FROM THE BOARD

Long awaited entrances are now complete!

Much planning went into the design and construction of entrances that look much like the originals of the 1924 Chinook School building. The project team made up of Architect David Jensen, Project Manager Corky Wilson and FOCS members worked overtime on this phase of the Chinook School restoration project. B.T. Wilson Construction of Chinook installed the wood/fiberglass windows and Glasco of Seaside installed the anodized aluminum doors.

Interior work starts soon with plumbing rough-in, insulation, a ductless HVAC system and sheet rock. All work will be completed by year end.

The Port of Chinook and Friends of Chinook School are anxiously awaiting final word on the funding of their Heritage Capital Project request which will allow for additional interior improvements. The bottom line is this: if the Washington State Heritage Capital Project Grant is awarded,

Welcome to Chinook School!
Friends of Chinook School continues to successfully fundraise, and the public continues to support the project with cash and in-kind donations, the school will be ready for occupancy in 2017!

Working together, we can cause these new doors to OPEN! Please do what you can to help us reach this goal.

The former Chinook School building will become the Chinook School Community Building. Imagine the benefit of having two historic buildings restored for community and public use!

With many thanks to all who have long supported this project,
Friends of Chinook School Board

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**Third Annual 4th of July Children’s Sidewalk Parade**

Chinook's celebration season is nearly here. With mowers humming and more boats appearing in moorage at the port, FOCS is getting ready for the third annual 4th of July Children's Sidewalk Parade. Break out the flags, banners and crepe paper decor. Spiff up your most colorful red, white and blue duds. Bring out the hats and the hoopla. Observers, join the decorated fun, wear comfortable shoes or bring chairs to line the parade route and cheer.

Parade registration begins at 9:45 a.m. at the Chinook School Event Center. The parade will begin at 10:15. Marchers will proceed up Highway 101 from the Event Center to the fireworks tent at the port parking lot and back. Marchers, friends and neighbors will be ready for hot dogs, chips and lemonade at the Event Center when the parade ends. This year there is an additional opportunity for community celebration. Parade participants and observers are invited to bring an item of shelf-stable food to help supply the Chinook Food Bank. Collection barrels will be available at the Event Center. It would be especially meaningful to receive donations of children's favorite foods thereby involving our youngest citizens in the food collection effort. Let the celebration begin.
CHINOOK FOOD BANK BEGINS FOURTH YEAR OF SERVICE

Since the beginning of helping with food insecurity on the Peninsula, the Chinook Food Bank has grown, evolved and received several face lifts. The earliest days found service delivered from the upstairs areas of the old Chinook School. As the planned changes began to happen, the food bank was moved to ground level, treated to new windows and doors, set up with much needed shelving and provided with growing supplies of food. Alongside the physical changes, organizing staff has worked to improve the volunteer service, connection to community food sources and cooperation with the other Peninsula food banks. Their efforts serve to make the food bank a stronger support system for Peninsula citizens in need of food assistance. In fact, this past year CFB increased its service by 20.4% clients. It is our pleasure to assist all of our clients. One newcomer signed in recently with a Veterans' advocate. He is a recent Army Veteran who we were honored to help in his efforts to begin civilian life here on the Peninsula.

Over the years a number of local businesses, religious groups, active students and caring individuals have hosted food drives or collected bags and boxes of food to help stock our shelves. Many others have offered monetary donations to help our staff provide foods not forthcoming from donating food sources. This year, the 4th of July Children’s Parade will be part of our food collection effort. Young marchers and their families will have the opportunity to donate non-perishable foods during registration at the Event Center and while enjoying Independence Day treats at the end of the parade. It is hoped that many Chinook citizens will enjoy the parade and perhaps help to stock the shelves of the CFB.

This is how stocked we were following the Chinook Coffee Company fundraiser.
FOCS ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of Chinook School 2015 Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, at 7 p.m. in the Chinook School Event Center. This meeting is held for the election of board members and to provide annual updates by officers. A reminder notice will be posted in the Chinook Post Office and in the Chinook Observer.

*All members and readers of this newsletter are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.*

REQUEST FOR 2015 MEMBERSHIP

The gynmasium, now known as the Chinook School Event Center, is used by the community for everything from meetings to weddings to theatrical events and many other community functions. The usage far exceeds what was expected and we are grateful!

Work continues on the school, which upon completion will be known as the Chinook School Community Building. In May the two main entrances to the school were renovated with new doors and surrounding windows. Next construction will include rough-in plumbing, a ductless HVAC system, insulation, and sheet rock.

Many organizations and individuals have stepped up to help move this project to completion. We gratefully thank all who have contributed! If you have never joined or have joined in the past but are not a current member, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN or RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW. Your donation at any level will be sincerely appreciated. Please send the attached form with your check and visit our website to learn more about our project.

Friends of Chinook School and your community sincerely thank you. We hope to see you at our eleventh annual Oktoberfest fundraiser on Saturday, October 24. Join friends, colleagues, neighbors, and visitors at one of the best FUNdraising parties on the peninsula.

Friends of Chinook School Board

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*Friends of Chinook School Donation and Membership Form*

Name(s) ____________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________
City ___________ State _____ Zip_________
Email ___________________________ Phone ____________
Make your check payable to: 
Friends of Chinook School (FOCS)
P O Box 243, Chinook, WA 98614

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Yes, I want to be a member of FOCS!

$10 Membership       $10

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*Friends of Chinook School is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.*
*Your donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.*
Friends of Chinook School is honored to dedicate remembrance donations to the work of improving and managing the historic Chinook School property. All the names of these honorees are available on the FOCS website and will be on a memorial plaque in the school when that project is complete. New donations since the winter newsletter have been received in memory of:

Mary Jane (Nelson) Ward  
Carol (Wisner) Moore Gibson  
Eldon “Ole” Rudeen Olin  
Esther (Diehl) Miethe

Additional memorial donations received for loved ones previously honored in our newsletters are:

Vírginia (Deccio) Couch  
Carol (Nelson) Olsen  
Lydia S. (Keltus) Fauver  
Hilja Helene (Kultala) Anderson  
Lee H. Timmen, Jr.

It’s amazing that the amount of news that happens in the world every day just exactly fits the newspaper.  --Jerry Seinfeld

**FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS!**

This is a marvelous way for you to contribute to the Chinook Food Bank when you shop at Fred Meyer! FOCS has qualified for nonprofit status under the Community Rewards program.

Fred Meyer is donating $2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here’s how the program works:

- Sign up for the program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Friends of Chinook School for Chinook Food Bank at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards or call 866-518-2686.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping FOCS/CFB earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.


Happenings...

- FRIENDS OF CHINOOK SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING~~MONDAY, JUNE 15, AT 7 PM
- 4th OF JULY CHINOOK SIDEWALK PARADE~~STARTS AT 9:45 AM
- CHINOOK FOOD BANK~~FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS FROM 10:00 TO 1:00

Mark your calendar...

- OKTOBERFEST (CHINOOK STYLE)~~SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
- CHILDREN’S HALLOWEEN PARTY~~FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
- OSF SHAKESPEARE EXPERIENCE~~FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

RENT THE CHINOOK SCHOOL EVENT CENTER
For rental information: check availability on the FOCS website
www.friendsofchinookschool.org then call 360-244-FOCS (3627)