

NOTICES & CLASSIFIED

HELP WANTED

The Phon-a-thon in April is a great opportunity to get involved. We need callers, envelope stuffers & other help for as little or as much time as you wish. Call 503 534-2302 for information.

LOJ's "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" SUPPORTS THE FOUNDATION

The Drama Department at Lake Oswego Junior High School presents "Fiddler on the Roof" at 7 p.m., February 21-24. All proceeds from concessions are being donated to the Foundation. Get your tickets at www.LOJDrama.com.

WATCH FOR REALTOR RECOGNITION SIGNS

Our Realtor Recognition Program rewards the realtors who donate to the Foundation with special signs that attach to their "For Sale" signs. Please watch for these signs and support the realtors who support the Foundation.

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INVESTING IN TEACHERS

Think Globally, Teach Locally...

Lake Oswego schools gear up to prepare students for the future

You may have seen this phrase on a recent card sent to members of the Lake Oswego community who were among the generous donors to the Lake Oswego School District Foundation last year. But, what does the phrase actually mean?

It means that we live in a shrinking world—that the students we are educating today and tomorrow, will not be competing, or working, with just other Oregonians, or even other Americans. They will be a part of a global community, and that the education they receive must prepare them for that.

But the education our students receive is local—with OUR teachers, in OUR schools, in OUR community.

The Lake Oswego community knows the value of having great schools. Historically, it has made education a priority. Through

donations to the LOSD Foundation, we have been able to fund our schools such that we can offer our kids more.

In the current school year, because of last year's unprecedented generosity, we had the opportunity to add teachers and classes back, after years of cuts. We now have smaller classes and new (or reinstated) electives in all schools, at all grade levels!

However, we cannot rest on last year's success. This is a year-to-year effort. The State budget numbers do look better this year but most of the Governor's proposed (and it is only proposed, far from a done deal) increase in education funding will not translate into additional teachers or classes—it will just keep up with inflation. If we want to keep what we have gained in the current year, we will need to fund it through the Foundation.



Artwork by River Grove Elementary School students Marin Daraee, Gabrielle Rouheir, Gillian Anderson and Mia Minervini

The 2007 Foundation campaign kicks off on February 17th with our school-based teams contacting District families asking for their support. Our goal is an ambitious \$2.2 million. If we succeed, our kids are the winners—getting more teachers, smaller classes and more choices. We know that everyone is not able to give thousands of dollars—but nearly everyone is able to get involved. And, as much as we need the dollars, we also need the support of all of our families, with whatever and however they are able to give.

In the coming months, please join our partnership—of parents, of business and community members, of students and teachers—coming together to provide a world class education for Lake Oswego kids to prepare them for their participation in the global community.

I/We want to make a contribution to the Foundation.

Enclosed is a contribution of \$_____ for the Lake Oswego School District Foundation's campaign to help reduce class size.

Gifts of any size are appreciated!

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Address _____

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- Starkweather Valedictorians \$2,500-\$4,999
- Starkweather Members \$1,250-\$2,499
- Mentors \$500-\$1,249
- Counselors \$1-\$499

My employer matches contributions:
Employer: _____

Check is enclosed payable to LOSD Foundation

Please bill my:
 MasterCard Visa American Express

Card # _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

The Lake Oswego School District Foundation is an independent, non-profit corporation established in 1986 to support educational programs for the students of the Lake Oswego School District. Contributions are tax deductible under Internal Revenue Code Section 170. The Lake Oswego School District supports the activities of the Foundation.

Lake Oswego School District Foundation

Our Mission—To sustain the tradition of outstanding schools in Lake Oswego.

Our Goal—To reduce the student-teacher ratio by hiring additional teachers. Since its inception in 1993, virtually all donations raised by the Foundation have been dedicated to funding teaching positions and reducing class sizes.

2005–2006

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From the President—

The Lake Oswego School District Foundation “invests in Teachers”. The heart of this year’s campaign is now upon us. Pledge letters and cards have gone out and our volunteer callers will soon be making contact with both past and prospective donors. Our focus this year is not only to preserve what we have achieved to date, but also to continue to build back selected programs and add others that will be essential as we move forward. As we look optimistically toward the future, the Foundation’s efforts will continue to be vital in

helping provide the scope and breadth of programs necessary to prepare our children for the highly competitive and evolving world ahead.

There has been recent press around the Governor’s proposal to provide additional funding to K-12 education. Given the small school environment and declining enrollment within our District, the likely outcome will not provide our schools with the resources required to offer an exceptional and comprehensive college preparatory program consistent with the expectations of the Lake Oswego community. Funding of these resources will be further challenged by the anticipated increases that may come from the renewal of the teacher’s contract, scheduled to be negotiated later this year. In order to preserve and build upon last year’s achievements, the Foundation’s contribution to funding teacher’s salaries will once again be crucial.

As we move into the critical period of the 2006-2007 fund raising campaign, it is important for us to remain focused on the objective of not only maintaining small class sizes, but also building back and/or expanding programs that will continue to raise the bar for education throughout our schools. Some of these program possibilities include:

- *Language electives in our elementary and junior high schools.*
- *Technology electives in our junior and senior high schools*
- *A broader range of business-related electives in our senior high schools.*
- *Added counseling positions throughout the District.*

This year’s Foundation fund raising target is \$2.2 million. It is our expectation that this level of Foundation contribution will help fund teacher salaries to accomplish three objectives:

- *Preserve last year’s achievements,*
- *Assist in absorbing a portion of the increase in salaries that may come from the upcoming Teachers contract negotiations,*
- *Build back and/or add needed programs to better prepare our children for the future.*

It will once again take a collective effort by many throughout our community to make this all come together. We look forward to our community’s ongoing success and are deeply appreciative of your support. Thank you!

Mike Cook

We Are Pleased to Present the 2007 Foundation Campaign Captains



Top row from left: Campaign Chairs/School Coordinators, John Lautze, Mary Solares and Beth Taylor; School Captains, Linda Ganzini, Lake Oswego JHS; Erik Amos, Bryant; Nicole Merino, Forest Hills; Sue Griffin, Waluga JHS
Bottom row from left: School Captains, Trina Sodor, Hallinan; Katy Barman, Palisades; Nancy Mueller, Oak Creek; Tobi Restick, River Grove; Mary Giering, Uplands; Katie Johansen, Westridge
Not pictured: Major Donor Captain, Beth deHamel; School Captains, Sheri Scrugham, Lake Oswego HS; Dave Northfield, Waluga JHS; Neil and Jane Griffith, Lake Grove; Sherry Reuter, Oak Creek; Susie Restic, Westridge; Sally Moncreiff, Lakeridge

The Foundation Receives it’s First Check from HomeStone Mortgage

The “Heart of HomeStone” Program recently presented the Foundation with it’s first check, in the amount of \$4974.80. HomeStone Mortgage is donating 20% of the loan fee of each closed mortgage referred by the Foundation.

HomeStone has taken a lead as a business supporter of the Foundation, making a guaranteed minimum donation of \$10,000 against a percentage of their business.

Pictured are Amy & Don New and Mary Lou & John Burton who closed loans with HomeStone; lenders Joanne Kantor and Jimmy Drakos; Foundation President, Mike Cook, Foundation Business Partnership Chair, Barbara MacIntosh and Foundation Director, Mary Puskas.

