Oktoberfest
The 10th Annual Oktoberfest is coming...

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th  5:00 PM
CHINOOK SCHOOL EVENT CENTER

Friends of Chinook School supporters are planning another wonderful, fun Oktoberfest. This is our 10th Anniversary year and promises to be one of the best ever! The “Beer Garden” in a tent returns, this year offering local beers from North Jetty Brewery. Double J and the Boys will be playing fiddles in the tent and The Beach Buddies Band will be performing on the main gym stage. Joanne Leech will be creating another delicious dinner for us and of course we will have fantastic auction items to bid on. Again this year, admission to the event will cost $20.00 if you intend to enjoy the dinner, just $5.00 if you wish to come to participate in the auction, visit the "beer garden", enjoy the music and greet friends and neighbors but forgo the special meal. Either way, we look forward to seeing you there! Oh, and be sure to buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win a Microsoft Surface 2 Tablet!

As with all big, fabulous events, there are many needs to fulfill. First of all, we need your high quality items for our silent and live auctions. Each year we have been able to offer an amazing variety of desirable items. This year's auction is sure to be as wonderful as ever. We must, however, have your auction donations no later than October 15th. Items received after that date will not be processed into this year's auction. Please call Karen Leu at 206-930-1651 to offer donation items.

We need volunteers! It would be terrific if you could help in the kitchen, work with the table service crew, sell raffle tickets, serve beverages in the beer garden, help with setup the week before the event or join the cleanup crew on Sunday morning. Call Karen or any board member if you have any questions, need donation pickup, or want to volunteer.

Oktoberfest Highlights:
- Joanne’s Famous Swedish Meatballs
- Raffle of a Microsoft Surface 2 Tablet
- Auction - German Beer Steins
- The Beach Buddies are back
- Auction - Columbia Bar Pilot Boat Trip
- Auction - 39” Samsung HDTV
- Beer Garden
For those of you who attended last year’s Shakespeare Event, remember the fun that we had? The delicious food offerings, and at such a reasonable price, the entertainment before the performance, and the great show put on for us by actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival were enjoyed and talked about into the Christmas season. The audience applauded vignettes from “On Golden Pond”, “Gruesome Playground Injuries”, “Baby with the Bathwater”, “Romeo and Juliet”, “I Hate You” and “The Tempest”. For those of you who missed the event, circle the date on your 2014 calendar, Friday, November 21!

This year Friends of Chinook School is sponsoring two days of workshops with the actors on November 20 and 21. The students had such a good time learning and actively participating that we have added a day to include more participants. Students who attended last year may be interested to know that in our summer visit to Ashland, we saw Christiana Clarke and Jeremy Johnson perform. Christiana had one of the lead roles in “Two Gentlemen of Verona” in addition to two parts in “Into the Woods”. Jeremy played three roles in “Richard the Third” and also two parts in “Into the Woods”. Both of them had some singing roles in “Into the Woods” and we were pleased to hear their musical talents. It was fun to know some actors in these performances. We felt more connected to the festival and would recommend traveling to Ashland for great entertainment. At our own festival you will again be treated to terrific performances, fine music by local groups and the opportunity to purchase special goodies from select food vendors. Look for ads in the “Observer” and posters placed in late October to remind you of our Shakespeare Event and inform you regarding the purchase of tickets.

Happy 2015! New Year's greeting? Not really, not yet. This is to tell you about our terrific new 13-month calendar for 2015. Because all friends of Chinook School know that businesses and individuals throughout the peninsula offer the best of the best, we wanted to feature flora and fauna of the area. Thus comes the newest Friends of Chinook School calendar, Beauty and Bounty of Our Peninsula. In celebration of our Tenth Annual Oktoberfest, we will offer this calendar for just $10.00. First sales will be at the Oktoberfest, October 25, 2014. After our big night, calendars will be available at The Chinook Inn, Chinook Country Store, M&D Designs, and All Season's Kidstuff. Be sure to support our continuing fundraising efforts as you enjoy beautiful peninsula photographs by local photographer, Alice Schuerman. And, there is another way you can support the FOCS calendar project. We are offering an opportunity for businesses and individuals to purchase sponsorships for $10.00 per listing on the calendar. Business name and phone contact will be listed with other business sponsors. Individual donors will be listed as FOCS calendar sponsors recognizing your support of our continued efforts to complete school property renovation. Donors may send $10.00 with the coupon below to Friends of Chinook School before October 15. Please mail to: P.O. Box 243 Chinook, WA. 98614. Your support is most appreciated.

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**Count Me In**

*Yes, I want to be included in sponsoring the Friends of Chinook School calendar!*

- [ ] Individual (name)______________________
- [ ] Business______________________ Phone__________
New Board Members

We are pleased to announce the addition of three new board members! Join us in welcoming Jon Krager, Anna Lee Larimore and Kathy Hughes to the FOCS Board of Directors!

The mission of Friends of Chinook School:

“To refurbish and utilize the historic Chinook School for the cultural, educational, social, economic and recreational benefit of the community.”

Become a proud member of Friends of Chinook School. Annual memberships are only $10.00 for an individual, couple or the whole family.

Memorials

The dearest people in our lives leave lasting imprints. Valuing those imprints with memorial donations helps to keep the memories strong. Friends of Chinook School is honored to dedicate remembrance donations to the work of improving and managing the Historic Chinook School property. New donations since the fall newsletter have been received in memory of the following:

POLLY (KIRSCH) WIRKKALA
JULIA (GRIGGS) HALL
J.B. BRANDT

In addition, memorials received for loved ones who have been previously honored in this newsletter are:

WALTER L. HANSEN
WILLIAM R. “BILL” LITSCHKE

Renew your annual membership at Oktoberfest!

4th of July Parade

Lovely July 4th weather greeted local children and families as the decorated entourage tumbled onto sidewalks of Highway 101 for the second annual local children’s parade. Once again red, white and blue decorated the marchers and “vehicles” as they paraded from the Chinook School Event Center to the Port parking lot and back. Marchers and parade observers gathered at the Event Center to enjoy hot dogs, chips and lemonade provided by Friends of Chinook School volunteers. We are looking forward to next year’s parade as part of a year of celebrations encouraged by our beautifully renovated Chinook School property. Plan to mark your 2015 calendar to march or to cheer on July 4.
Community Christmas Tree Lighting

Join us for a Christmas tree lighting on the front lawn of the Chinook School, Sunday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. Apple cider, hot chocolate and goodies will be served. If you would like to help with decorating the tree or preparing goodies, call Johanna Gustafson at 360-777-8988 or Tammy Engel at 360-244-2448.

Open Gym

The gymnasium at the Chinook School Event Center is open to everyone on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Children 5 years and younger need a parent or guardian present. PLEASE NOTE: Open Gym will not be held October 15th or October 22nd to ready the Event Center for our Tenth Annual Oktoberfest. For additional information on Open Gym contact Sam at 503-298-1498.

Chinook Food Bank honors volunteers with a summer BBQ

FIVE WAYS TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

1. Make a donation of non-perishable food items or toiletries. The holidays are upon us and this is a perfect way to spread holiday cheer!
2. Volunteer on delivery days. CFB receives a delivery from Northwest Harvest and Coastal Harvest once a month.
3. Organize a food drive.
4. Volunteer to help when CFB is open to the public. The CFB is open for distribution the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
5. Make a monetary donation. With the generous donations from many, the CFB is able to purchase items that it would not otherwise have to offer; milk, eggs, cheese, meat, bread, and other specialty items.

If you would like more information, call Tammy Engel at 360-244-2448. If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks can be made payable to: Chinook Food Bank. P.O. Box 243, Chinook, WA 98614

Your Historical Photos

Friends of Chinook School would like to scan & print your photos to aid in the restoration and to display. Please call Jill Wirkkala @ 360-244-1414. The photos will be scanned and your originals returned as soon as possible.

- THANK YOU!
FROM THE BOARD

Great news as promised!
Chinook School Building-Community Center

Windows restored by Kevin Palo, Ten Mile Restoration, are now in place and new windows will be installed by the time Oktoberfest is celebrated! Soon to follow will be new entrance doors and side windows. Also this fall, Chinook School will be rewired. Starting in 2015 more improvements are in the works: plumbing will be roughed-in, insulation will be installed, a heating system will be operational and sheetrock will replace the failing plastered walls. All this work has been funded by FOCS memberships, fundraising, donations, and grants.

And now, as promised in our last newsletter, there’s even more great news!

The Washington State Heritage Capital Projects Advisory Committee has approved and recommended that a grant application submitted by the Port of Chinook/Friends of Chinook School be included in the next state budget request for heritage projects in the State of Washington. An award from this fund would be used for completion of bathrooms and plumbing, alarm system, floor refinishing, and the purchase and installation of an ADA lift. The Legislature has been very supportive of Heritage Capital Projects over the years but your support is important to encourage continued funding of heritage projects throughout the state. If all goes well, funds will be available in 2016.

The Templin Foundation has been a strong supporter of the restoration of the Historic Chinook School property. Early grants from Templin helped us save the buildings and a recent grant from Templin allowed us to increase our grant request to the State of Washington to help complete the restoration of the school building. We, like so many beneficiaries, say, “Thank you”.

The Chinook School Restoration Project still needs your help and support.

Congratulations to all who have helped get the project to this point but remember, WE AREN’T FINISHED YET!