



Coos Bay Schools Community Foundation

ARTS ACADEMICS ATHLETICS ACTIVITIES

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SPOTLIGHT ON FUNDED PROJECTS

Classroom Carpet at Blossom Gulch



Blossom Gulch kindergarten teacher Cindy George told us that, after 25 years of daily use, her previous classroom carpet had outlived its usefulness. We were pleased to be able to fund the purchase of a new carpet for Cindy's classroom this year. As you can see in the photo above, Cindy's students are already very much enjoying the new carpet. Cindy tells us that the carpet, "...is a great instructional tool. I use the alphabet on the perimeter to reinforce letter name and sounds every day. We play many different alphabet games with our carpet and the children love it!"



Hands-On Science for Eighth Graders

Lynda Sanders and Jonathan Hill teach earth science to eighth graders and are always looking for ways to incorporate more hands on learning into their teaching. We funded a grant to purchase laboratory stream tables for Jonathan and Lynda's classes and you can see one of these in use in the photo below.



Lynda tells us, "We use the stream tables so that students can see for themselves the erosion and depositional features rivers create. Students vary the amount of water flow and observe the changes that produces. This activity is so much more engaging and effective than having students simply look at diagrams in a book. We appreciate being able to add this lab activity to our curriculum."

Funded Projects 2016 – 2017:

This year the Coos Bay Schools Community Foundation funded 42 school district programs and projects worth \$27,516. A partial list of this year's funded projects appears below, and a complete list can be found on our website, www.coosbayschoolsfoundation.org.

Arts

- Art materials and supplies at Blossom Gulch
- Tickets to a performance of a Shakespeare play in Ashland for Resource Link students
- Music instruments and songbooks at Madison

Academics

- Science, technology, engineering and math materials at Blossom Gulch
- High-interest books for beginning readers at Blossom Gulch and Madison
- Science lab supplies and classroom novel sets at Millicoma
- Stereo microscopes and aquarium water pump at Marshfield

Athletics

- Laps program incentives at Madison and Blossom Gulch
- Replace fifteen football helmets at Marshfield (Helfrich Family Grant)
- Weight set and medicine balls for Marshfield PE classes

Activities

- Debate research materials for Marshfield's Forensics Team
- Printing costs for one issue of *The Marshfield Times* (2013 winner as best student paper in the US)
- A field trip to visit and tour historic Tall Sailing Ships for Sunset students

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of the Coos Bay Schools Community Foundation is to promote programs for the arts, academics, activities and athletics for the benefit of the students of the Coos Bay School District by raising funds through community partnerships.

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THANK YOU: This year Oregon Pacific Bank served as the sponsor of our Spring Tea fundraiser. We are grateful for their generous support.

HOW CAN I HELP? Contributions to our annual grant fund can be mailed to: Coos Bay Schools Community Foundation, P. O. Box 1372, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Our annual Spring Tea will be held in April, 2017. This fundraising event is by invitation and if you would like to attend, please contact Nancy Girt, (541) 269-1330.