

McMinnville Education Foundation

Annual Report 2015

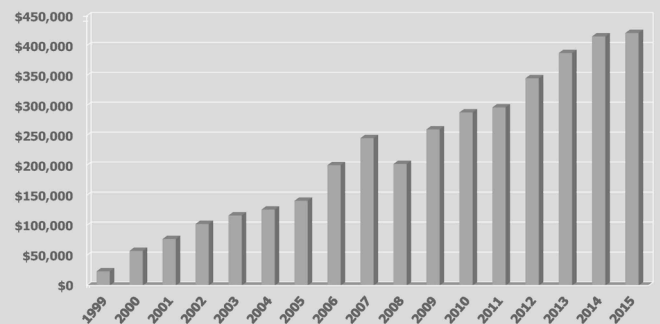
McMinnville is a community that makes the welfare and educational needs of its children a priority. Building on that tradition, the McMinnville Education Foundation was established in 1998 to provide support and enrichment learning experiences for the students of McMinnville School District #40.

Our mission is to expand the range of educational opportunities available to students in the McMinnville School District and to encourage excellence, innovation, and creativity in our educational system.



Fundraising efforts and generous donations provide the creation and existence of dynamic programs that enhance student learning.

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MEF Programs

Science Field Experiences



The McMinnville Education Foundation partners with the MSD 40 to help provide hands-on, curriculum-related, science field trips for all students in kindergarten through grade eight. High school students involved in the science and education pathways serve as counselors for the younger students. Topics include robotics, insect habitats, macroinvertebrates, water treatment, and force and motion.

The MEF also partners with the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District to provide an outdoor laboratory for students to use at Miller Woods. Students have the opportunity to participate in hands-on field research topics including water quality, pond ecosystems, forestry studies, and animal habitats.

Living History

Living History Day is a program McMinnville High School sophomores. It brings students together with veterans of earlier wars at the Evergreen Space Museum. A recent theme was “Remembering the Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor.” Fifteen ex-POW’s were recognized for the first time. Additional speakers included Tuskegee Airmen Alex Jefferson and LT. General Russell Davis, Mexican-American Veterans from both Illinois and California (including the highest decorated retired Hispanic American General in the country), Native American veterans, survivors of the USS Indianapolis, Oregon’s last living Medal of Honor recipients and several others.

Innovative Mini-Grants

McMinnville Education Foundation provides funds through mini-grants that inspire teachers at all levels to develop and implement innovative programs to enhance students’ general education. Mini-grants have funded field trips, opportunities for science, arts, history, and reading activities and many other enrichment opportunities. In 2015, MEF awarded almost \$24,000 for 32 mini-grants.



Artists in Residence

Elementary student classes work with guest artists to produce visual works of art with materials such as clay, paint, or fiber. Students have also enjoyed poetry, storytelling, and drumming. Professional development is provided for teachers to enrich the experience. Foundation members work with school district staff and the Salem Arts Association to plan and facilitate the program.



In today’s educational world, enrichment opportunities are more important than ever. Help us help McMinnville School District students. Your support is very valuable and greatly appreciated. <http://www.mac40kids.org>

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- Teacher mini-grants
- Arts and music enrichment
- Science and environmental education
- Endowment

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