

# LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOLS FOUNDATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## Philanthropic Power

We wish to thank all of our businesses and community supporters who contribute time, funds and in-kind services to ensure the vital resources necessary to provide the best education possible for our students.

By partnering with you, we are improving the quality of life in our communities by enriching our schools. We are securing a bright future for students by preparing them to graduate and lead rewarding, responsible lives as contributing members of our community.

[Your dollars make a difference!](#) With the generous support of our partners we have provided biotechnology grants, materials for after-school clubs, forensic science studies, literacy, critical thinking through the analysis of art, and so much more. Thank you for all you do to make this possible!

## Donate Before December 31<sup>st</sup> Enjoy the Tax Savings!

As the end of the year approaches, many pause to review, reflect, and plan. Thoughtfully addressing your charitable giving priorities between now and December 31st can help assure maximum benefits for you and your charitable interests.

Your charitable giving will help so many — and work to your advantage as well. We hope that you'll consider a donation this year to the Lake Washington Schools Foundation and reap the benefits at tax time.

## Calling for Kids! *Kim Axelrod, President*

On behalf of the Lake Washington Schools Foundation, I want to personally thank our community for their overwhelming support of our **Calling for Kids** campaign. We know our incredible community truly cares about education, and it was amazingly evident in this campaign.

As of November 30, the campaign raised \$23,000 towards our two-year goal of \$80,000 to be awarded to the Lake Washington School District for high school science enrichment.

Equally impressive are the students who volunteered to make the calls. High school **student representatives from the Lake Washington High School's** FBLA program, Math Club, Swim Team and Sophomore Senate; **Redmond High School's** Cheer Squad, Band, Girl's Basketball and Environmental Club; **Eastlake High School's** Lacrosse team, Band,

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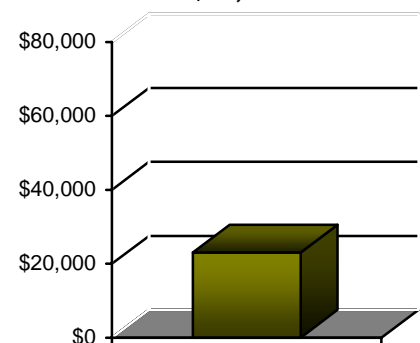
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## Finish Your Holiday Shopping Today!

Looking for the perfect holiday gift for that special teacher, principal, school secretary, custodian, friend or loved one? A donation to the Lake Washington Schools Foundation solves this dilemma. Honor your special person by giving the gift that impacts public education. How? [Click here](#) and link to the 'Donate' page of the Foundation's Web site. Use the 'Comments' box to list names of beneficiaries, the amount donated in their honor and an address including their school name if applicable. We will send a card to the beneficiary letting them know that a donation has been made to the Lake Washington Schools Foundation in their honor. Please indicate if we should enclose the amount of the donation or just your name.

Remember, you can maximize your donation with any unused matching funds available to you at the end of the year.

### Calling for Kids Raises \$23,000!



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Drama and Keystone Club; **Environmental and Adventure School the International Community School ASB**; as well as students from **Evergreen Jr. High, Redmond Jr. High, The Bear Creek School, Juanita High School, Inglewood Jr. High, Rose Hill Jr. High Eastside Catholic High School**, and the **Redmond and Eastlake Lacrosse Teams** all joined in the effort with enthusiasm and commitment; some even volunteered for two shifts!

This incredible level of support is a testament to the strength and dedication of our community to providing the best possible education for all our children.

Students made phone calls to 8,000 of our 16,000 families. If we missed you, you are still welcome to donate in support of the [Calling for Kids Campaign](#). Your donation will enable the Lake Washington Schools Foundation to support the Lake Washington School District in their effort to update science labs in our high schools.

Thank you again to our donors, our adult chaperones and volunteers, the Phone-a-Thon Committee and our student volunteers who contributed to the success of this event!

### ***DONOR DOLLARS AT WORK!***

*“Night Time Star Parties”*

*“Human Sundials”*

*“Stream Limnology”*

## **Bringing Science to Life!**

In May 2007, seven of the Lake Washington School District’s junior high science departments were challenged to come up with specific projects that would “Bring Science to Life!” Specifically, the Lake Washington Schools Foundation offered junior highs up to \$5,000 each to fund projects that would capture the attention and interest of the students with a rich and meaningful experience.

The response was incredible! All seven responded with projects to engage junior high students in ways that were not possible before due to lack of funding. For example:

- **“Night Time Star Parties”** will be occurring at Evergreen and Finn Hill Junior High where students will experience the excitement of seeing stars, planets and moons through a telescope..
- **“A Schoolyard Habitat”** will be designed at Inglewood Junior High allowing students the opportunity to conduct field research on ecosystems in their own backyard and to see it change over the years.
- **“The Human Sundial”** at Rose Hill Junior High will give students the chance to directly experience and study the sun’s relationship with the Earth.
- **“The Stream Limnology Project”** at Redmond Junior High provides for an in–depth field research project that focuses on Bear Creek and brings local data into the classroom for analysis and presentation.

In addition, several of the projects partner with community experts and organizations so students can see firsthand the connection between science, careers and life. Also, **all of the proposed projects demonstrate the commitment of our teachers to creative and innovative ways to support the current science curriculum. They just needed the additional funding to implement their projects. THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!**

This is one of the many ways the Lake Washington Schools Foundation is bringing community resources (both financial and technical) into our public schools to benefit our students. For specific information about each junior high and the funded projects click on our website at [www.lwsf.org](http://www.lwsf.org)

## **Join our family of volunteers!**

The Lake Washington Schools Foundation is looking to grow our volunteer family. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents with us, please join us for a fun and informative opportunity to learn more about the ways you can strengthen and enrich our programs that impact our kids.

***Please join us on***

*Tuesday*

*January 22, 2008*

*9:00 AM – 11:00 AM*

**OR**

*Thursday*

*January 24, 2008*

*4:00 PM – 6:00 PM*

**Click here to RSVP by January 14, 2008**

(Location to be announced)

Volunteers may provide short term or long term commitment to various areas such as marketing and public relations, website support, grant writing, fundraising events and activities, office/administrative support, serving on the Board of Trustees and so much more! If you are looking for a great sense of fulfillment and satisfaction, volunteering for the Foundation will provide the opportunity for you and we benefit so much from the generous efforts and support!

## Save the Date!



*April 30, 2008*

11:30 AM Registration  
Noon to 1:15 PM Luncheon & Program  
*Juanita High School Field House*

**Now Recruiting Table Captains!**  
Click [here](#) to reserve your table and for more information  
or call 425-702-3414.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*It is that special time of year when we reflect on the past twelve months and celebrate our accomplishments, count our many blessings and acknowledge the gifts of family, friends, neighbors and our community.*

*It is our privilege to serve this community and to work in partnership with you making a difference now and in the future lives of our children!*

*Happy holidays from  
The Lake Washington Schools Foundation Board of Trustees,*

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## NEW! Join our Ambassadors Club

We cordially invite you to become an Ambassador for the Lake Washington Schools Foundation. Ambassadors may represent one or more schools in the Lake Washington School District and will serve as a liaison between school and the Lake Washington Schools Foundation. [Learn more](#) at one of the volunteer information/recruitment events in January

## OUR MISSION

The Lake Washington Schools Foundation supports academic excellence and success for all students.