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Mudd Nick Foundation Celebrates 20 Years of Serving Local Youth

In 1990, Doug Nicholson and Jim Mudd, two Oregon State University buddies, decided to start an affordable, fun-filled golf tournament—with both men and women participating.

They called it the Mudd Nick Invitational. A Duck dressed as a Beaver became the logo because of all of the Beavers and Ducks participating in the event.

The tournament was a hit from the start. It grew – bigger prizes – better food – always bigger and louder. Finally, Jim's wife Lynn put the brakes on! Her idea was to give back to the Manzanita community rather than just have a great time. Through Lynn's influence, in 1993 the Mudd Nick Golf and Charity event was born. Invitees and participants began donating to support selected programs for needy children in our area. We initially started a month long summer art



program and built a skate ramp in Nehalem, both of which are going strong today. We would raise approximately \$7,500 a year and have a great time doing it. Momentum was building.

In 2006, the Mudd Nick Foundation was formed as a 501(c)(3) non-profit and a board of nine directors was selected to develop our Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles and Objectives. Our theme and goal became "Changing Children's Lives Today and Tomorrow."

Over the last seven years over \$625,000 has been raised, supporting over 30 programs each year. We've formed partnerships with the superintendent of Neahkahnie School District 56 and with the principals of the two grade schools, one middle school and one high school. They request support for specific programs and the Foundation Board

selects the programs to fund. We do not support any tax funded programs or existing events. The Invitational Golf Tournament has also evolved through the years and drew 84 players in 2012.

The Junior Mudd Nick program provides an opportunity for local school children to help the needy and elderly in the community. Past and present Mudd Nickers are stepping up by raising money and providing new and exciting ideas. A revamped website will be up by summer 2013 to improve our communication with our supporters and those we serve. The passion for impacting the lives of children in this community in the hearts of Board members and volunteers associated with the Foundation is burning brighter than ever and this will keep the Foundation moving forward. The fund raising bar is elevated higher each year, so the Foundation will continue to need the support of generous donors.

The Mudd Nick Foundation is an all-volunteer organization. We have one person who is paid to coordinate our programs. No child pays anything to participate in an event. This year we will support over 36 programs. In 2012 we supported 46 programs providing 2,690 life expanding opportunities for the children in our community. We also raised 44% more than in 2011. We thank all of our donors and volunteers for your ongoing support!

Please consider joining us to celebrate our 20th anniversary at this year's annual event on September 20 – 21. And please consider making a donation to the Mudd Nick Foundation on behalf of the wonderful and deserving children in our community. Your contribution will make a visible and meaningful difference in their lives.

“As a parent of a middle schooler, I cannot fully express my heartfelt gratitude to the Mudd Nick Foundation for the many events my daughter has experienced through your generous funding. She has been able to attend summer camp for two years, where she made new friends as well as connected with old ones. Not to be forgotten, are the three years of field trips to The Children's Theatre in Portland for their entertaining plays, always accompanied by a delicious meal afterward. Thank you for giving my daughter these wonderful memories.”

—Lori M. Noregaard, Parent

Pay It Forward

Neahkahnie students continue to learn and demonstrate an important life lesson from the Mudd Nick Foundation - Give back to the community that supports you! Two groups - the Neahkahnie Middle Mudd-Nicks, mentored by Cynthia Grelck and Laura Wolf, and the Nehalem Elementary School Jr. Mudd-Nicks, mentored by Virginia Birkby, Kim Miller and Donna Miller - demonstrate the concept of paying it forward.



The Middle Mudd-Nicks are comprised of Neahkahnie Middle School 7th and 8th graders who provide volunteer services throughout Tillamook County. In every seven week session, the students participate in a leadership class, of which the Neahkahnie Middle Mudd-Nicks are a part. They brainstorm and then organize the community service activity they will do as a group. So far this school year, the students

volunteered at the Tillamook Animal Shelter where they walked dogs, cleaned cages, and performed other duties; and spent an afternoon at the Nehalem Valley Care Center making holiday decorations and visiting the residents. The current Middle Mudd-Nicks are organizing a recycling program for Garibaldi School. Each Middle Mudd-Nick group (there will be five total groups by the end of school year) also does one fundraiser during the seven week session to fulfill a Middle Mudd-Nick goal of making a donation to the Doernbecher Children's Cancer Center at Oregon Health and Science University. All of these 7th and 8th graders will travel to Portland to present this donation in June. These kids are truly learning and practicing the gift of giving.

Nehalem Elementary School Jr. Mudd-Nicks' mission statement - *Respectful, Responsible and Safe, Nehalem School kids working together to help our community and environment be a better place* - really describes who they are and what they do. These 4th and 5th graders are in their fourth year of working together on projects and fundraisers to help support their community. They have participated in the SOLV Beach-Cleanup and Nehalem Bay Scotch Broom Eradication Project. They've raised money for United Paws, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Northwest Animal Rescue, Operation Smile, Tillamook Co Family Crisis Center, Nehalem Bay Care Center and Secret Angels. A very important piece of each monthly meeting is their hour-long visit to the Nehalem Valley Care Center in Wheeler. They do art projects with residents, read books, do puzzles with them, and just spend quality time enjoying each other's company. Both the Jr. Mudd-Nicks and the Nehalem Valley Care Center residents look forward to this special day each month. The Nehalem Elementary School Jr. Mudd-Nicks are making a real difference.

“Providing these kids the experience of volunteering and a reward for their service to others is a priceless gift. These Jr. and Middle Mudd-Nicks will carry this gold in their pockets for many years to come.” —Donna Miller, Jr. Mudd-Nick Mentor

Piano for the High School

The Mudd Nick Foundation was approached last year to help solicit funds for a replacement piano for the Neahkahnie High School music program. These efforts raised \$1300, which was short of the amount needed.

Cheryl Lutz, a true supporter of the Foundation, joined our efforts. Cheryl donated and paid for her baby grand piano to be shipped to the school from her home in Palm Springs, CA. Cheryl visited Manzanita and was given a private recital by the High School Choir, which was a very moving experience for all. Thank you, Cheryl, for making a real difference.

Great things can be accomplished for these kids with the kind of help you have given us. You may have left us speechless with your actions, but we are not "voiceless" any longer. Thank you for your support of our music program and music education in general. Please visit us any time you wish so that you may check on our progress and we will greet you with open arms, hearts and voices.

Sincerely,
Michael Simpson - General Music/HS Choir
Neah-Kah-Nie School District #56

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Tom Moore - 2012 Person of the Year



At the 2012 annual Mudd Nick dinner and auction, the announcement was made that Tom Moore was selected as the Mudd Nick Foundation's 2012 Person of the Year.

Tom, a full-time resident of Manzanita, has for years been the chief "cook and bottle washer" responsible for the food at the annual events. His mouth watering smoked salmon and hearty prime rib offerings have been first rate. Tom epitomizes what the Foundation stands for. The monumental work of menu planning, food purchasing, and preparation of the dinners is accomplished efficiently without complaint. Tom willingly offers his time to make the annual event enjoyable and memorable, and in his own way demonstrates why the Mudd Nick Foundation is such a worthwhile organization for donors to support.

All of us who work with Tom appreciate what he does for the Foundation and we are fortunate to have him on our team.

Visit our website to donate or volunteer. Make a difference today!

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Abby's Closet Prom Dress Program

“The Abby's Closet Prom Dress Giveaway is an amazing once-in-a-lifetime event. I am not a person who is hung up on clothes or makeup, but every year when I go to this event I am carried along on the journey to find each high school girl a beautiful dress for the prom.”



Amazingly, the perfect dress is always there to find, and to know that it is free and costs the family nothing is such a gift for our girls. This is an amazing opportunity. Thanks to the Mudd Nick Foundation for making this happen.”

—Kathryn Harmon, Neahkahnie High School/
Middle School Librarian

The PX2 program was developed by The Pacific Institute to help young people recognize they have choices in life. By understanding how the human mind works, how their current beliefs and attitudes shape their expectations for the future, youth learn that they are in control of the way they think, and can use that power to change the way they live their lives. Studies have shown that with no goals of our own, we become susceptible to the loudest voice around us – whether it's good for us or not. PX2 teaches the art and science of goal-setting,



combined with a thorough understanding of just how we think, so that the kids come away with self-confidence, self-esteem and a strong ethical center.

PX2 is a life-changing experience, not just for teens but for the entire family. Promoting positive communication among family members, it builds stronger relationships between parents and children, brothers and sisters, friends, teammates. PX2 is a proven springboard to a successful future.

In the past two years, PX2 was taught to Middle School students in the classroom setting. This year the MNF is offering PX2 outside the classroom as a field trip so students can experience the education in a very special environment, making it a life expanding experience physically and intellectually.

Mudd Nick Foundation Supports Participation in Youth Sports Activities

The Mudd Nick Foundation recognizes that well-rounded individuals are usually the most successful in their lives. That is a primary reason the Foundation supports activities that enable students to be exposed to and participate in a variety of sports, academic, and fine art experiences.



Because of the Foundation's funding, the Neahkahnie High School wrestling team was able to attend a College Wrestling Tournament at OSU in November 2012. This trip was particularly special because the Neahkahnie team coached by Don Zellner had raised over \$2000 to at-

tend a wrestling camp in summer 2012. Many of their camp counselors were on the OSU team, and the Neahkahnie team loved watching them compete.

In October 2012, the Neahkahnie girls volleyball team was delighted to attend a Foundation-sponsored trip to the Portland Trail Blazers game. The boys and girls basketball teams will also attend a game on March 16, 2013. Many thanks go to Bucky Buckwalter and the Trail Blazers for making these trips possible.

This year, the Mudd Nick Foundation is supporting the Neahkahnie Youth Sports League, coached by a dedicated group of parents and community members. The funding provides local kids, grades 3-8, an opportunity to develop their physical and social skills through participation in a variety of team sports, including football, wrestling, basketball, volleyball and baseball. The coaches not only teach the skills of the sport, but also have high expectations about each child learning to be a team player, improving his or her listening and communication skills, and the understanding the importance of exhibiting good sportsmanship.

“Mudd Nicks are awesome for supporting the Neahkahnie Youth Sports League. I played baseball under this league and I learned new things that I never knew before. I also made a lot of new friends during baseball. Thank you, Mudd Nick Foundation for supporting this sports league.” —Adam Giles, Neahkahnie Middle School 7th grader

Pool-a-thon

Bravo to the Mudd Nick Foundation for its annual support of the North Coast Recreation District/Nehalem Elementary School Swim Program.

83 years later, in this area surrounded by water and dominated by water-related recreation, we continue our mission of providing swim



and water safety instruction and to all Nehalem Elementary students.

The goal is to create a safe environment where the students can learn to swim and be educated in water safety, while instilling the value of swimming as a lifetime skill and healthy recreational activity. The skills each child learns in the pool could save his or her life or the life of another. All this is delivered at no cost to the students or their families... The program is all inclusive and no student is left behind!

The Mudd Nick Foundation plays an important role in maintaining our community's essential values, and its generous investment in the North Coast Recreation District/Nehalem Elementary School Swim Program makes a direct and immediate impact.

“ I loved swimming at the NCRD every Tuesday when I was in grade school. I improved so much over 6 years. By teaching us these skills, someday I may save someone's life. Thanks Mudd Nick for supporting our pool.” —Sean Harth, Neahkahnie Middle School

PF Chang's was AWESOME! It is now my favorite place to eat, thanks to you. I love the sweet and sour chicken. Have you ever been there and tried it? If not you should. It's boss!

Nick

Neahkahnie Middle School 7th Grader

I remember going to OMSI when I was in first grade. It was my most favorite field trip I ever went on. I am so happy I got to go and learn so much about the ocean fauna. Thank you so much Mudd Nick.

Robby Waldron

Neahkahnie Middle School

Performing and Fine Arts in NKN Schools

The Mudd Nick Foundation recognizes the importance of exposing kids to the arts. The Foundation continues to support art literacy, music and dance programs in the Neahkahnie schools.



For the 2012-2013 school year, the Foundation is funding a new performing arts program, Music and Movement, for kindergarteners at both elementary schools. The Music and Movement program provides an opportunity for these children to develop socially, physically and emotionally through chanting, singing, dancing, playing instruments and other movement activities. Research shows that these kinesthetic activities trigger brain connections that enhance

cognitive development and support learning in young children.

At Garibaldi Grade School, all students receive 90 minutes of Art Literacy instruction each month. This Mudd Nick Foundation funded program exposes students to, and broadens their understanding of, the arts and culture, which expands their world view. Each lesson includes a presentation of the history behind an artist/movement, presentation of the artist's work, and discussion of the artist's elements and design, as well as furnishing an opportunity for each student to create artwork in this style. Parent volunteers help make this program possible.

During the past several years, the Nehalem Elementary School's Art Moms program has enhanced the creativity and art knowledge of all Nehalem Elementary School students. The volunteer mothers provide weekly art instruction that exposes the kids to a variety of artists, art mediums, opportunities for self-expression, and plenty of time to get messy and have fun. The Mudd Nick Foundation's donation is used to purchase supplies for this fabulous and loved program.

The Mudd Nick Foundation is supporting the refurbishing of Neahkahnie High School's "retired" band instruments. This will provide availability of instruments to any student who does not have the financial resources to rent or purchase his or her own instrument, which in the past, prohibited them from participating in the band. Music learning supports all learning and the Foundation wants every child to have this opportunity.

Odyssey of the Mind

This year we have four teams at Garibaldi Grade School and one at the Middle School, for a total of 36 students involved in the Odyssey of the Mind program. We have more students interested than we have coaches for teams. We still hope to get the program started at the High School and Nehalem Elementary.

This year we are hoping to take all five teams to Washington State's Competition on March 23rd, in Walla Walla, Washington. We'll take two days off school so we can do some site-seeing while we are there. This means we will have enough funds to send only one team to World Finals this year, but more students will get to travel and meet new people, which is a positive outcome.

In 2012, we were able to take two teams to World Finals in Des Moines, Iowa, one from the Grade School and one from the Middle School. Many of those students had never gone before. The students were very social and visited with other teams on the buses and played games at night with other teams staying at the motel. It was a great trip.

“ I cannot say enough about the benefits of the Odyssey of the Mind program. It covers so many of life lessons to which students don't normally get exposed. Learning to be creative is wonderful in itself, but the teamwork and the problem solving are so important.” — Terry Houchins, Odyssey of the Mind Coach

My family has been fortunate enough to benefit from the Mudd Nick Foundation for several years now. My youngest child is in 4th grade and I have one in the middle school and in high school. The Mudd Nick's generosity is far beyond any expectation one would have: From meaningful field trips to Portland, sponsoring students to attend interesting summer camps and bringing the assemblies to our schools. We are blessed to have such a unique foundation in our district. Thank you for all you do!

Jennifer Holm

Neahkahnie Elementary School Parent

Crow Canyon Archeological Camps – The Big Dig was Big!

Talk about life expanding experiences... During the summer of 2012, six Neahkahnie Middle School students and six Neahkahnie High School students attended respective middle school and high school camps at the Crow Canyon Archeological Center in Cortez,



Colorado. They were accompanied by teachers from each school. Scholarships to enable the students to attend were provided to the Neahkahnie School District through a collaborative effort by: the Mudd Nick Foundation; Our Brothers Keepers whose many members annually support the Mudd Nick Foundation as volunteers and donors; and Joe and Tina Turner.

These camps for teens are specially designed to engage young people in the study of the past. Through hands-on activities, lively

discussions, and unique field trips, teens learn that the study of archaeology, history, and culture can be exciting, relevant, and fun.

The Foundation extends a special thanks to Joe and Tina for their on-the-ground support in Cortez. In addition to their donation for attendance to the Camps, they treated the students to a night at a lodge on the Delores Canyon River and a special program called Medicine Horse, where the students learned how “horses and humans can work together to foster healthier communities.”

Upon their return to Oregon, the campers made presentations and spoke about their summertime experience at a dinner before school administrators, teachers and their families. Also present were those who helped make it all possible: Mudd Nick Foundation board of directors, Our Brothers Keepers members, and Joe and Tina Turner.

Captured below are some comments made by the campers that demonstrate how meaningful the experience was to them.

- “It was the best experience. I can't really explain it.”
- “It was a lot of fun. I had a blast.”
- “It was fun to come out of your shell and meet everyone else.”
- “I used to be a pretty shy kid. Thank you.”
- “It's really been a life changing experience.”
- “The architecture was one of the most amazing things I've ever seen.”

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Special People Support Special Needs Students

Children with intellectual, physical, emotional and behavior challenges face many obstacles in their daily lives, as do their parents and caregivers. The Mudd Nick Foundation recognizes the benefit of providing extra support and specialized programs designed so these kids can be as independent as possible while having rich and fun life experiences. Targeted students in the Neahkahnie schools have access to iPads with applications that develop language, social and life skills;



research-based videos that teach Pro-Social Skills; Signing Times videos for fun ASL instruction; and a computer assistive writing program which will be accessible district-wide, all thanks to funding provided by donations to the Mudd Nick Foundation.

The Mudd Nick Foundation understands that being a parent or caregiver of a child with special needs can be challenging and demanding. Providing opportunities for these parents and caregivers to have a respite from the intense commitment of raising their children is a goal of the Foundation. Using a generous donation by the Anne and Eli Shapira Charitable Foundation earmarked for kids with special needs, the Mudd Nick Foundation is supporting two summer day camp experiences specifically planned for these children. Great Big Art Mash (GBAM) is a week long, hands-on, fun filled art experience held at the Bay City Arts Center. Up to 15 special kids, grades 4-12, will experience visual and performing arts, socialization, a nutritious family style lunch and lots of "getting messy." During the same week, the Mudd Nick Foundation is planning an Art, Music and Movement Day Camp for younger Neahkahnie special needs students, grades K-3, providing similar creative experiences as GBAM. Both camps will have trained staff, volunteers and transportation services. The week will culminate with an art show and dinner at the Bay City Arts Center to celebrate all these young, special artists.

Let me tell you about some unbelievable stars that shine on me and my class. I dreamed that my 20 small-town fourth and fifth graders could escape to Portland. I hoped that they could slip into the Oregon Children's Theater to see *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* come alive, jump into the downtown food cart lunch scene, and head to Powell's Books to round up their own C.S... Lewis books to read and keep forever.

Well, as the song lyrics go, 'When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are. Anything your heart desires will come to you.' Those Mudd Nick stars that they are, proved one more time that 'if your heart is in your dream, no request is too extreme.' They gave us \$1031.75 and our dream came true."

Virginia Birkley
Neahkahnie Elementary School 4/5 Teacher

Students Visit Portland State

On February 5, 2013, we took 29 Neahkahnie students on a field trip to Portland State University and our students excelled.



They engaged in activities and discussions and were outgoing and gregarious throughout the day. Students attended sessions on a variety of topics and were given prizes for winning little contests and participating. One student was even given a Viking's Rugby player jersey for purchasing cookies from the university's fundraiser. There were many highlights, but my favorite was during a session on engineering careers where three of our students built the highest spaghetti marshmallow tower that any group has ever built at this Viking 101 program. It was very impressive.

“Before this trip I knew nothing about college. I never thought I would go, but now I might go. This was an awesome trip.” —Sabrina

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Memories in the Making: Summer Camps

Attending a camp is often the highlight of many kids' summers. Whether it is a day or overnight camp, this experience offers children an opportunity to make friends, interact with new adults, gain knowledge and participate in lots of fun activities.

For several years, the Mudd Nick Foundation has provided scholarships and bus transportation for 45 boys and girls, grades 4-6, to attend the 4-H Summer Camp. This overnight camp is held in the west hills of Salem for five nights at the end of June. Our Neahkahnie students join others from Benton, Lincoln and South Tillamook counties. Each year, the games, craft activities and nature studies are designed around a theme - in 2012 it was the Pharaoh's Secret - which makes all the fun also a great learning experience. The campers swim, do archery, canoe, perform skits, sing at campfires, eat delicious food and make many new friends. Thank you letters from the campers to the Mudd Nick Foundation reveal how much these students treasure the memories from this camp experience.

The Mudd Nick Foundation-supported Summer Art Camp, held at the North Coast Recreation District in July, provides art and swimming experiences for over 75 Neahkahnie kids, grades K-5, each summer. This five day camp is filled with painting, gluing, cutting, molding and creating with a variety of mediums in a relaxed, fun-filled environment under the instruction and supervision of caring adults and senior high students. The camp is divided into three five day sessions, each with about 25 campers who love being there. Lunch is provided by the local Grub Club, a Mudd Nick Foundation-supported organization that provides a nutritious lunch for our youth.

Another summer camp opportunity is the Beach Art Camp held at the Bay City Arts Center. The Mudd Nick Foundation provides scholarships for Neahkahnie students, ages 6-12, most of whom live in the south end of the school district. Campers are excited to participate in a variety of art experiences that include Driftwood Creatures, Flying Fish, Paperclay, String and Driftwood, and Personal Message Boards. This five day camp is held in July for four hours a day. It's been positively described as "a very hands-on art experience."



Forest to Sea Summer Camp, led by distinguished and popular, local biologist Peter Walzak, is a crowd pleaser with all the Neahkahnie kids. Many who have attended this camp as 3rd to 5th graders graduate to being paid or volunteer helpers when they reach high school. The Mudd Nick Foundation provides scholarships and transportation for 25 elementary students for this five day, hands-on study of their local environment. Through projects, field trips and games, the children are introduced to the science of forests, wetlands, estuaries and oceans. This camp is an awesome, fun way to broaden kids' scientific knowledge of their natural environment.

“...One of my favorite trips when I was in grade school was when I went to 4-H Camp. I had a blast there and made many new friends. I want to thank the Mudd Nicks for this. The two years I went were amazing. I have so many good memories from the 4-H Camp. It was very, very fun and everyone was cheerful!” — Vanah H., Neahkahnie Middle School 7th grader

“Thanks to Mudd Nick funds, our schools are able to provide experiences for kids who would never have an opportunity to explore them on their own. Last year at Powell's Bookstore, Garibaldi students were in awe of a building with three levels of used books. Each child was given \$10 to spend. Some kids were bargain shoppers, others wanted a new book that no one had used before, and some wanted to save most of their money. After leaving the book store, we walked down the street to have a delicious lunch at PF Chang's. Everyone tried a dish he or she had never eaten before and most of them enjoyed it. I'm sure it's a trip they'll never forget.”
—Carol Kearns, Garibaldi Principal

“The Neahkahnie elementary schools are doing Battle of the Books once again this year. Students are getting geared up to read the different books that were selected and eager to read and discuss with their teammates. This year, we are going to have the top two teams 'battle it out' at Garibaldi in May. All participants will come to Garibaldi and watch the final battle take place. Students will then have a chance to celebrate all of their hard work this year by enjoying a party and celebrating their success with reading. Thanks for supporting this project, Mudd Nicks!!” —Jan Marie Nugent, Neahkahnie Reading Specialist



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Thinking Outside the Box

This year the Mudd Nick Foundation challenged the Neahkahnie teachers to be creative, try something new, and think outside the box when making project requests for Foundation support, and this they



did! Many teachers planned activities and trips that will provide exciting and unique experiences to broaden their students' knowledge and world view. Here are some examples:

- Virginia Birkby will expose her class to a Taste of Portland, beginning their day at a live theater performance in downtown Portland, walking to the city center for an ethnic food truck experience, followed by a streetcar ride to Powell's Bookstore to peruse the shelves and buy a book. Erin Hanson's class will culminate its poetry study with a tour of the Japanese Gardens where they will write nature inspired Haiku.
- Esther Troyer and Laura Wolf, school counselors, accompanied 30 middle and senior high schoolers to the Peacemakers Conference at University of Portland to learn con-

flict resolution skills and strategies. These students will be school peer mediators who will share their understanding of tolerance and peaceful resolution with their peers, families and community.

- 36 middle and high schoolers will attend the Mini-Maker Faire, a hands-on exhibit that inspires creativity, innovation and higher thinking through sharing inventions and inventors in robotics, rockets, musical instruments and other new, undiscovered ideas.
- Twelve high school girls have the opportunity to attend the Women in Construction Career Fair with school librarian, Kathryn Harmon. They will be exposed to and have hands-on activities in many trades not usually perceived as a woman's job (i.e. excavators, iron work, welding, jackhammering, driving heavy equipment, utility line work, etc).
- 7th and 8th graders will tour the Evergreen Air and Space Museum in McMinnville with teacher Ruben Bitts.
- Mr. Dilbeck will join the 6th graders on a bird hike and study guided by members of the Audubon Society of North Oregon.
- Mrs. Harper's Garibali Grade School class will visit Hillsboro, catch the MAX train to explore downtown Portland, and then tour the incredible Rice Northwest Rock Museum in North Plains.
- The 4th and 5th graders at Garibali Grade School will learn about astronomy when the OMSI Portable Planetarium turns the school gym into a night sky for a guided learning experience.

“ Thank you for giving so many kids the opportunity to go to so many different places like the Newport Aquarium, 4-H Camp, and the Children's Theater. One trip I really remember is going to the Chinese Garden in Portland. It is important for kids to get these experiences, so thank you Mudd Nicks for giving us the opportunity.” —Jarod Scribner, Neahkahnie Middle School 7th Grader

The Mudd-Dog Stand & the Mudd Dogs

Entering its ninth year of serving tasty Chicago style hot dogs, the Mudd-Dog Stand is approaching folklore status. Operated by Jim and Lynn Mudd, the stand delivers much more than merely food. It is the platform from which the Mudd Nick Foundation's story is spread into the community.

Customers eat the hot dogs, then, in many cases, write checks to support the efforts of the Foundation. Last year over \$5,000.00 was donated just in tips.

Each July for the past four summers, the Mudd Dogs music group has played music and sung popular standards in front of the Mudd-Dog stand. Last year the group raised over \$1,000 in additional tips for the Foundation. We thank the Mudd Dogs once again for their entertainment, generosity and support.

When you visit Manzanita, stop at the Mudd-Dog stand, one block from the ocean on Laneda Avenue, and give yourself a treat. You'll experience what a hot dog is all about, but more



than that, you'll understand the passion of the Mudd Nick Foundation's mission and work for children in our community.

Our Brothers Keepers

Our Brothers Keepers (OBK) is an organization founded by a fraternity class from Oregon State University of which Jim Mudd is a member. In 2004, OBK established its own charitable 501(c) (3) organization. The purpose of OBK is to focus on the development and welfare of children and young adults by supporting their education and welfare, and providing life expanding experiences – a natural fit with the Mudd Nick Foundation.

Each year, 14 to 16 OBK members including their spouses, have supported and had many roles in the Mudd Nick Foundation's annual event. Five members have served on the Foundation's board. Additionally, OBK members support scholarships for teachers to attend the Freedom Writers Foundation training. One of the scholarship recipients was Kathryn Harmon, Neahkahnne School District.

Other programs supported are:

- Friends of Pimpollo – a Salem based organization whose mission is to develop and support projects and programs focused on poor children and their families of Mexican heritage. Major programs support child welfare and children and adult education in the State of Oaxaca in southern Mexico and the Woodburn Family Learning Center in Woodburn, Oregon.



- The relocation of two Hurricane Katrina families to the Pacific Northwest including providing assistance to one family member as she worked towards her degree from the College of Education at OSU.

“ There are 11 high school and 10 middle school students involved in the Peer Mediation program. When asked why the program is important to have or participate in, Willa Childress, a senior and a long time attendant of the annual training states that ‘peer mediation is really important because it allows for alternative conflict resolution and teaches us active listening and other great skills.’ Trista Cooper, also a senior and longtime attendant of the trainings says, ‘Being involved in peer mediation not only helps your peers, but it allows you, yourself, to be able to seek out resolutions that are accepted by both parties. It also gives you the ability to break confrontations that are happening in your own life. They [conflicts] don’t always have to be with other people to apply what you have learned.’ Everyone learns through this experience and Neahkahnne High School is very grateful to have the Mudd Nicks fund this training opportunity as well as the Peacemaking Conference”

—Esther Troyer, Neahkahnne High School Guidance Counselor

The Shoes (The Gift)

I’m always amazed by how such generous giving comes packaged to the Foundation. One of the most unusual and unexpected gifts came about as follows.

It was a bright and sunny morning at our Mudd-Dog hot dog stand in Manzanita, and I was heating water and prepping the hot dog cart. It was 9:00 am, two hours till opening.

I noticed eight children hanging on our front gate. This is a real sore spot with me, so I started my approach to “run them off.” Something, however, stopped me. We’ve all experienced the same thing - it’s the “Voice.” Mine said, “Be nice. Jim, be kind.”

At our hot dog stand we pass out and tell the story of the Sand Dollar to young people. In the last eight years, thousands have been given away. It’s become our signature. So on this day, I told myself to give these young folks the Sand Dollar treatment.

Their eyes were huge as I unfolded the story. Suddenly, I no longer cared about the gate; all that mattered was these children.

After my story telling was over, a young father approached me to say he loved the story and asked if I would tell him about the Mudd Nick Foundation. He was familiar with our camps, but was hazy about our mission.

I noticed he was a runner because he wore the latest gear and had bright orange ultra-lite running shoes. Being an Oregon State University alumni, I was so excited to see the man wore Beaver orange. I just had to have a pair of those shoes and asked where he purchased them. The young father asked me my size. I said, “How much do they cost?” He told me not to ask.

Two weeks later a UPS truck delivered my new orange shoes, minus the bill. The next day another package arrived this time with 20 pairs of the latest edition Adidas shoes, all colors, all sizes. A note inside one box said, “I work for Adidas. The Mudd Nick Foundation does wonderful things for young people. In a small way I hope this offering may help. Keep up the good work.”

The message for me and for you is: Never judge people. Always treat everyone with respect and kindness., In turn, they will treat you the same way. When good people get together with a shared passion, great things are possible. —Jim Mudd



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More Ways to Support the Mudd Nick Foundation

The Board has increased the ways for you to support the Mudd Nick Foundation. You can **direct your United Way donation specifically to the Mudd Nick Foundation** and several generous donors have already done this.

Also, visit our website at www.muddnickfoundation.org and click on the “DONATE” button which will take you to a page where you can donate through PayPal. You can use your credit card; a PayPal account is not necessary. Soon you will be able to donate through the Mudd Nick Foundation’s Facebook page, but in the meantime, visit us on Facebook.

New Members Added to Mudd Nick Board

In 2012, the Mudd Nick Foundation added three new members to the Board of Directors.

John Isbell assumed the duties as Treasurer. John lives in Manzanita with wife, Monica. He currently serves on two other non-profit boards and works for Cambridge Systematics Inc., a global transportation consulting firm. He was the former Director of Corporate Delivery Logistics for Nike, where he worked for 31 years.

Monica Isbell serves as a Board Member. She also works for Cambridge Systematics and is the former founder and president of Starboard Alliance Company LLC, a supply chain consulting firm. She came to Portland in 2000 to work for Columbia Sportswear Company as Director of Corporate Trade and Logistics.

Board Member, Colleen Everroad lives in Manzanita. She retired after 29 years of service with the Federal Reserve Bank. Her last position was District Manager for Customer Service. Colleen currently serves as a member of the City of Manzanita Planning Commission.

Ken Wilkes, former Treasurer, and Sybil Stronach, former Secretary, departed the Mudd Nick Foundation Board after many years of devoted service. Ken served since the inception of the Foundation and left it on solid financial ground. Sybil headed up the silent auction table at our annual dinner. Over the last six years her stewardship has realized almost \$40,000 in revenue.

Ken and Sybil will be missed and we thank them for their commitment and efforts over the years in building the Mudd Nick Foundation.

Mudd Nick Foundation Board Members

Sheri Atteridge • Colleen Everroad • Dave Dukehart
Ellen Dukehart • John Isbell • Monica Isbell
Jim Mudd • Lynn Mudd • Doug Nicholson
Owen Nicholson (Emeritus) • Embry Savage (Emeritus)



“A hundred years from now....it will not matter what my bank account was, the size of my house or the car I drove....but the world may be different because we were important in the life of a child!” —Forest E. Whitcraft



Changing Children's Lives Today & Tomorrow



Making a Difference—Having an Impact

September 2012 – August 2013 Programs for Children

Middle School

Activity	Children
Day of Service	180
OR Writing Festival	8
Mini-Maker Faire	36
Women in Trades	12
Viking 101-PSU visit	68
Middle Mudds	18
Middle Mudds Part II	100
8th Grade to OMSI	65
6th Grade Coast Aquarium	60
Audubon N. OR Coast	60
Evergreen Air & Space Museum	52
Battle of the Books	20
Blazer Game	30
PX2	21

Nehalem Elementary School

Art Mom	183
Jr. Mudd Nicks	20
Tillamook Library & Teddy Fair	22
Community Service to Care Center	21
Oregon Children's Theater	35
Columbia River Maritime Museum	48
OMSI Field trip	48
Maritime Museum	27
OMSI Field Trip - Simmons	18
Oregon Children's Theater - Birkby	25
Mussel Harvesting	22
Japanese Garden/Powell's	26
Battle of the Books	20
Music and Movement	30

Special Needs Children

iPad Apps for Special Needs	8
Model Me Videos for Special Needs	10
Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp for Special Needs	2
Summer Respite Day Camp	20
Assistive Technology Software	50

Garibaldi

Activity	Children
Battle of the Books	20
OR Children's Theater	68
Art Literacy Program	170
Odyssey of the Mind	14
Portland Children's Museum	46
Portland Children's Theater	21
Student Art Reception & Dinner	150
Rice NW Museum Rocks/Minerals	19
Music & Movement	31
Tillamook Cheese Farm & Factory	27
Fort Clatsop	51
Astronomy	51
Library Tour	19

High School

OSU Visitation	21
Peacemakers' Conference	32
Oregon Writing Festival	8
Wrestling Match	22
Fall Press Day	15
Abby's Closet	12
HS Choir to Symphony	30
Women in Construction Trades	12
Blazer Game	10

NCRD

Lap-A-Thon	200
Forest to Sea	25
Theater Day Camps	24

Multi-School

Bay City Arts	25
Summer Grub Club	75
Summer Art Camp	75
Sports Program	120
Musical Instrument Repair	14
Preschool Theater Trip	15
Crow Canyon	7
4-H Camp	40

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Our mission is to broaden the horizons of deserving children in Greater Nehalem Bay and North Tillamook County. We provide life expanding opportunities primarily for targeted grade and middle school children through special non-school sponsored experiences away from home.

Our programs are targeted to teach children the fundamentals of lifelong stellar citizenship by encouraging them to:

- Be responsible for their individual actions
- Respect themselves and others
- Maintain high integrity
- Exhibit socially accepted behaviors
- Expand their life experiences, minds and curiosities
- Have fun but act responsibly

“ I have been very impressed with the passion the Mudd Nick Foundation has in affecting the lives of our students in a positive way. I have been a part of this community for three years now and see no ‘let-down’ of the efforts of the Foundation. In fact, the passion in which they do their work has grown. We are very lucky to have this organization in our corner.”

—Leo Lawyer, Neahkahnie Middle School Principal



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Volunteers Just Keep on Coming

If you're looking for an amazing response, just send out an email asking for volunteers for the annual Mudd Nick Foundation dinner and auction fundraiser. Over 75 kids and adults, all from the Neahkahnie schools' community, stepped up to set up tables and



chairs, prepare and serve food, set and clean tables; and wash and store the hundreds of dishes. Volunteering at this event is their way of saying thank you for the Foundation's continual support that positively impacts their lives and the lives of their children.

The annual fundraiser would never be so successful without the efforts of these energetic and generous volunteers.

The Mudd Nick Foundation would like to specially thanks all of those who volunteered at the 2012 dinner and auction:

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Making an Impact

Be sure to visit our website for the latest news and updates. You can also register online for our annual golf tournament and charity event as well as donate items for our auction.