



Four years ago a dedicated group of community members joined together, committed to working with Redmond, Kirkland, and Sammamish parents, businesses, and community leaders in support of our future - the 24,000 students in the Lake Washington School District.

Since the Lake Washington Schools Foundation was established, the Foundation has raised over \$900,000 from our generous community, allowing the Foundation to fund programs that have touched almost every student in the District; programs that enrich and inspire learning, help and encourage at-risk students, and improve academic performance.

The Lake Washington Schools Foundation is building a foundation to ensure this direct investment in classroom learning can continue regardless of what might happen to state funding for schools.

"I feel smart for the first time"

This simple, heartfelt statement was made by a student at the Futures School. This young woman didn't see a future for herself. She had a life changing experience when she enrolled in a Forensics class at the Futures School and found her passion in Forensics. Because of her teacher's vision, funded by a \$3,000 grant from the Lake Washington Schools Foundation, she has graduated from high school with a new sense of purpose and is pursuing a college degree in forensics.

The Lake Washington Schools Foundation was established to help our community directly and efficiently invest in classroom learning.



Leveled reading libraries for early readers
Donors provided emergent readers with leveled reading books to allow them to explore reading at a developmentally appropriate level and to advance in incremental steps necessary for success.

Why do we need a schools foundation?

- Research shows that support from a schools foundation raises test scores and increases individual student potential and performance.
- Schools foundations provide the enrichment opportunities that local levies cannot fund.
- Most of our neighboring school districts have a schools foundation that each raise between \$100,000 and \$2 M per year for supplemental educational opportunities.

Mission:

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

“The staff and children from Juanita Elementary would like to thank each and every one of the Foundation’s donors for providing the financial and the emotional support for the enrichment that makes education a learning process rather than plodding through a time on task environment.”

Teacher Kathleen Marshall and 2nd graders from Juanita Elementary



“Geocaching” Using GPS units, middle school students learned to integrate and enhance their skills in social studies, logic and science.

Grants

As a result of the generosity of our donors, the Lake Washington Schools Foundation offers multiple grant programs designed in conjunction with the Lake Washington School District to address specific needs. Programs include:

- **Enrichment Grants** for innovative educational projects that support the District curriculum and provide an opportunity for teachers and staff to pursue new approaches to engaging students;
- **Access Fund** to help low-income students defray some of the costs of attending schools, such as classroom fees, lab manuals, and graphing calculators;
- **Science Enrichment** to strengthen secondary science education including the purchase of Vernier LabQuest devices, telescopes, microscopes and other science related materials that provide hands-on experience;
- **LINKS** a district-wide mentoring program developed to bring at-risk students together with caring adults to support their emotional, social and academic needs.;
- **New Teacher Grants** of \$200 to teachers with less than one year of experience, let staff know that our community values and appreciates the important role teachers play in the lives of our students.

A child’s future starts today!

Parents, students and community have an active role in helping to build the foundation of our students for their future.

Please visit our Web site at www.lwsf.org to learn how our donors’ gifts of time, money and in-kind services are directly and efficiently impacting classroom learning and supporting the Lake Washington School District in preparing students to graduate and lead rewarding, responsible lives as contributing members of our community and greater society.

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