

News



NWSDHH Receives Gifts from King County

Thanks to the relentless support of King County and Councilmember Rod Dembowski, NWSDHH recently received a retired King County van and a \$20,000 Sports & Recreation Grant to build a new, multi-purpose sport court! Mr. Dembowski dropped by the school in September to deliver the van to an excited group of students, along with the grant check.

This van is an important addition to our existing transportation fleet, which allows students to be transported to mainstream classes and field trips throughout the greater Seattle area. Construction of the sport court is currently underway and will be a great addition for all our recreational play. We are thankful for the hard work and dedication from Mr. Dembowski and his team. They are truly helping NWSDHH kids thrive!

Alumni Spotlight



Nicholas Buchanan

We would like to introduce you to former NWSDHH student Nicholas Buchanan! After finishing sixth grade at NWSDHH in 1994, Nick went on to receive Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in Computer Science, the latter from Seattle University. Today, Nick makes a living as a software engineer, web developer and media engineer in Austin, Texas.

Last year, Nick also took on an inspiring new endeavor. He teamed up with a deaf friend to start a true passion project, opening Pepperbox Coffee.

The coffee trailer employs members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. Nick always had a vision of running his own business to help prove being deaf is not a barrier in becoming a successful entrepreneur. As the passionate coffee lover he is, owning and operating Pepperbox Coffee is the perfect platform to showcase his abilities and inspire other entrepreneurs in the deaf community to go for their dream.

Keeping the deaf community in mind, Nick and his co-owner devised a system to bridge the communication gap between the customers and their deaf employees. Instead of customers voicing their order to the baristas, the customer writes the order down on a laminated checklist. Eventually, Nick wants to use his software development background to create a coffee self-ordering system that would bring a unique experience to his customers. We are so proud of the work Nick is doing and could not be happier for his success!

A Beautiful Legacy



Jan Mayer spent her life dedicated to the idea that every human is important, celebrating how our differences make us special. She was dedicated to the notion that helping others helps us all. She was especially pleased when her daughter Peggy became a founding teacher here at NWSDHH. During Peggy's decades of service to our students, Jan would sometimes join her daughter at school as a volunteer. She even came to school to celebrate her 90th birthday! Peggy recently shared a few reflections about her mom saying, "She would always tell me that education is the path to independence and freedom."

One of Jan's proudest philanthropic moments came when she designated NWSDHH as a beneficiary in her estate. This gift would represent the largest gift she would ever give, and knowing this gave Jan great joy. Her highest hope for the children we serve is that "they would be able to achieve their dreams and do whatever they wanted in life." We were deeply honored to receive this generous gift in 2016. Jan's beautiful offering will help us deepen our curriculum and expand our student library. We celebrate Jan's extraordinary 94 years on Earth and we are grateful her legacy continues to live on in the hearts and minds of our students.



NWSDHH was one of the fortunate local non-profits to be invited as a beneficiary of Seattle GiveCamp. In early October, NWSDHH teachers Alison Fuson and Jen Morris spent the weekend with more than 80 local developers on the Microsoft campus to build new mobile apps that will strengthen the work of non-profits in our region.

A mighty team of 11 developers and programmers volunteered to work with Ms. Fuson and Miss Morris to develop a new tutoring app that will be used in the classrooms at NWSDHH. This app will help our students develop vocabulary and grammar skills. Ms. Fuson and Miss Morris have envisioned providing this type of technology within our classrooms for more than a decade and, thanks to Seattle GiveCamp, it is finally coming together. Part of what makes our school so powerful is that our teachers and staff are always dreaming, innovating and pushing for more. A special thank you to the volunteer team who spent tireless hours helping to make this dream come true.

NWSDHH Dream Comes True



Upcoming Events

Giving Tuesday

November 28, 2017

Give here:
northwestschool.com/donate
Thank you!

Winter Break

December 18, 2017 -
January 1, 2018

No School. Enjoy the break!

Save the Date!

Our 35th Anniversary
Celebration will be on
April 19, 2018, 7-9 P.M.