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CALLING FOR KIDS PHONATHON 2005

THIS IS ONE CALL YOU'LL WANT TO TAKE

The Northshore Public Education Foundation's (NPEF) second annual Phonathon will raise money to benefit EVERY school in the district. Last year's phonathon was a tremendous success - thanks to you, we raised \$82,000! This year's goal is \$95,000 and YOU can make it happen. During the Phonathon, 200 volunteers will call Northshore School District families to tell them about the Foundation and ask for a donation. Phonathon volunteers will be contacting parents November 14, 15, 16, and 17 (Monday-Thursday). All calls will be made in the evening between 6pm and 8:45pm.

HOW WILL THE PHONATHON MONEY BE USED?

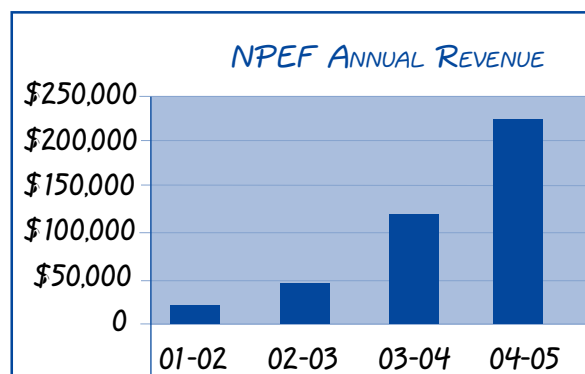
- Additional **Science Kits** for elementary and junior high students
- **Specialized Reading Books** to enhance comprehensive K-6 literacy programs



YOUR MONEY AT WORK

Thanks to a successful phonathon, community luncheon, and workplace giving campaign, the Foundation donated \$124,000 to the School District in 2005. The majority of these funds purchased **122 elementary level science kits** (\$80,000) and **2240 pieces of safety equipment** for secondary level science classes (\$30,000). NPEF awarded an additional \$14,000 to 23 teachers for innovative classroom projects.

**EVERY
SCHOOL IN THE
NORTHSHORE
SCHOOL
DISTRICT
RECEIVED
NPEF-FUNDED
MATERIALS
THIS YEAR!**



LIGHT A FIRE FOR LEARNING LUNCHEON RAISES \$63,000 FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION.

Dr. Carole Kubota (Assistant Professor of Education, UW Bothell) recently captivated and challenged the 225 guests who attended NPEF's 2nd annual Community Luncheon. Dr. Kubota's keynote presentation had guests behaving like students as they examined the gelatinous eggs at their table and tried to figure out the "what and why" of her basic science experiment. "Real scientists don't find answers in the back of the book," Kubota said. "Science is a continual quest for answers that only lead to more questions." Kubota's interactive presentation was perfect for an event focused on raising money for hands-on science materials. Dr. Kubota was joined by local media personality Pat Cashman; Woodmoor parent, Carole Mortimore; Arrowhead Elementary science teacher, Amanda Bowker; and several student scientists.



Luncheon Speaker, Carol Mortimore, Woodmoor parent, shares how science kits inspired her daughter.



Bear Creek students' surface tension tester.

STUDENTS SPEAK ... "SCIENCE IS FUN."

The science kits used at my school give students a great hands-on experience. I have grown to enjoy science because of this. In 3rd grade, I remember dissecting owl pellets as part of our skeleton kit. Each student was given a pellet and tweezers and then we pulled the pellets apart. Later, we were given a picture diagram of a rodent to match with the bones we had found in the pellets. This gave us a better understanding of a rodent's skeletal system, and on top of that, everybody enjoyed the activity. With these kits, we get to actually run experiments and tests, not just read textbooks.

Sometimes people make the mistake of thinking that science is boring, and just a lot of formulas and chemicals. I thought that too for a while, but then I realized science is fun! The science kits that our school uses showed me that.

In 5th grade, we had a lesson in which we made airplane gliders. We set up string between two chairs, and attached a glider onto it. We wound up the glider and watched it fly!

As you can see, these science kits have helped many children by giving them a hands-on experience and making science fun. They truly are an excellent tool."

Erin Osgood, 6th Grade, Wellington Elementary

I have used the science kits for 2 years. This year my teacher showed me the best of what science means. From catapults to pendulums, everything was educational and fun at the same time. My favorite was the Marine Life session. We made sea animals out of clay and wrote a paragraph about each one. In the end, we glued the sea creatures in a box that represented their habitat and put them in places where they really would be. Plus, my teacher wasn't strict about what our clay figures would look like. The science kits were superb with lots of surplus clay, toothpicks, string, boxes and much, much more. No one could explain this all better and helped prepare us for the WASL more than my teacher and the kits. I can't imagine not having science kits next year. I'm a curious person and science helps satisfy my curiosity."

Griffen Jones, 6th Grade, Wellington Elementary

Thank You!

Your investment in NPEF makes
our schools a great place to learn.

Whatever the amount, your contribution is valued by many.
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Teachers submit applications in March and grants are awarded in May.

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Environmental Teaching Space
Library Books

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Science Kits—From soup to nuts with a few sow bugs thrown in!

Mention "science kits" and many parents' eyes light up at the thought of a curriculum that engages their child's interest and encourages their natural curiosity. However, beyond the basics, many parents aren't quite sure what's involved with using a science kit in the classroom. So...when NPEF says that your donations provide these kits, what does that mean?

The Full Option Science System (FOSS) is an inquiry-based, kit-based science curriculum developed by the Lawrence Hall of Science at the University of California in Berkley. Kits closely align with WA State's science standards and enable teachers to teach science by having students "do" science. A typical kit contains everything a teacher needs to help students understand important scientific concepts. Open up a FOSS Kit and you'll find a teacher's preparation video and guide as well as a set of science stories designed to reinforce science concepts while encouraging reading skills. You'll also find a full set of student assessment materials (worksheets, activities etc.) and almost ALL materials and equipment that student scientists will need (coupons are included for live critters or food stuffs).

One teacher summed up the value of the kits when he wrote, "The kit is easy to use, all the materials are there, and it's both teacher and student-friendly. Who could ask for more?"

THANK YOU!

"Thank you NPEF for responding to the district's need for a more innovative and comprehensive science program. These [science] materials will enhance our students' understanding of the scientific process, exploration and inquiry."

*Michele Williams
Director of Elementary
Education, NSD*

Don't Forget the Fall Phonathon.



Dr. Karen Forys, NSD Superintendent, with Phyllis the Phone.