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Camas Educational Foundation offers many ways for interested individuals to support our programs through donations of time and/or funds. We are always looking for volunteers to be involved at every level and we have several giving programs to benefit our kids.

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2ND ANNUAL CEF Fun Run



The Camas Educations Foundation is gearing up to host their second Fun Run on June 11th. The winning t-shirt design was chosen from over sixty entries from the both Skyridge and Liberty Middle school art students. The winning art was created by Joselyn Norrish, an 8th grader from Liberty.

The student generated design is one of many changes for the CEF Fun Run. This year's Fun Run will have a completely different look and feel from the first race, the Last Blast half marathon and 10k held in September of 2010. This time the distance is shorter, the mood lighter and the connection to the schools more direct. These changes allow us to focus on our two goals. We wanted an event everyone could participate in, and we wanted to support the Camas Public schools.

Goal one is to offer a 1K walk/run around the Doc Harris track for the younger kids and their chaperones, a

5 k walk/run for everyone, and a 10k for the real runners out there. The 5k and 10k will start in front of the new Zellerbach Administrative Center, run down to the Lacamas park trail, and head for the hills from there. Awesome maps on the CEF website along with the online registration.

Our other goal is to support our children. The CEF has sponsored grants to teachers throughout the district for more than 15 years. With this Fun Run, each school's PTA/PTO gets half of the proceeds for participants that designate their school during registration. So we look at it as a "two for one" support for your child's school and for CEF.

Now we just need to get the word out and hit the trails with as many feet as possible.



Donate to CEF

CEF has several different programs to support children in the Camas Schools. Most donations go into our general fund to support the Major Grant and Mini-Grant programs. Funds designated to our endowment fund go to support the Legacy Fund. Our goal for the Legacy fund is to have a principal balance of \$750,000 by 2012 and use the interest proceeds from that fund to supplement our grant programs.

Are you passionate about education in our community? Would you like to help ensure that future generations of Camas kids benefit from the kinds of programs made possible by CEF? Are you looking for a lasting way to "give back" to Camas schools? Then you might consider making a gift to the Camas Educational Foundation Legacy Fund, or remembering the CEF Legacy Fund in your will or estate plan.

Since the Camas Educational Foundation's inception in 1997, our community has committed over \$1,000,000 to funding annual and multi-year strategic grant programs throughout the Camas School District. The tangible results of this generosity can be seen in each and every school in the district and have touched our children in many ways. It is now time to build a long-term endowment fund which establishes CEF as a permanent and sustainable reality for future generations.

Please join with us to support our vision of assisting the Camas School District to build and sustain a world-class K-12 educational system.

BUILDING A LEGACY: DOC HARRIS STADIUM

In September 2010, the newly renovated Doc Harris Stadium opened to tremendous fan fare, and it immediately staked its claim as one of the premier stadiums in the region. The "gateway" to the new stadium is a beautiful plaza that includes six benches and six trees, each providing a unique sponsorship opportunity to support the Camas Educational Foundation.

Thanks to the generosity of the following CEF donors, five of these benches and three of the trees have been sponsored to date:

Tony & Laura Tomasini

Maureen Casey & Marlin McKeever

Dave and Ronda Nester

Friends of Justin Bacon

Friends of Camas Educational Foundation

Mary Tipton

Roxanne Giffin

Don & Allison Lovell and THE BARBERS

Each of these donors selected a dedication that is now inscribed in a granite plaque in front of their tree or bench. These plaques serve as a lasting tribute to our donors and to our collective mission to enrich and enhance the education of Camas kids.

Three trees and one bench remain available for sponsorship. You too can provide a lasting tribute in your name, company name or the name of a loved one while simultaneously helping support educational excellence in Camas. For more information contact Chad Stewart, 608-6026.

Want to Volunteer? We have many opportunities to volunteer your time and skills

PHONE-A-THON March 1-3, 5:30pm-8:30pm. Five to six adults are needed each night to help motivate the student callers and ensure accurate information is recorded. Contact Mary Beth, marybeth.johnson@gapac.com

FUN RUN Saturday, June 11, 7:30-11:30. Adults and high school students are needed to help mark and/or monitor the course, hand out water, and check in registrants. Contact Brian Cleary, brian.cleary@camas.wednet.edu

AUCTION Saturday, October 15. CEF's biggest fundraiser. Many different jobs from data entry to catalog layout. Be a part of this incredibly rewarding experience. Contact Mandy Huth, mandy_huth@yahoo.com

Each of the above events are also looking for a co-chair to train this year in preparation to chair next year. Don't miss out on this great training if you have the slight bit of interest in chairing one of these fundraisers.

CEF Events

The Camas Educational Foundation hosts two major fundraising events during the year, the Auction and Phone-a-Thon.

We're bringing our Auction back to Camas on Oct 15, 2011 at the Fairgate Inn. Stay tuned for more details.

Our Phone-a-Thon will run the first week of March, 2011.

Busy? You bet we are!!

On March 19th, we are co-sponsoring a benefit concert at the Liberty Theatre. This rockin' event will mix district talent and local bands and special deals and discounts with local merchants. Check our website for more info and ticket sales!

Given how popular our Camas Iron Chef event was, we'll surely do it again in Spring 2011.....probably on April 27....

Our next Fun Run will be during CamTown in June, 2011.

These community, parent, & district staff events raise the funds needed for our district-wide grant programs each and every year. Check our website for more info and ticket sales!

Got an idea for a new event? Let us know.

Want to help? Contact us.

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AUCTION 2010

After the last bids were tallied and the bills were paid, CEF's 12th annual auction raised nearly \$65,000 last October! Fast forwarding, we are now in the process of awarding these funds to mini and major grant proposals from teachers, parents, students, and district staff.

CEF exists to help fund innovation and enrichment, and augment curriculum across the Camas School District. Our annual auction in Fall and our Spring Phone-a-Thon are the primary sources of funding to support our annual grant programs and build our long-term legacy fund.

At last October's auction we were grateful that the Camas community showed their support for education even during a deep recession. Nearly 200 gen-

erous patrons and sponsors turned out to have some fun and invest in a strong school district.

A special collective bid raised nearly \$5,000 to supplement reduced field trip budgets. This money will be administered by the PTA/PTO's and applied across all schools in the district.

The CEF auction is a complicated affair that brings in donations of goods and services from over one hundred merchants, artists, and medical professionals across town. This year, fabulous dinner parties, vacation stays, and school principal-for-a-day certificates were sold to eager buyers.

In addition to our major events, we are bringing back the successful Camas Iron Chef and Fun Run events

this year. We are also partnering with the Downtown Camas Association and the Liberty Theatre to host a benefit concert for music programs across the district. Please see our web page or "friend" us on Facebook to learn more about schedules and how to participate.

Our Phone-a-Thon will run the first week of March and planning for our next auction is already underway. Please respond generously when our kids call for donations and save the date of October 15th to join us at Camas' own Fairgate Inn for another amazing auction and evening.

CEF is an amazing organization with a wonderful mission. We're always looking for new volunteers and sponsors. More information about CEF can be found at www.cefcamas.org

CEF Awards Grants

Major Grants awarded in 2009/10. More than 38 Mini Grants were also awarded.

Natural Helpers Program: Camas High School, Hayes Freedom High School

Art Van-Go Fine Art Instruction for Teachers: Prune Hill Elementary, Dorothy Fox Elementary, Helen Baller Elementary, Grass Valley Elementary, Lacamas Heights Elementary

Qwizdom Student Response Systems: Liberty & Skyridge Middle Schools

Vernier Science Lab Equipment: Camas High School

Science Resource Center Equipment: Grass Valley Elementary