



New Foundation to Provide Grants to Ridgefield Schools

The Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation launches Principal's Checkbook and Mini Grant programs.

Ridgefield, WA February 22, 2010 – The greater Ridgefield community has a new non-profit organization to support Ridgefield Public Schools. The Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation initiated its Principal's Checkbook Program today and will roll out a mini grant program later this spring.

The Foundation's Principal's Checkbook Program will fund supplies and services students need that are not otherwise available, and allow them to attend school ready to learn. Foundation "mini grants" will support implementation of school improvement plans at each school. Donations from ABM Janitorial, Chartwells, Columbia Credit Union and others in the Ridgefield community helped fund these programs.

The Foundation will raise funds during the year to support two additional programs planned for the 2010-2011 school year. Those programs include teacher appreciation awards at each of the Ridgefield School District schools and scholarships for Ridgefield School District students continuing their education beyond high school. In addition, the "mini grant" program will be expanded to include grants to teachers and other school organizations.

"Having a Foundation support our schools gives us another tool to help our students be successful," said Art Edgerly, Ridgefield Public Schools Superintendent.

"The Foundation's vision is to bring new resources to the table. We want to enhance the educational experience of all students," said Paul Lewis, President of the Foundation's Board.

The Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation's primary purpose is to support programs and activities that enhance the academic, social, and career development for all of the students in Ridgefield public schools. For more information about the Foundation, or to learn how to make a donation, go to www.ridgefieldpsf.org.

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