



the Foundation *Flyer*

High School Commencement Speaker, Jim Mudd

The 2016 Neah-Kah-Nie graduating class received a special treat at commencement. Jim Mudd provided a rousing keynote address which included valuable insights, advice, stories and humorous anecdotes that kept the graduates and audience laughing and prompted their thinking.

Mudd focused his address by sharing three core recommendations that he had learned throughout his life and career. He stressed the importance of building relationships through networking with friends as a critical aspect of landing jobs, to dream big, and not to let the "dream killers" influence you. "Believe in yourself and re-

member, a person learns the most during tough times and in the valleys." Perhaps the most important and seldom mentioned piece of advice was the practical challenge to stay out of credit card debt. "Do you want it? Do you need it? Can you pay for it in 30 days? If you can't say yes to all three, then don't buy it!" Mr. Mudd counseled the graduates to prepare themselves for interviews and "ask for the job," and reminded them they are only as "good as their handshake."

His sage words of wisdom also included staying true to your word, treating each person with kindness and respect, and being grateful for every single day. Mudd concluded his address to the graduating class, many of whom he had watched grow during many of the Mudd Nick Foundation programs, by simply saying "good luck you beautiful young people."

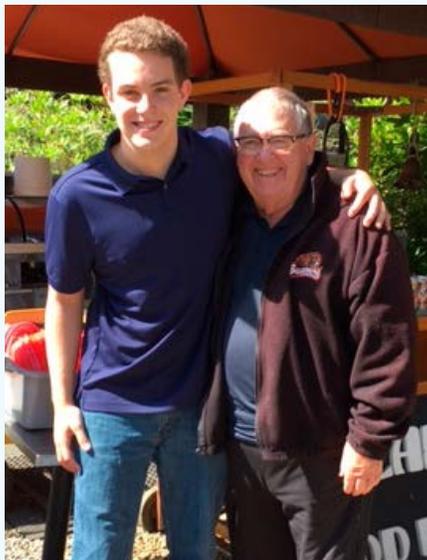
According to school records, 57 students graduated. 27 percent will attend a four-year college, 36 percent a community college, 6 percent will receive training in technical trades, 6 percent will enter military service, 10 percent secured jobs, and 15 percent are undecided about their futures. Average GPA was 3.2.

Congratulations to the 2016 Class of Neah-Kah-Nie High School, and thank you Mr. Mudd for your wise words of encouragement and advice.

—Jennifer Holm, Mudd Nick Foundation Program Director and Parent

The Mudd Nick Foundation Means So Much to Me

“ Growing up in the Neah-Kah-Nie school district I often heard about the Mudd Nick Foundation and how it sent students on field trips and funded many of our programs. Of course, it wasn't until much later in life that I truly understood what the Foundation means to this community. As a child, I remember loving all of the field trips that our class, and many others, partook in throughout my time in both elementary and middle school. The Mudd Nick Foundation helps not only the elementary and middle school, but the high school as well. My Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) team was successful enough to win the state competition and move onto nationals two years in a row, and the Mudd Nick Foundation contributed funds to both of those wonderful experiences.



Max Hooley and Jim Mudd

I have been fortunate to be able to work for Jim and Lynn Mudd at their famous Manzanita Mudd Dog Stand this summer, and it's there that I

am learning what kind of people are behind the Mudd Nick Foundation. Jim is just as kind and warmhearted as a person can be, and he has, without a doubt, made it his life's work to ensure the children of District 56 have experiences that will last a lifetime. Lynn is smart and bubbly and would do absolutely anything to help anyone. Together they have truly built a foundation that has become a huge part of what makes our little sliver of the coast such an amazing place to live."

—Max Hooley, Graduating Senior,
Neah-Kah-Nie High School

Join Us for the Mudd Nick Foundation Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Dinner & Auction on September 17th

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

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

At the Friday evening September 16th spaghetti dinner from 5:00 to 9:00pm, you will find out the golf team assignments and tee times. You can also peruse the silent auction items.

The Golf Tournament commences Saturday morning September 17 at 7:30am. Players can sign up to play either 9 or 18 holes. Dinner runs from 5:30 to 10:00pm and exciting items will be available in the silent and live auctions.

Thank you for supporting the Mudd Nick Foundation.

Nehalem Bay Crab Derby

Kelly's Brighton Marina was a bevy of activity on June 4th with a huge crowd of people enjoying fantastic weather, crabbing in boats or from Kelly's dock, eating cooked crab and raw oysters, or just mingling and enjoying the landside activities. Kelly Laviolette was his wild, wonderful self as he entertained his guests. Thanks to Kelly and wife Janice, this event has become the second largest fundraising event for the Mudd Nick Foundation. We are also grateful to the many generous donors who furnished desirable items for our silent and oral auctions.

The Mudd Nick Foundation raised close to \$13,000 from ticket sales for Crab Derby Tickets and silent auction items along with the oral auction winning bids. Many thanks to John and Monica Isbell, Brad and Elizabeth Mudd, Tim McCarty, and Scott Galvin who spent the day helping with ticket sales and parking.



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

What the Mudd Nick Foundation Has Meant to Me

“The Mudd Nick Foundation has had an impact on my life for as long as I can remember — from field trips in grade and middle school, to sponsoring me as an exchange student to Costa Rica. This remarkable experience enabled me to make memories and forge lifelong bonds with families and friends that I will forever cherish. This helped me develop independence, confidence, and flexibility. Few sophomores get an opportunity like I had.

Besides Costa Rica, the Mudd Nick Foundation also rewarded me and other students in more ways than we can account for. Two years in a row, the Foundation sent high school students to Camp Attitude, a volunteer based camp for children with special needs. Although we were volunteering, we still had to pay to attend, however, the Mudd Nick Foundation grant made this possible. We learned what it means to willfully give our time and to truly understand that “life is not always about us.”

These are only a few of the things that the Mudd Nick Foundation has done for me over the years. I am forever grateful and we are fortunate to have this organization in our community.”

—Jamey Sherman, Graduating Senior,
Neah-Kah-Nie High School

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Thought Patterns for High Performance Training

Teachers and parents of the Middle School children who have participated in PX2 (Personal Power Times 2) during the last seven years have been impressed with the dramatic impact in how participants approach their lives going forward. Offered by The Pacific Institute, PX2 training is science-based, proven around the world, and grounded in how the subconscious mind works, and provides tools to change a person's mindset to improve his/her performance. Hence, a group of parents and school administrators asked the Mudd Nick Foundation if they could get the same education as the children to enable them to reinforce what the children have learned.



In early April, Foundation Board Members Brad Mudd, Tim McCarty, Joan Henderson and Monica Isbell attended Thought Patterns for High Performance - along with Paul Erlebach, District 56 Superintendent and Mudd Nick Foundation Advisory Council member; school principals; and teachers from our area. The 2 and ½ day training resonated deeply with the participants. One remarked “I have taken numerous self-development and business courses over the years, but this is the first that has furnished me real tools that I am using in my daily life to transform my self-talk, habits, and belief system about myself, and set and achieve realistic goals through an affirmation process. As a life-long learner, the curriculum intrigues me intellectually, but has a practical side that is readily applicable. I can attest to the positive difference using these tools has made in me just during the past four months.”

The Mudd Nick Foundation Board is pleased that this adult-appropriate curriculum was so well received and will be applied in the schools and at home.

—Sheri Atteridge, Mudd Nick Foundation Board Member

Visiting Our Nation's Capital

At 2:00 am on the first day of spring break, 12 students (5th, 6th, and 7th graders) from Garibaldi Grade School and Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School embarked on a journey to Washington D.C. For many students, it was their first time on an airplane. On the initial day of our trip, the students stepped back in time learning and experiencing colonial Jamestown and Williamsburg. The next four days were spent running around (our tour guide walked very fast!) Washington D.C. and the surrounding area. A few places we visited were the Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson monuments; and memorials to World War II, Vietnam War and Korean War; and the 9/11 Pentagon memorials. Other significant places we visited were The White House, Capitol Hill, Ford's Theater, Mt. Vernon, and Arlington Cemetery where we were able to watch the changing of the guard. We also were able to visit the Smithsonian American History Museum and the Holocaust Museum. America's history and governmental operations became real to the students by touring these historic landmarks. Everyone returned exhausted, but full of stories, new understandings, pictures, souvenirs, and first hand experiences of our country's history and Nation's capital. The trip was possible as a result of fundraising by the students



5th, 6th & 7th Graders from Garibaldi Grade School & Neah-Kah-Nie High School in Washington D.C.

and families and a sizable grant from the Mudd Nick Foundation.

—Ashley Patterson, 4th/5th Grade Teacher, Garibaldi Elementary

Play Ball!

The new Little League field in Rockaway Beach was officially dedicated on April 27, 2016, followed by a game between our two Neah-Kah-Nie Youth Athletics fifth and sixth grade teams. Each team had 11 boys and girls. The field has also been used for practices and games by Neah-Kah-Nie Youth Athletics' third and fourth grade team of 10 boys and girls.

The vision and execution of this valuable community project can be attributed to Scott Ernst with support from Paul Erlebach, School District 56 Superintendent. Fundraising was organized and led by John Isbell. Many volunteers worked



New Little League Field in Rockaway Beach

hard to prepare the field, install the baseline fencing, and construct the dugouts. Thanks to countless hours of volunteer labor and over \$20,000 in donations of cash, fencing, and building materials including a grant of \$4,000 from the Mudd Nick Foundation, the boys and girls of North Tillamook County have the best Little League field between Seaside and Lincoln City.

Personal Impact of the Mudd Nick Foundation

“The Mudd Nick Foundation has played an important role in the lives of many children, and I have benefited greatly from the Foundation's kindness and generosity over the years. From plays in grade school to a college visit in middle school, to Blazer games in high school, the Foundation provided many opportunities for learning and enjoyment. However, the most life changing experience the Mudd Nick Foundation gave to me was a two-month trip to Costa Rica.

The Foundation furnished me with a \$2,500 scholarship which allowed me to travel to the Central American country with the Partners of the Americas program. There I stayed with two host families, each for one month, and built relationships that will last a lifetime. My Spanish improved and I learned a lot about the culture of the country, but the most important thing I gained from the experience was independence and self-confidence. It is because of the Mudd Nick Foundation that I feel ready to dive into the future. Thank you for everything that you do!”

—Alaina Holm, Graduating Senior,
Neah-Kah-Nie High School



2016 Mudd Nick Golf Tournament & Charity Auction

Nurturing Children with Special Needs



Learning to Keyboard at Nehalem Middle School

The Mudd Nick Foundation provided numerous grants to our Special Needs Community this school year. We implemented two respite-day art camps for children, where they spent the day making various crafts, painting, frosting cookies, and playing games. Transportation was also provided. Not

only are these days fun-filled for the children, they also allow the parents a bit of a break on a day where there's no school.

The Mudd Nick Foundation purchased iPads, educational apps, Social Skills Curriculum, and sensory 'tools' for the Special Education classroom at Garibaldi Elementary. For Nehalem's Sped classroom, we provided two advanced Speech apps. The Middle School was furnished five Google Chrome-books equipped with keyboarding apps for the students to learn typing.

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

8th Grade Trip to Oregon State University

50 8th graders travelled to Oregon State University and experienced a variety of neat experiences that encouraged them to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers and go to college. Ms. Cooper and Ms. Harmon promoted STEM careers in Science class and through weekly book talks, that seemed to give students the background knowledge they needed to meet the objectives of the trip. OSU conducts a highly rigorous program very focused on STEM careers, which is perfect for our students. It was an exceptional experience in all ways.

The Great Big Art Mash Strikes Again

In July, the Mudd Nick Foundation once again partnered with the Bay City Arts Center to put on GBAM (Great Big Art Mash), a five-day camp for children with special needs, filled with art, music, movement, healthy food, boat-building,



Blowing Bubbles at the Bay City Art Center

and more. Sixteen children attended this year, and spent the week engaged in numerous projects designed specifically for their varying special needs. The staff provided loads of hands-on activities, both indoors and outside. Having their

children attend GBAM enabled parents a week-long respite, a double benefit. At the Friday dinner, the children had the opportunity to perform skits, dance, drum, and exhibit their artwork for parents, friends and several Mudd Nick Founda-



Great Big Art Mash Participants & Volunteers

tion Board members. It was a remarkable, memory making week, and we're proud to be a part of it.

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

Baseball in Arizona



The Neah-Kah-Nie High School Baseball Team at a National Invitation Tournament in Phoenix, AZ

The Neah-Kah-Nie High School Baseball Team went to Phoenix, AZ last Spring to compete in a national invitation tournament. Usually reserved for large schools (enrollment 2,000 plus), the team participated in the Coach Bob tournament that brought some 150 schools to AZ. Against some very steep odds on the field, the boys used the trip to gain valuable experience that they brought back home when making their push to the State Playoffs. Not only did the boys hold their own in AZ, they competed in every game. While winning on the scoreboard didn't happen, many victories in big ways did.

Fifteen ball players made the trip that some said could never happen with a school the size of Neah-Kah-Nie. The community rallied behind the players who needed financial support to make the trip of a lifetime. Various fundraisers brought folks out to support our efforts and the trip became reality. The Mudd Nick Foundation was a huge contributor.

While in the "Valley of the Sun," the Pirates scaled and summited the beautiful Phoenix Mountains. The boys took advantage of the local college and attended an Arizona State University baseball game against San Diego. The trip included attending a professional Spring Training game where the defending World Series champion Kansas City Royals took

on the Milwaukee Brewers. It's not hard to see that special memories were made, despite some bothersome sunburns and non-rainy conditions. How 'bout them Pirates!

—Rob Hearder, Coach

The Loss of Our Dear Friend



Ann Nicholson

Ann Nicholson, of Manzanita, was called home to be with the Lord February 26, 2016. She was born Constance Ann Doremus in Denver and attended the University of Colorado where she served as president of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She graduated with a degree in education and met her beloved Owen Nick Nicholson there.

She taught kindergarten before having the first of three sons. Ann became a sports fan supporting her sons' athletic endeavors. She was the official scorekeeper for Little League, Babe Ruth and American Legion baseball teams and assisted at swimming meets for many years. Ann was a big Beavers fan as

a season ticket holder in Oregon State University football for over 40 years and baseball for over 10 years.

Ann was well known for her hospitality and service to others. She served as president of the Nehalem Valley Historical Society and the Manzanita Women's Club and was a board member of the Pine Grove Community Center. Ann was a member of Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church. She was also active with the Mudd Nick Foundation, Manzanita Open Golf Tournament, Manzanita Garden Club and the Manzanita Public Safety Committee. She and Owen were named Manzanita Citizens of the Year in 2004.

Ann is survived by her husband, Owen; sons, Doug (Michele), Jim (Lynda) and Bill (Kathy); and grandsons, Eric (Sara) and Spencer (April). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mudd Nick Foundation at muddnick-foundation.com or PO Box 250, Manzanita, OR 97130. To date, 33 donors contributed \$9,050 in memory of Ann, a fitting tribute to her.

— Doug Nicholson, Mudd Nick Foundation Board Member

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Trade Industry Field Trip

17 high school boys and girls learned there are good paying jobs working in construction, being an electrician, plumber, heating and air-conditioner installer, steam and pipe fitter, etc. and that your training is paid for by the industry as part of a four or five-year apprentice program.

The group visited the construction site at Portland's Roosevelt High School, the Northwest College of Construction, and the training facility for steam and pipefitters. Comments from the students included: "I thought blue collar construction jobs were dead or just a thing of the past." "I can get a real job with good pay and get my training paid for by the industry." "I would rather end my education without debt." "This a more effective way to start off my life."

—John Isbell, Mudd Nick Foundation Treasurer

Student Comments Following Career Fair

"I want to thank the Mudd Nick Foundation for allowing me to go to the Career Fair. I now have a better idea of what I might want to do after high school."

"This trip really gave me an opportunity to figure out what I need to hone as far as skills and personality traits go. This was an awesome experience!" (referring to the Criminal Justice Fair)

"I can't believe I actually got a job offer already!"

Costa Rica Foreign Exchange Program

For the third year in a row, the Mudd Nick Foundation sent Neah-Kah-Nie High School students to Costa Rica on a two-month exchange program.

On June 18, 2016, two fresh-faced sophomores boarded a plane with eight other students from around Oregon, to live with families in Costa Rica for two months. Gabe Calkins and Sam Holm completed an extensive application and interview process with the Mudd Nick Foundation. After receiving the scholarship from the Foundation, these students went on to complete another application and interview process with the exchange organization, The Partners of the Americas.

Partners of the Americas is an exchange program that promotes international understanding and friendship between the people of Oregon and Costa Rica; provides students from both countries the broadening educational experience of living in another culture, with opportunities to develop conversational skills in the language of the host country; and strengthens ties of partnership between Oregon and Costa Rican high school students and their families.

Upon their return, Gabe and Sam's families will each be hosting a student from Costa Rica over the months of December and January 2017.

The Power of Communication and Outreach



Alice Jeffers Presenting John Isbell with a \$65 Cash Donation

One of the Rockaway Beach Lions Club members, Alice Jeffers, who works at the Rinehart Clinic, heard Monica Isbell's presentation about the Mudd Nick Foundation at the Club's November 2015 meeting. The Rinehart Clinic celebrates "Casual Fridays" by having each staff member donate \$5 to the charity the Clinic staff elects to sponsor that month. Alice chose the Foundation as recipient of the Clinic's January 2016 donation. The photo shows Alice presenting John Isbell \$65 in cash.



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Create a Meaningful Legacy through a Bequest or Memorial Donation

Joey Pollock, a long-time supporter of the Mudd Nick Foundation, proactively set aside a portion of his retirement pension to be dispersed to the Mudd Nick Foundation upon his death in 2015. It was a welcome surprise when the Foundation received a very generous check from Joey's pension fund.

John and Monica Isbell have also specified the Mudd Nick Foundation as a bequest recipient in their wills. We hope others will consider doing the same to help the Foundation be sustainable long into the future through a commitment made today. Your planned charitable gift of cash or securities can provide you with tax benefits and help sustain the excellence of the Foundation. Two simple ways include:

- Name the Mudd Nick Foundation in your estate plans with a gift of cash or securities, or
- Name the Mudd Nick Foundation as a beneficiary of an IRA, retirement plan, or life insurance policy.

For information about the Mudd Nick Foundation Planned Giving Program, contact John Isbell, Treasurer – (503) 329-2599 or john@muddnickfoundation.org. We encourage you to solicit 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. Tax ID number is 20-5221242.

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

Ways to Donate

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

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

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Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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What Guides the Mudd Nick Foundation

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

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

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

“ Primarily I’m a dad, and when I saw the Mudd Nick Foundation’s December 2015 newsletter, I naturally looked for mention of the performance of my daughter, Chloe, when she sang *It’s a Wonderful Life* at the annual charity dinner in September. I puffed out my chest as a proud father would since she was listed in a newsletter article. Then I read the Foundation’s mission statement and external vision. Wow! I quote, ‘Our vision is that the children of our community become life-long stellar citizens who expand their experiences, minds, curiosities, respect, accept responsibility for their actions, treat themselves and others with respect, maintain high personal integrity, exhibit socially acceptable behavior, and have fun.’ As a parent of two neuro-typical girls and one exceptional son with autism, the programs developed and sponsored for our children have had a profound effect on their lives. My son, Auggie, gets to do the GBAM art camp for children with special needs one week in the summer where he is with his peers. One week out of the year he feels he is neuro-typical. That’s huge in his life and his smile goes from ear to ear. Blessed our we who have been touched by the Mudd Nick Foundation’s hard work and generosity. Thank you.”

—Nick Watt, Father of Chloe, Auggie and Abby Gingervich



Volunteer! It's fun!

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