

Anacortes Students “Seas the Day”

Since 1996, Island Adventures has been taking Anacortes elementary students out on their vessel to explore the living world of the water. Starting with Carol Strandberg’s second grade class, the annual field trip has evolved from a pleasurable boat ride to a virtual floating classroom, with on-board naturalists teaching students the elements of oceanography, including plankton tow, turbidity, and pH scope. The trip grew from one Mt. Erie classroom to all second grade classes at the school, eventually encompassing all second grade classes in the district.

Now, the Salish Sea Science Trip is aligned with the fourth grade curriculum, allowing teachers to better prep the students beforehand.

Owner Shane Aggergaard moved to Anacortes at the age of three when his parents handpicked the town based on the schools and the sense of community. Island Adventures has teamed up with ASF to send all our 4th graders on this hands-on STEM experience. He and wife Jen say they love the partnership with ASF because it keeps the focus on the kids.

“It would be a shame to live on this island and not get the kids out on the water,” says Jen.

Shane adds that the most rewarding part of the job is watching the kids’ sense of awe when they learn about all that lives below the surface.

Thank you, Shane and Jen Aggergaard, for giving back to your community in a meaningful way by sharing your love of the water and of learning with our students.

“It’s important to us to foster learning and give students an opportunity to soak up everything they can here in their amazing backyard.” ~ JEN AGGERGAARD, ISLAND ADVENTURES

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What is ASF?

Our mission is to empower all Anacortes students through scholarships and enriched learning opportunities.

What does Anacortes Schools Foundation do for our youth?



READY TO LEARN FAIR

In the fall, ASF is proud to partner with the district and community partners and volunteers for the Anacortes Ready to Learn Fair, an event that provides back-to-school essentials like backpacks, supplies, clothing and more to students and families who need a little extra support. Cost for a backpack full of supplies is \$27 per student.



PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

ASF provides "scholarships" or financial support to our youngest learners. The expense of pre-school is one many of our families cannot afford. Yet, studies show that early learning opportunities can make a critical difference in a student's academic life. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to provide full and partial preschool scholarships to families in need.



IMPACT K-3 SUMMER LEARNING

Project Impact is an expanded summer learning program that provides 4 weeks of targeted support for students entering kindergarten through 3rd grade. Impact builds on the success of Jump Start – a three-week summer intensive launched five years ago to help entering kindergartners become ready for school. Cost is \$1,000 per student. ASF is partnering with community organizations including Rotary, Kiwanis and Soroptimist International to support this important program.



STEM ENRICHMENT

Funding for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) has been a focus for ASF since 2013. We work with the school district, matching STEM curriculum with grade-wide enrichment experiences like field trips and hands-on projects in the classroom.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Anacortes Schools Foundation has been funding scholarships since 1984. These scholarships have helped thousands of Anacortes students follow their dreams and pursue education after high school.

Don't let state funding formulas limit our children's future. Make a tax-deductible investment in exceptional learning opportunities that fuel their dreams.

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Legacy Society/Endowments

In early 2018, ASF officially launched a planned giving program and established a Legacy Society to recognize donors who have included ASF in their will.



The first donors to join the ASF Legacy Society were Anacortes residents Greg and Sue Monaghan. The Monaghans believe "few causes in life can have a greater influence on a young person's journey than the gift of a formal education or advanced training in a trade." They have pledged to endow a scholarship for a student graduating from Cap Sante High School through their estate. And, because they want to see their giving in action and meet some of their recipients, they are also funding an annual scholarship.

Endowments like the Monaghan's are a means for donors to effectively support educational excellence in the Anacortes School District and leave a lasting legacy in the community. ASF is governed by a board of directors who provide stewardship for, and disburse the earnings from, these endowment funds. Donors may designate earnings for a specific purpose like scholarships, STEM, or early learning, or allow ASF to determine where the needs are the greatest.

To invest in a better future for all Anacortes students or to get involved, please contact Marta McClintock at marta@asfkids.org or 360-488-2343 or visit our web page: asfkids.org

We need your help!

Whether you donate \$27 to cover a backpack for our the Ready to Learn Fair, or \$30,000 to cover the cost for all 5th grade students to go to Mountain School, your dollars are hard at work to inspire our youth! Below are a few ways we can work together to empower all Anacortes students.



ANACORTES ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

(1,226 STUDENTS)



\$300

Cost per classroom for **STEM enrichment programs** that include a field trip to the Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory to study Marine Eco System, to the Spark Museum in Bellingham to study electricity and magnetism and more. Each year ASF provides approximately \$16,000 to ASD elementary schools so that students have access to STEM enrichment.



\$150

Cost per student, per year for all 5th graders, to attend **Mountain School**. ASF needs to raise a total of \$30,000 (annually) to take all 5th grade classes (over 200 students each year) on a 3-day science field trip to Mountain School at North Cascades Institute.



\$10

Thanks to very generous underwriting by Island Adventures, this is the cost per student to “Seas the Day” and participate in the **Salish Sea Science** trip with Island Adventures. ASF funds approximately \$3,500 each year to cover busing and the nominal \$10 cost per student.

ANACORTES MIDDLE SCHOOL

(639 STUDENTS)



\$2,500

Annual cost for **KidWind**. Each year, ASF provides funding for all 6th graders to participate in this hands-on renewable energy project.



\$500

Cost for all 8th graders to study the solar system with the **Pacific Science Center's** portable Planetarium Bubbles.



Nationwide, school foundations fund programs that federal and state funds cannot.



ANACORTES AND CAP SANTE HIGH SCHOOL

(794 STUDENTS)



\$100

Amount per year, per student, to support initiatives like social emotional programs, recycling projects, data collection calculators, after-school arts programs and more.



\$500-\$10,000

Today, ASF manages more than 100 scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 each. ASF works with private donors and community partners like Kiwanis, Rotary, Friends of the Forest, Island Hospital, and the Port to help Anacortes students go on to universities, community colleges, technical, vocational and trade schools. Many ASF scholarships recognize the generosity of a family, group or organization or honor the legacy of a loved one who has passed.

“If we teach today’s students as we taught yesterday’s, we rob them of tomorrow.”

~ JOHN DEWY

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MAY 22 - Scholarship Awards Ceremony

AUGUST 17 - Ready to Learn Fair

SEPTEMBER 15 - Fueling Education 5K and Fun Run presented by Shell

DECEMBER 7 - Celebrate the Season Holiday Family Fair and "Dream It" Dinner Auction

MARCH 2020 - Scholarship Applications Open



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"We are all at once both a composition and a composer. We have the ability not only to compose the future of our own lives, but to help compose the future of everyone around us and the communities in which we live."

~ MAYA ANGELOU