

2013 YEAR IN REVIEW

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Why We Exist:

Behind every community that enjoys a high quality of life is a highly rated school system. Good schools attract families and businesses that create a strong economic and cultural climate. In turn, well-educated students grow into leaders who maintain those standards for years to come.

Who We Are, What We Do:

Since 1988, the Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools has engaged parents, citizens, educators, civic and business leaders who share a common belief that a vibrant public school system is essential to the social and economic well-being of the community. Over the last decade, we have invested more than \$1 million into our public schools through Classroom Grants, Activity Fee Scholarships, and special projects - positively impacting thousands of students.

Mission Statement:

Preparing our students for success and the future through exceptional educational and extracurricular opportunities.

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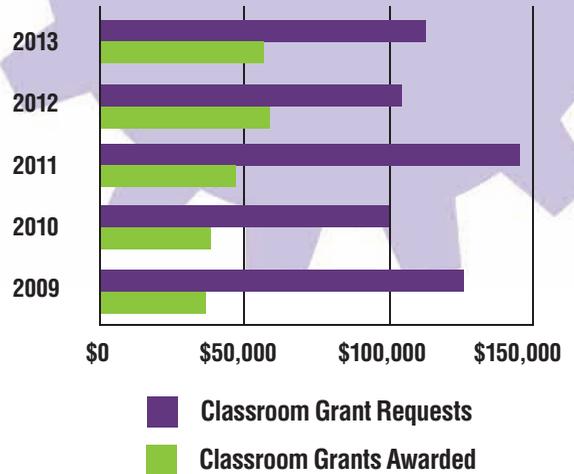
Our programs help create equity for all students through access to teacher grants that enhance the classroom experience and for need-based scholarships that pay for fees and supplies for activities outside the classroom. We collaborate with education leaders and other community organizations to bring creative and innovative programming to Bend- La Pine Schools. Our efforts positively impact every student in the district.

“Our students learned from their own art projects about creativity, design and accomplishment. They learned from each other about how we all see the world a little differently.” —Beth Faulkenberry, Office Manager at Three Rivers

Classroom Grants Program:

Classroom Grants provide valuable resources for our local public schools. On an annual basis, the foundation provides support to educators on a district-wide level for high impact, academically proven projects with solid implementation and evaluation plans. Funding priorities are:

- To provide tools for teachers, with an emphasis on technology and science
- To support art and music in classrooms
- To enhance community and parental volunteerism in our



“Students had more understanding about the human body ... They loved seeing a full-size skeleton and then using the torso model to see the actual size and location of the organs. It made the learning come alive! The online dissection allowed students to better understand the complexities of various organisms.” —Colleen Behrens, Teacher at Pilot Butte Middle School

Digital Conversion Pilot

Last year, thanks to a Fred Meyer Foundation grant, classrooms at five elementary schools participated in a program integrating iPads into curricula. They were used for general instruction, to aid English Language Learners, and for intensive intervention groups.

Teacher Marina Reisinger shared, “iPads are wonderful for differentiation because I can give students different activities based on their specific needs.”

Educators Brenda Ayres and Heather Dunn expressed, “All of our Kinders are out of Math High Risk category and the High Risk Reading group went down by 14 percent. Our 3rd grade High Risk Math and Reading group went down by 9.9 percent and 10.3 percent respectively. Our 5th grade Math High Risk Group went

down by 12 percent.”

In addition, a donation from Bank of the Cascades allowed the foundation to expand the iPad loaner library, permitting greater access across the district.

This fall, the district launched a Digital Conversion Pilot, in which students will be issued iPads with interactive textbooks. Initially, five schools were selected to participate, however thanks to a generous gift exceeding \$250,000 by Chuck Shepard, CEO and owner of Hoodoo, two additional schools were able to join. Chuck shared, “We’re excited by the digital conversion. As a local company who hires more than 90 percent of our workforce from Central Oregon, we directly benefit from quality education — both because our workforce is obviously more well-educated and because it makes Central Oregon



more livable, attracting families we want as employees, neighbors and customers... Hoodoo would like to see other companies in the area match or exceed our donation.”

The foundation is pleased to announce that an anonymous donor followed suit and contributed a multi-year grant totaling \$150,000 which will allow an eighth school to take part!



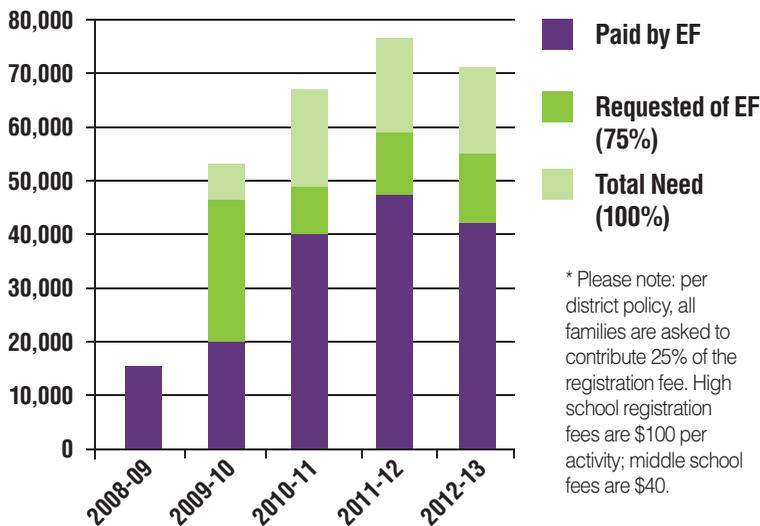
Activity Fee Scholarship Program:

Since 2003, this program has benefited nearly 4,000 middle and high school youth in need by providing financial aid for participation fees associated with after-school sports. The foundation believes that student involvement in extracurricular programs is vital to a well-rounded educational experience, particularly given the evidence based benefits and the return to society.

In fact, according to a study about the After School Education & Safety Program Act of 2002, each dollar invested in an at-risk child yields a return ranging from \$9-\$13! And Fight Crime, Invest in Kids states: "Quality after-school programs have been shown to decrease crime, drug use and teen pregnancy, and to increase high school graduation rates and college enrollment of the young people they serve. The after-school hours (3-6 p.m.) are the prime time for juvenile crime and other risky behaviors. After-school programs transform them into an opportunity for academic enrichment, safe fun and community service. It is crucial to invest wisely in our children and teens because each high-risk juvenile prevented from adopting a life of crime can save the country between \$1.7 million and \$2.3 million."

Eligibility for scholarship assistance is based on income guidelines associated with the Free & Reduced Meals Program, which serves 46 percent of all district students, though some schools exceed 80 percent. Students seeking financial aid should contact their school's athletic director, coach, or administration office.

Activity Fee Scholarship Need Levels & Amounts Funded



"The activity fee scholarship fund has helped thousands of young people in our community participate in activities and sports who would otherwise not have the opportunity. I have witnessed first-hand the difference participation has made in countless kids' lives. For many young people, the opportunity to participate in an activity or join a team provides the core motivation for staying in school. Our community provides them a chance to learn self-discipline, build self-confidence and develop skills to handle competitive situations."

– Dave Hood, Mountain View High School Athletic Director



EVENT SCHEDULE

Mt. Bachelor Ski for Schools

SKI SEASON 2013

Its back! The 9th annual Mt. Bachelor Ski for Schools is coming your way. Dates and local retailers will be announced soon. Andy Goggins, Director of Marketing and Communications at Mt. Bachelor, recently conveyed, "We're excited to continue supporting the Education for Bend-La Pine Schools and Redmond Education Foundation through the Ski for Schools program again this winter. This is another great way that Mt. Bachelor can contribute to our

local communities while offering a great value for area residents to ski and ride for just \$25!" Since the inception of this event, Mt. Bachelor has raised more than \$150,000!



Trivia Bee

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2014

Be sure to join us at the Tower Theatre for the 9th annual Trivia Bee! This spirited competition brings together 49 teams, all vying for bragging rights as the masters of minutiae. Special thanks to last year's Title Sponsor, MODA, and Scoreboard Sponsor, Bend Research. More than \$40,000 was raised, largely in support of Classroom Grants.

Principal of the Day

SPRING of 2014

The Education Foundation invites you to attend our annual "friend" raiser. Each year, local leaders serve as "honorary principals" at area schools to learn about the joys and challenges that our administrators face. The event concludes with a luncheon where Superintendent Ron Wilkinson provides a "State of the District" report.

Gala at the Riverhouse

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2014

The Gala at The Riverhouse has raised more than \$2 million for local nonprofits over the past 21 years and we are honored to be the 2014 beneficiary. Hundreds of people will gather at the gorgeous Riverhouse Convention Center to lift their glasses in support of the foundation's mission. Featuring a five-course gourmet dinner, wines from top producers, and a one-of-a-kind silent auction, the Gala at the Riverhouse is the place to be! World Champion and US Olympic Gold Medal



Decathlete, Ashton Eaton, will serve as the evening's keynote speaker. All proceeds will be invested in an endowment to support student participation in after-school programs, benefiting low-income youth. Sponsorships are available, but hurry space is limited!



GOLD SPONSORS:



"Pay to play fees began when my son was in high school. As a single mother with limited finances, money (or lack of) was always a huge concern. With the addition of equipment and gear costs on top of play to pay fees, it was unlikely that my son would be able to participate in any activities. Knowing he had an athletic aptitude, his and my desire was for him to participate in a variety of activities with the idea that he would find at least one that he had a passion for. Because of the Education Foundation's scholarship program, he was able to participate in wrestling, football and track & field. As it turned out, my son DID find his passion and his life is changed because of it. I know that so many other children are in need of what The Education Foundation can do for them—it's more than giving money, it's giving opportunity to find your passion, to be a contributor in society, to effect positive change, and finally to give BACK to your community because if it wasn't for the chance they were given, they wouldn't be where they are today." —Roz Eaton

Volunteer

We invite you to become engaged in our cause. To learn more, call **541-355-5660!**

Legacy Gifts:

Did you know that you can leave a lasting legacy gift to our public schools through the Education Foundation and that you may restrict its use for a purpose that you are passionate about? There are many ways to do so, but the most common is through a will. Visit www.engagedminds.org for more information or call 541-355-5660 to learn more.

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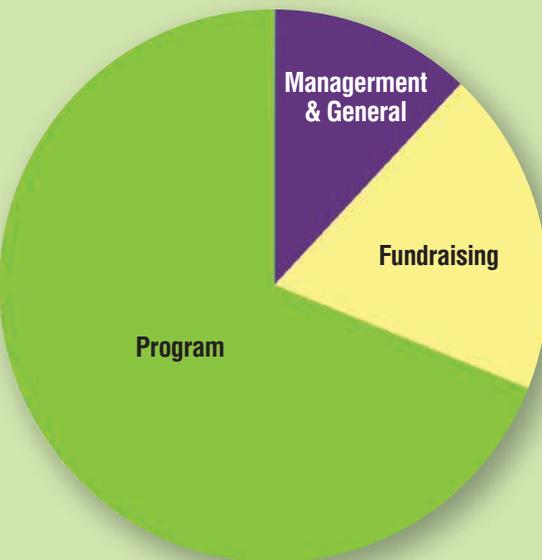
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*Please note FY indicates Fiscal Year which is July 1 - June 30



Letter from the President:

Fall is a time of invigoration, from the excitement with the start of a new school year, to seeing children playing sports on the local athletic fields, to simply enjoying the crisp cool morning air and beautiful outdoor colors. At the Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools, we share in this joy and are inspired by the students, teachers, and administrators that make our district “world class.” We wanted to take a moment to convey some of our own aspirations.

Last year, thanks to grants provided by The Meyer Memorial Trust and The Robert & Marjorie Chandler Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, our Board and staff took part in an organizational assessment, strategic and fund development planning program. It was a phenomenal learning experience that allowed us to incorporate stakeholder feedback into our collaborative vision, providing a road map for our future. Our primary goals are to:

- Positively impact students with broader and deeper support for classroom and through extracurricular activities.
- Encourage creativity and innovation within our schools.
- Communicate program information and successes while raising public awareness.
- Engage community members as our volunteers and supporters.
- Secure adequate resources to deliver effective programs within our district.
- Continue to develop strong leadership within our Board of Directors.

Thanks to you, our community, we are accomplishing many of these objectives, but there is still a great need to increase our financial impact in our schools. With your continued support we can make this happen.

Sincerely,

Michele Emery

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead



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The Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools enhances the great work of our entire district by investing in programs that are directly tied to student engagement and academic success. In addition, because economic disparity exists in our public schools, addressing equity is a priority of our nonprofit organization. Please support our mission and programs. On behalf of the more than 16,000 students in our district, THANK YOU!

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