



2017 Annual Report, Friends of Washington School



WE'VE BEEN BUSY!

Thank You Little Town!

2017 was the first official year of operation for the Friends of Washington School (FOWS) non-profit. We worked hard to get our paperwork completed and to support the students and staff at Washington School.

Your support is amazing!

While our small but dedicated team poured our energy into getting our fledgling non-profit off the ground, our friends and neighbors in the Little Town of Washington raised funds for our projects in ways we never imagined. Because of your support, our budget for 2018 is more than double what we projected! We are incredibly excited for the coming year.

Your generosity is inspiring!

It is difficult to find enrichment teachers willing to drive out to Washington for an hour of work. FOWS worked with the School District to supplement the funds available for enrichment teachers but we still struggled. Where we couldn't get teachers to come from out of town, our

local residents stepped in to fill the void teaching art, chess, middle school athletics. When offered payment our dedicated art teacher declined, saying that she just wanted to give back to her community.

We couldn't do this without you!

With your support we were able to expand the learning opportunities for the students of Washington school by getting them out of the classroom for athletics and a fantastic year-end field trip, and by bringing new activities and materials into the school. Without this amazing community we would just be a handful of people sitting around a table dreaming of ways to help. Because of you, we can do much more than dream.

We are looking forward to what 2018 brings!

Your Neighbors,

The Friends of Washington School



Student Art Exhibits

Anne Dezort volunteered to teach weekly art classes for Washington students for. Art projects focused on art theory and application and were displayed at the Post Office for the community to enjoy.



New Books and Supplies

FOWS purchased new books and supplies for the school including: art supplies, phonics sets, library books, white board sets, and thumb drives.

2017 in Review

- FOWS provided funds and logistical help to support the 2016/2017 year-end field trip to San Francisco. Students spent four days exploring the arts, science, and cultural offerings in the City
- The July 4th Mayors race raised over \$1,000
- Andrew Nance's Calendar project raised \$1,500 for FOWS
- A generous donor at the Chicken BBQ gifted FOWS with a beautiful totem pole. It was raffled by the Washington Hotel to raise more than \$1,000 for FOWS
- FOWS worked with Washington local Anne Dezort to provide weekly art classes

- Washington parent and FOWS volunteer Kass Kozloski taught weekly chess classes



- FOWS purchased student-designed school shirts for Washington School athletics

- FOWS volunteers organized a Washington Cross Country team for the first time in many years. Six students participated in meets at schools throughout Nevada County
- FOWS worked with the School District and Nevada County Arts Council to bring an international poetry program to Washington School
- FOWS purchased books for the school library and replacements for aging school supplies
- December 2017, FOWS received its official non-profit charter with the State of California!

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Meetings are held monthly at the Washington Hotel Café. For more information contact Rachel Kozloski at 530.478.1648



From left: a cross county athlete with her finishers ribbon; the totem pole; year-end trip to San Francisco.