcomed back three juniors - Seth Howard (three years) Parker Fagen (three Years) Amelia Stanaway (three years).

We also welcomed sophomore Joslynn Johansen (two years), sophomore Cat Fry, freshman Dahlia Lewis, sophomore Michael Troxel (two years), and freshman Jacob McIlvenna.

We were also lucky to get two new transplants to our community and team - sophomores Maddox Veliz and Corben Ray.

Some of the highlights of the year were:

- An interschool competition with Tillamook where Neah-Kah-Nie (NKN) took home the award for Best Notebook.
- New sweatshirts for the team designed by Corben Ray and printed by Bella Simmons and Kathryn Harmon.



Neah-Kah-Nie High School Robotics Team Members

With Mudd Nick Funds:

- We were able to purchase pizza from local business Upper Crust Pizza for several events throughout the season. The food was delicious.
- We were able to purchase enough filament for students to print all the objects they built for competition and beyond. Students are now able to own the entire process from designing parts to printing them completely independently of their coaches! The process is completely web based and Chromebook friendly.
- We were able to register two teams for next year so that the only funds we will need in the fall are our League fees for ORTOP. That will really help us get started quickly!
- We were able to print our own team sweatshirts for all participants this year, and the Robotics team members really enjoyed wearing them to a Winter Spirit Day together.
- We purchased our half performance field setup for Fall 2022 so that we will be able to launch into the new season in the fall! ■



Neah-Kah-Nie High School Robotics Team Members

- Ending each meeting with a cheer of, "All Hail Bella" in honor of our lone senior participant.
- Being a team that acted as one at the competition. Students worked together so well, and were very kind and supportive of each other and other teams.
- Our team was incredibly respectful of COVID protocols all year long. I never had to ask students to put on a mask when that was required. It was amazing.
- We are very excited for Club Rush on June 6th, and are planning a lot of activities for next year to encourage freshman to join us.
- We finally had a party where all students contributed to the activities and the food. Parker's Apple Pie and Corben's Surprise Cake were delightful.



# Neah-Kah-Nie Robotics Team Competes with Tillamook Teams for North Coast League Trophies

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

On February 15, 2022, the Neah-Kah-Nie Robotics team met other FTC teams for the first time since 2020. It was great to be back together again, and the hope is that next year, a season can progress quite normally between our schools. We returned with a single trophy, Best Notebook. If you are familiar with our lone senior team member Bella Simmons, she worked very hard to summarize our work as a team all year long and document our work in detail.

Our robot, affectionately called, 'mischief managed' had a few last-minute challenges that were difficult to remedy. Battling constant changes to the programming, our bright spots were our autonomous programming that had us delivering a duck onto the playing field and moved us onto a parking spot in time for the end of the 30 second autonomous period. The driver control period was not as successful unfortunately! During endgame, we delivered a few ducks. We had earlier rebuilt our robot so that it was narrow enough to drive into a warehouse and that is often where we ended our round to add to our points. Unfortunately, the new arm that went on the robot the day of competition was not able to be added to tele-op in time to compete. That missing functionality was enough to leave us out of the running for Winning Alliance and the other awards that were given out.

We want to thank our amazing sponsors this year - The Mudd

Nick Foundation and the Eugene Schmuck Foundation. Thank you both for your generous donations to our Robotics program and our Makerspaces!

We are also so thankful for our program volunteers - James Johansen, co-coach of the team, and Ken Brown, 3D modeler



Tech Challenge Team

extraordinaire! Thanks for creating the amazing awards for the competition. ■

## Cooking Class

By Salena Clifton, Sixth Grade Teacher

Thanks to the funds received from the Mudd Nick Foundation, sixth grade students had a chance to experience something they haven't before! This year I taught an exploratory class for one period of the day. I wanted the kids to be able to take the skills learned in this class home to practice for their families and take with them into the future. Over the course of the trimester, students tried various foods that they may haven't tried before, like tamales or cannolis. They learned the elements of gluten and were able to experiment to see what that gluten protein looks like when stripped of its starch, and how the different types of flours contributed to the different foods they ate.

Once every trimester, they were able to use the skills they learned on a field trip to The Portland Cookshop where they were taught how to make pasta from scratch! Students were able to see that making pasta is easy because it only requires two ingredients - flour and water. Their background knowledge of gluten and the proteins in flour helped them understand pasta, and what gives it that "chew" that we all love. As students went through the pasta making process they saw how the dough formed, they kneaded and shaped the pasta before packaging it up to take home. A couple of students that made commented that they finally figured out what they want to be when they're older—chefs. While we were there, the instructors had students help make two types

of pasta sauce—a pesto and a brown butter sauce. Some students had never tried either sauce and found that they enjoyed both.

We departed from The Portland Cookshop and went to Beaverton. Students arrived at a food cart area, BG's Food Cartel, that has over 30 food trucks. There are food trucks that serve pizza, Mexican food, Chinese, Thai, sushi, waffles, crepes, boba tea, vegan fried chicken, regular fried chicken sandwiches, raman, and a plethora of other food options from which to choose. I am pretty sure there were more food options in this one courtyard than throughout Tillamook County! Students were excited to be able to select the food they wanted to eat. Some were hesitant to try a couple of the options but pleasantly surprised. I purchased vegan fried chicken nuggets for students and they were hesitant at first, but after their first bite they were surprised to find that they tasted "just like regular chicken nuggets!"

We arrived back to school with students happy to have had the opportunity to learn new skills and eat tasty food. We are very grateful for the experience to try something new - something that we wouldn't have been able to do without the generosity of the Mudd Nick Foundation and all of their wonderful donors. ■



## Partners of the Americas — Costa Rica Exchange Program

**“** First of all thank you guys for this amazing opportunity! It was a life changing experience!

*Location:* I stayed inland just above the capital, San Jose in Heredia.

*Family:* I had four family members. All amazing people! I had my host dad and my host mom, they had two awesome boys that were 14 and 15!

*School:* I went to a technical school which is pretty much like community college but for high schoolers. It was called CTP de Flores.

*Transition:* The transition wasn't too different because I grew up in a Mexican house hold. So I already was used to eating beans and rice almost every day. Plus Spanish is my first language so I still have some Spanish skill in me!

*Memorable:* Personally i thought school was the best part about the whole trip because every student that I met was so nice. It was also so cool meeting new people every day!

*Difficulty:* I think the most difficult part was not know the metric system! It was hard know how tall I was and transferring it so the kids at school understood. Also another thing that was difficult was knowing how much everything was because everything's in colones.

—Eddie Loza, Neah-Kah-Nie High School Exchange Student

**“** Mudd Nick Foundation, Thank you for your donation of \$10,000 for the 2021-22 school year for the NKN Student Health and Wellness Center. The Mudd Nick Foundation funds from last year and this year funded the majority of supplies and equipment for the center. This included low-cost items including an eye wash station and ankle brace to a refrigerator/freezer (\$6,000), exam table (\$4,000), scale, digital monitor, audio meter, etc. Your combined \$20,000 donation (2020-21 and 2021-22) for the center was instrumental in opening the center for student use. The health & wellness center has been so successful, the days of service have been increased from two to three days a week. The center's medical provider, Rinehart Clinic, has added additional mental health services to augment the services provided by the school district.

Rinehart Clinic sent invoices to the school district for the supplies and equipment, the school district will reimburse Rinehart Clinic with MNF funds.

The initial plan for funding the supplies, equipment, and furniture was a federal grant, unfortunately, the Rinehart Clinic was not successful in accessing this large grant.

Once again, I thank the MNF for your support of improving the physical and mental health of Neah-Kah-Nie school district students.

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

**“** Location: My family lived in San Jose in the Guachipelin neighborhood. My family also has a beach house on the west coast (Guanacaste) that we went to for a week.

*Family:* Mother, dad, brother (age 16), and sister (age 14). The brother didn't look 16 though. He was jacked. At 17 years old I was the oldest of the kids.

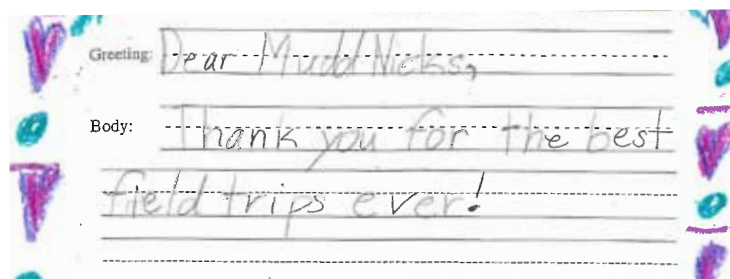
*School:* I attended a private catholic school called La Salle. I had to wear a uniform. Every morning there was some sort of prayer that was held.

*Transition:* My host mother was an English teacher so the entire family knew English. I had a previous experience being away from home at a summer camp for a month at a time, so I never got homesick. During the last week or so I did want to come back slightly. I wanted to drive my car, see my friends, etc. But as soon as I arrived back home I realized how much I missed Costa Rica. I want to go back and plan on doing so during college or early adulthood.

*Memorable:* The most memorable was either having to push this golf cart (Jerry, they called it) up a half-mile long hill in the rain (multiple times, too—we weren't smart) or taking the five-hour bus ride to the beach. The bus ride was awesome. I was cramped, hot, and sweating through my shirt. The only thing I could hear was Spanish being spoken (or yelled)... but that's exactly what made it such a memorable experience. I loved it. About two hours into the ride, the bus had a problem, so we all had to get off. We were out in the middle of nowhere. All that was there was a restaurant and a place to go to the bathroom. I was starving, so I went by myself and ordered some food from this place. For less than \$6 USD I got a mountain of food - rice, beans, mysterious orange meat, and salad. It was the best food I had during my stay in Costa Rica.

*Difficult:* There were times when the family and I would just chill and it was kind of boring, but I just turned on some Spanish TV and chilled out. The most difficult part was coming back home. It isn't the mosquitos biting you all night, it's the realization that they aren't going to bite you anymore (because you aren't there). As I said earlier, towards the end of the trip I wanted to go home, but now I miss it. Mosquito bites and all.

—Cole Brown, Neah-Kah-Nie High School Exchange Student



## Tsunami Skippers Jump Rope Assembly Was Amazing

By Kimberly Baertlein, Garibaldi Grade School Physical Education Teacher

The Tsunami Skippers jump rope team from Seaside, OR, came to our school to demonstrate all their jump roping skills and tricks. The team put on a great show for our students, which included individual jump rope routines, partner jump rope routines, as well as a whole group routine using three long jump ropes. It was amazing to see our students get so excited about jumping rope! After the assembly, students participated in a jump rope clinic during Physical Education (PE), which provided students an opportunity to learn new jump roping skills and refine skills they already had. The jump rope coach had three stations for Garibaldi Grade School students to experience. All the Skippers were set up at the stations and coached our students through learning new skills. These stations included double dutch - jumping to a long rope (with three ropes) - and partner tricks while sharing a 10-foot rope. At the end of the day, all students in the school were given a jump rope to take home as part of this experience.



Tsunami Skippers Jump Rope Team

Our students had a blast, and it made a big impact on our jump rope unit as part of the PE curriculum. Thanks, Mudd Nick Foundation! ■

## Learning about Animals Real-Time

By Melinda Ramage, Garibaldi Grade School K/1st Grade Teacher

As part of our new reading curriculum, our K/1 students learn about “creature features,” animals’ unique features and the seven continents. To help these concepts come alive, we first had representatives of Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) visit to teach students about animal classifications and bring some reptiles that students could meet and touch. Everyone enjoyed discovering how a lizard, snakes, and a



Garibaldi Grade School Students at OMSI

turtle felt and the characteristics that make them reptiles. Then in May, we prepared for our visit to the Oregon Zoo. Students searched for animals that live on each continent and how they survive there, read the map to direct us around the zoo, and enjoyed exploring the many exhibits. The orangutan, monkeys, rhino, polar bears, and red pandas were the favorites. Once we returned to school, each child was given



K/1 Students with Their *World Atlas* Copies

his/her very own *World Atlas* to continue learning on their own. It was a wonderful experience to connect our reading and learning to seeing animals in real life. ■

## Nehalem Middle School Tillamook Estuaries Partnership Field Trip

By Fred Bayouth, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Science Teacher



Learning About Sea Creatures

For the 7th Grade Science Field Trip to the Garibaldi Boathouse, we took the students to the Boathouse for a full day of hands-on science activities. Students were able to dissect both clams and crabs while learning about various body parts. We identified different clam



Students Fishing in Garibaldi

species and collected data on them. There were opportunities to fish and crab. Students built mini “boats” to test buoyancy. The best part overall was working together and learning from the awesome community members who volunteered their time for our students. ■

# Oregon Battle of the Books Tournament Challenges Young Readers

By Carolyn Maizel, Library/Media Assistant

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program. Students in 3rd-12th grade, regardless of ability, are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and diverse viewpoints. In OBOB, students compete in a trivia-style reading competition where they answer a series of questions based upon a list of 16 books they were given at the beginning of the year. OBOB's mission is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to



OBOB Division 1 Winners

increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students. Ten Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School students joined the OBOB team in October 2022. They split into a 6th grade and an 8th grade team. These students began reading the OBOB books right away and met every week during their lunch break to practice questions. They read and practiced with determination, hopeful to reach the regional tournament, and then the state competition. Every student got a custom t-shirt with their name on the back. The two teams competed in a local school battle to determine which team would advance to regionals.

The 8th grade team won, though the 6th grade team gave them a run for their money, despite being down one player. Neah-Kah-Nie (NKN) falls under Region 1 for OBOB, which includes the North Coast and Beaverton. Normally, a Beaverton school agrees to host the regional tournament, but no schools volunteered. To ensure that the NKN team could compete, the tournament was hosted at the Neah-Kah-Nie High School. Over 22 teams, with coaches and parents, amounting to about 150 people, traveled to the Coast to compete on March 18, 2023. The NKN team fought hard and advanced past pool play and into the single-elimination Sweet Sixteen round. Unfortunately, this was NKN's last round, and they did not advance to the state competition. Meadow Park Middle School ended up winning the tournament and was the Region 1 representative. Though NKN didn't win, the students were thankful for the chance to compete. They improved their literacy, memorization, and processing skills by reading and studying 16 different books. Thank you, Mudd Nick Foundation for providing an amazing opportunity for our students! ■



NKN's OBOB Team

## Battle of the Books

By Tracy Bennett, District Elementary Reading Specialist

These past several months have been busy ones for all the students participating in Battle of the Books both at Nehalem Elementary (NES) and Garibaldi Grade School (GGS). Students in the 4/5 grade classes at GGS and 3-5 at NES were given the opportunity to form teams for their school-wide Battle of the Books reading competitions with the hopes that the winners from each school would then move on to a cross district battle with their opposing school's winning team. This is the first year since before COVID that there was going to be a cross district championship, which added an extra layer of fun and competitiveness to the event preparation for the students. Teams then worked together to divide the list of 15 books provided by Oregon Battle of the Books for the 3rd-5th grade division amongst their members in any fashion they so chose. Team members read their book selections, took notes, made flashcards, etc., to prepare for their school competition that took place at the beginning of May 2023. The students were then quizzed trivia style at their respective schools in two categories: In Which Book and Book Content. The winners of each of the school-wide competitions faced off on

June 5th in the gym at NES to see who would rise as the Neah-Kah-Nie School District Champions. In an extremely close

contest, the team from NES beat the team from GGS by only a single point - 34 to 33. With this win, the NES Eagles took home the Battle of the Books trophy and bragging rights for the year. But this also means that teams will work even harder



NES Battle of the Books

next year to become the best and perhaps bring the trophy to a new resting spot for a 2023-2024 school year. ■

# High School Unified Club Fosters Inclusion and Engagement for All Students

By Carlotta Roda, Life Skills Special Education Teacher, Neah-Kah-Nie High School

Neah-Kah-Nie High School achieved recognition as a Unified Champion School from Special Olympics of Oregon for its efforts to provide inclusive competitive sports, shared student leadership, and whole school engagement. A banner was presented to the Unified Club during club rush in June 2023. This achievement was made possible in part through the grants provided by the Mudd Nick Foundation. When students with intellectual disabilities

(athletes) and students without intellectual disabilities (partners) spend time together in pursuit of common interests and goals, meaningful engagement and relationships develop. This school year the Unified Club has engaged in Soccer and Basketball tournaments, promoted inclusion week with a schoolwide assembly, hosted a Kickball game against Forest Grove High School, bowled at Tillamook Bowling Lanes, and held our third annual Corn Hole tournament. ■



Unified Club at Cornhole Tournament



Fun at Tillamook Bowling Lanes

## Portland Thorns Soccer Match Was a Win!

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

On Sunday, May 21, 2023, 60 of our 8th graders got to experience a professional soccer match by watching the Portland Thorns play at Providence Park. Our students had a 3-week long unit focused on learning the rules, positions, skills and strategies of Soccer. We also focused on what it means to be a good spectator and how to have positive social interactions during such an event. The Portland Thorns representative with whom I worked gave us a great deal for this experience where we got to sit in the



NKN 8th Grade Students at Providence Park

VIP Tanner Ridge section and students were able to have food, snacks and beverages throughout the match. They were even treated to a special gourmet donut at the end. The students were super engaged in watching the match and were ecstatic every time the Thorns scored (four times), and even got into some of the chants with fellow fans. Most of the students had never been to a professional sport match of any kind before and this was a great first experience for all of them. ■



The Portland Thorns Soccer Match

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# Welcome New Board Members - Kiley Konruff and Dick Brimmer

By Kiley Konruff and Richard Brimmer, Mudd Nick Foundation Board Members

## Kiley Konruff

Kiley Konruff was born and raised in the White Salmon and Hood River areas of the Columbia River Gorge. She moved to the North Coast in 1998 with her mom, brother, and sister. She is a graduate of Neah-Kah Nie High School. After high school, she moved back to the Gorge but ultimately decided to return to the Coast and raise her two daughters in North Tillamook County.



Kiley Konruff

Kiley has worked for the North County Recreation District (NCRD) for nearly 19 years. She has worked in each of the departments but spent the majority of her years in Aquatics before moving up into Administration. She enjoys the hustle and bustle of “being the face of NCRD” and prides herself on her vast knowledge of the

building and history. During the pandemic, Kiley decided to try indoor cycling and fell in love! She became so passionate about spin and cycling that, when she was approached about the possibility of teaching spin classes, the answer was a very quick YES. She now enjoys teaching 5+ classes per week. As Kiley calls it, “her bike that goes no where but has taken her everywhere,” has inspired her in many ways. She is currently studying to become an ACE certified personal trainer and will be working on several continuing education courses.

Kiley is the proud mom of two daughters, Brooklynne (17) and Bryar (13). Kiley and her fiancé Tim can be found cheering their girls on at sports, dance, coaching youth sports and volunteering their time. In her free time, Kiley enjoys cooking and baking, reading, kayaking, golfing and traveling. Brooklynne is enlisting in the US Coast guard and Kiley is excited to have the excuse to travel and visit her daughter.

Kiley is honored and excited to be serving as a board member for the Mudd Nick Foundation. ■

## Calling for Volunteers

Please consider volunteering to serve on a Mudd Nick Foundation committee: Fundraising, Finance, Communications, Learning Experiences, and Governance. We need your expertise and enthusiasm. Contact us by emailing [info@muddnickfoundation.org](mailto:info@muddnickfoundation.org) for more information.

## Richard (Dick) Brimmer

Dick Brimmer was born in Yakima, WA and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Washington State University. Recruited by Meier & Frank, he moved to Portland during the summer of 1974, and spent nine years in Retail with Meier & Frank, followed by a few years in which he managed the downtown Learner Shop on 6th & Alder. Dick started his first outside sales job with a small distributor of men’s accessories and then was hired by John Harland Company in 1983 to open the Oregon Sales Territory. Within nine years, he grew the business to over \$6.5 million in checks and bank forms. In 1989, Dick joined a regional commercial printing company and discovered he was more successful selling multiple



Richard (Dick) Brimmer

products and services to larger companies. In 1991, he joined a print distributor and sold his first contract to Daimler Trucks North America in 2020, after which he never looked back. Starting with printed forms, then with the desktop computer in the mid-2000s, Dick reinvented himself selling products and services that were focused on improving productivity.

In 1998, Dick decided to give back to his community and joined the Board of Directors of Washington County Visitors Association (WCVA), a not-for-profit organization that markets Washington County nationally to the tourism industry as a destination for events and to bring tours and meetings to Washington County. WCVA helps market the occupancy of hotel rooms, restaurants, wineries, and other activities. As the Director, Dick was tasked with determining how to secure future financing and helped developed a plan to show Washington County Commissioners the sales revenue WCVA brought to Washington County each year. Under his leadership, WCVA has retained its full financing as set forth by Washington County Commissioners.

In 1999, Dick was asked to be on the Member Board for the Rock Creek Country Club. During the next five years, he served as Committee Chairman for Handicap, Membership, Tournament and finally President and Past President of the Member Board. The Board implemented several policies that benefited all members, including dress code, member behavior and consequences, and selection of Course Pros and Assistant Pros.

Dick’s first exposure to the Mudd Nick Foundation (MNF) was as a participant in the Annual Golf Event in the early 2000s. He was instantly intrigued by how much the MNF did for the

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## Person(s) of the Year/Jim and Lynn Mudd Service to Children Awards

By Doug Nicholson, Co-Founder and Interim Treasurer

In 2007, the Mudd Nick Foundation board started honoring a Person of the Year who demonstrated dedication and outstanding service to the Foundation. In 2015, we changed the name to The Jim and Lynn Mudd Service to Children Award.

Listed below are the award winners. Their legacy will be with us for years to come. We also remember in fondness and gratitude the long-time supporters noted with an asterisk (\*) who have died over the years.

Person(s) of the Year	Jim and Lynn Mudd Service to Children
2007 - Walter Stickle *	2015 - Jim* and Lynn Mudd
2008 - Joe Pollock *	2016 - Kelly and Janice Laviolette
2009 - Anna Wilkes *	2017 - Kim Miller and Michael Hithe
2010 - Joan Henderson	2018 - Paul Erlebach
2011 - Dick Brimmer	2019 - Troy Gleeson
2012 - Tom Moore *	2020 - Jim and Kathy Hickey
2013 - Ann* and Owen Nicholson	2021 - Larry Schaeffer
2014 - Dave and Ellen Dukehart	2022 - John Isbell

## Parting Thoughts from Superintendent Erlebach to the Mudd Nick Foundation Board of Directors

By Paul Erlebach, Outgoing District 56 Superintendent

I thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the superintendency at Neah-Kah-Nie (NKN) School District. My wife, Rosa, and I are looking forward to “jubilation,” Spanish for “retirement.” NKN School District has great students served by an incredible staff bolstered by a caring community. The support provided by the hard work of the Mudd Nick Foundation (MNF) Board of Directors and all MNF community supporters and donors is vital in providing that “extra” that makes the difference between an “average” school district and a “stellar” school district. The irony of all the hard/smart work of the MNF Board is that many of you do not see the benefits of your work and endearing commitment. This makes your efforts to improve the lives of youth so much more special. Fortunately, I see the results of your work every day - in smiles, behavior, articulation, drive, community/world awareness, physical activity, poise, and belief in a positive future. Students “Love the Mudd Nick Foundation” and are grateful for what you do! The strong partnership between the NKN School District and the MNF will continue with Dr. Tyler Reed, the new NKN School District Superintendent. ■

## Farewell to Paul Erlebach, Outgoing District 56 Superintendent

By Monica Isbell, Mudd Nick Foundation Board President

With the closing of the 2022-2023 school year, Paul Erlebach will retire as District 56 Superintendent after a successful tenure in which he shepherded District 56 with dedication and wisdom. His capabilities, experience, calm demeanor, collaborative attitude, and tact prevailed as he brought together the faculty, staff, and community to ensure the students were well-served. The partnership between District 56 and the Mudd Nick Foundation (MNF) that Paul helped forge is solid and deep. Saying it was a pleasure to collaborate with Superintendent Erlebach to achieve the Foundation’s mission is an understatement. Paul has been a true partner who guided the MNF board to fund meaningful Learning Experiences for all students in North Tillamook County. We will forever be grateful for Paul’s leadership and will consider him a Mudd Nicker in perpetuity. ■

### Event *continued from front page*

When Dan and I made Nehalem our full-time home, we got involved in supporting local organizations and events. We quickly realized all the good the Mudd Nick Foundation was doing for the north coast youth and, in turn, their parents by providing educational and recreational activities for school-aged children.”

“For us, it was an easy decision to lend our support and the opportunity to attend a September Luau Fundraising Dinner sounded fun. Prior to the dinner, we stopped into the pub to check the OSU football game score. When we told the server we weren’t ordering food because we were headed to the Mudd Nick event she thanked us profusely and shared a long list of opportunities her children had received as a result of the Foundation.

“Then at the event, hearing the students speak about their experiences, it made offering our support an even easier decision. We look forward to next year’s event.” Another local attendee mentioned that he loved the Saturday dinner because it is one of the very few events in the area where people can dress up and make donations for a great cause.”

During 2022, grants from the MNF touched the lives of over 2,100 children. Learning Experiences included Missoula Children’s Theatre, 4H Camp, art camps, Battle of the Books, Fire School, OMSI camps, learn to cook camps, Forest-to-Sea Camp, and the Costa Rica student exchange program, among others.

In addition, the MNF continued to provide funding to the Grub Club, which furnished meals to children in North Tillamook County in the summer and other times when school wasn’t in session.

The MNF is an Oregon 501(c) (3) non-profit organization (Tax ID number 20-5221242). For more information and to donate, visit [www.muddnickfoundation.com](http://www.muddnickfoundation.com) or email us at [info@muddnickfoundation.org](mailto:info@muddnickfoundation.org). ■

# Create a Meaningful Legacy through a Bequest or Memorial Donation

By Ken Resnick, Mudd Nick Foundation Board Member Emeritus

On June 13, 2019, Ken Wilkes, former Board Member, Treasurer and long-time Mudd Nick Foundation 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 and November 2021. Other supporters have proactively set aside a portion of their retirement 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, board member and interim treasurer ([info@muddnickfoundation.org](mailto:info@muddnickfoundation.org)). 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
- **Donate stocks or proceeds from estates to Mudd Nick Foundation (a new method)**
- 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](http://www.muddnickfoundation.com) 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
- Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Mudd Nick Foundation

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## Another Easy Way to Donate to the Mudd Nick Foundation

Fred 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. 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.



## Brimmer *continued from p. 13*

community and, by 2006, he became actively involved as a significant donor.

In 2019, Dick saw the pandemic starting to erode much of the business he had built and so, he reinvented himself yet again by providing services to large companies and did not rely on manufacturing and distribution. He now focuses on helping clients to implement digital marketing and communication tools to continue improving their production and ability to service their customers. In April 2022, Dick sold his book of business to a coworker and the transition is nearing completion. He now has time to focus and give the MNF the attention it deserves. He hopes he can apply his previous board and business experience to benefit the MNF. ■



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