



Coupeville Schools Foundation

Annual Update 2019-2020

*For over 20 years the Coupeville Schools Foundation has provided an "extra measure of support" to students through
Classroom Grants • Scholarships • Promise Fund*

Our Promise

Care for All Students

The Foundation is committed to providing a level field for all Coupeville students so that every child can fully participate in school regardless of financial situation. Our funds for this we call the **Promise Fund**.

Last year, we budgeted \$2,500 to each of the schools to have readily available funds when they see students with needs. Supporting the Promise Fund can mean coats, bookbags, shoes, clothes, suitcases, pencils, binders, snacks, tents, tarps, containers, storage bins, or gift cards for Incidentals to those who need it most.

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Our Board

Working for Students Year Round

Our board is made up of volunteers that are passionate about helping Coupeville students succeed in life.

Kris Barnes	<i>President</i>
Karen Koschak	<i>Vice President & Grants Committee Chair</i>
Christie Sears	<i>Secretary</i>
Chic Merwine	<i>Treasurer</i>
Diane Eelkema	<i>Scholarships Committee Chair</i>
James Steller	<i>Fundraising & Outreach Chair</i>
Kathy Harada	<i>Dine Out Coordinator</i>
Molly McPherson	<i>Board Member</i>
Rick Widdison	<i>Board Member</i>
Shirley Berthold	<i>Board Member</i>
Ivy Breen	<i>Board Member</i>
Steve King	<i>Board Member</i>

You can learn more about our board members at www.4coupevilleschools.org

"As a teacher in the Coupeville School District I am so grateful for the Community Foundation for Coupeville Public Schools. The support they have provided to me as a teacher has been instrumental in providing programs and materials for my students."

Deb Sherman
5th Grade Teacher

Dear Community Foundation for Coupeville Public Schools,

I am honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Community Foundation for Coupeville Public Schools Scholarship.

I will be attending the University of Washington and studying education.


I look forward to being able to give back to our community when I begin my career in teaching.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,
Molly (Scout) Smith

SCOUT SMITH



 **COUPEVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2020**

Scholarships

Supporting Academic & Career Choices

The Foundation partnered with our community to make a tremendous difference in the class of 2020! This year saw 22 scholarships, ranging from \$500 - \$20,000 awarded to wonderful high school seniors. Scholarships from our community, brokered through the Foundation totaled \$57,500 this year, in addition to \$3000 in scholarships directly from the Foundation. These recognize student achievement, support a technical career or college degree, and encourage middle school students to complete high school with a goal in mind.

Would you like to create a scholarship? We can help you set it up, choose criteria, select awardees, present the scholarship at awards night and distribute the funds to the schools. **Please contact Diane Eelkema, Scholarships Committee, 360.632.6416.** She would be happy to assist you.

Classroom Grants

Enrichment for All Students

Our grant program allows teachers to develop exciting enrichment opportunities for their classrooms and even grade levels to be funded with the Foundation's support. 2019 - 2020 was our biggest year and our biggest challenge! In total, over 33 grants were awarded totaling over \$30,000 of extra support to our schools. The COVID19 pandemic changed everyone's plans, and about half of the grants are rolled over into this school year.

Although too numerous to detail each one, here is a summary of what the grant program funded in 2019 - 2020

Field Trips: MOHAI, Holocaust Museum, Pacific Science Center, Woodland Park Zoo, Camp Moran (Moran State Park), Museum of Flight, Maxwellton Outdoor Classroom, 1st Grade Frog Prince Trip to Storybook Teller Theater

Enrichment: Funds to establish STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Club, Lego Robotics Club, Iditarod Subscription, Math Manipulatives, Classroom Book Sets, NWLA China Week, Dog Days of Summer Book Program, Northwest Language Art (NWLA) global cultures experience, Traveling Lantern Theatre's production of The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe, Learning A-Z website subscription

Supplies: CD Player, mBots for coding class, anchor charts for learning strategies, and a coffee machine for life skills class to start a business!

Emotional Support, Confidence, and Resilience: Trauma certification, Suicide Prevention & Mental Health training

Get Active & Healthy: Supplies to build birdhouses, supplies to build outdoor shade for the garden, Octoball Pit, Flex Space seating, stationary bike and a bike peddler. We also sponsor a Harvest of the Month in association with the popular Connected Foods Program



"The Foundation Grant enabled us to REALLY highlight this year's Harvest of the Month offerings. We used it to purchase from local farms, to showcase our farmers' bounty, but also to help students gain a greater understanding of what kind of fruits and vegetables grow locally and are primed through out the year...."

Andreas Wurzrainer
Food Service Director

Circumnavigate Whidbey, Socially Distant

Circumnavigate Whidbey Island is our largest annual fundraiser. With COVID, the typical format of families cheering, community members forging the route, and celebrations afterwards had to be radically changed! This year, board member James Steller, joined by 8 wonderful parents of Coupeville Schools circumnavigated the

island's distance by foot, bike, swimming, and paddle boarding - but they all started at different spots on the island! The event raised over \$25,000 for our schools. Here is hoping next year, we can get the community out there and active again.

Dine & Shop Out Businesses Helping Students

We really want to thank our wonderful community businesses for their support. COVID19 and the associated lock downs throughout our county really impacted them, yet they still did what they could to support our schools. We want to remind you that when you eat or shop at Coupeville restaurants and stores on their Dine Out or Shop Out day, they donate a portion of their day's sales to the Foundation. Contact Kathy Harada, Dine Out Coordinator, with questions at harada.kathy@gmail.com.

Thank you to these businesses for supporting our students last year!



Q: Who Funds the "Extra Support"?

A: You do! Our three programs are 100 percent funded by donations from individuals and businesses. Thank You!

Q: How can I help financially?

A: Here are some of the many ways:

Donate by Check

You can mail your donation to
**CFCPS, PO Box 1133
Coupeville WA 98239**

You will receive a return receipt in the mail.

Donate Online

You can donate with your credit card on our website: www.4coupevilleschools.org.

Dine & Shop Outs - Eat and shop at Coupeville restaurants and retailers on their Dine Out/Shop Out Day.

Shop at AmazonSmile - AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. You use the same account on both websites.

On your first visit to www.smile.amazon.com, select the Community Foundation for Coupeville Public Schools as your charity.

Legacy Giving

Name the Foundation in your will.

IRA Distribution - Donations sent directly to us from a traditional IRA are normally tax free.



"The birdhouse project which the Foundation funded, took a COVID based turn in the Google STEM Classroom. I posted all building procedures online and facilitated delivery of materials to each student. Students completed their birdhouses independently of teacher assistance. However, parents reported that they enjoyed being a part of the project!"

Mark Noste
Elementary Teacher

You're Invited to Join Us!

Join our volunteer core of community members who help board members with fundraising and community outreach. We need your creative ideas, skills and passion to help with existing fundraising programs and create new ones, plan events, update our web site, and write newspaper and newsletter articles and Facebook posts about our programs' impact. You choose how little or how much time you want to give.

If you are interested in fundraising, community outreach, or publicity, please contact James Steller at

jamessteller@4coupevilleschools.org

Financial Recap 2019-2020 School Year

The Foundation received \$97,445 in donations. We distributed \$73,071 for classroom grants and educational programs, college scholarships, and the Promise Fund. Expenses continued to be low at \$2,186. The remaining balance is restricted to future year grants and multi-year scholarships.

The pie chart provides an overview of how your giving is allocated to the schools. It also demonstrates our fiscal commitment to you to make every dollar count by keeping expenses low. Please note that many of the grants awarded this year were suspended due to COVID and will move to 2020 - 2021 year, if applicable.

EXPENDITURES

