MISSION STATEMENT
To refurbish and utilize the historic Chinook School for the cultural, educational, social, economic and recreational benefit of the community.

FROM THE BOARD

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Friends of Chinook School Board Members, present and past, are proud of the role we have played in the restoration of the Historic Chinook School Community Building and Event Center. Our work in coordinating the project has been challenging but from the start we were strengthened by the encouragement and support of so many. Thank you.
DEDICATION AND OPEN HOUSE

The dedication of the Chinook School Community Building on May 13, was the culmination of a successful renovation project. Friends of Chinook School celebrated with about 150 supporters, members, contractors and dignitaries who gathered for a short program and ribbon cutting ceremony. Eileen Wirkkala welcomed the crowd and gave a short summary of the Port of Chinook’s acquisition of the properties from the Ocean Beach School District and the renovation work done by a host of contractors with B. T. Wilson Construction in the lead.

She gave credit to Friends of Chinook School’s members and supporters and to grantors, The Templin Foundation, State of Washington Heritage Capital Project Fund, and the Korine Nelson Estate. These donations and grants made our project possible.

Loma Billups introduced Senator Dean Takko and Representative Brian Blake who have followed our efforts and given their support since our first project, the Chinook School Event Center. Pacific County Commissioner, Lisa Olsen, spoke some words of congratulations and led the pledge of allegiance. Past and present Chinook Port Commissioners and their managers were thanked for having the courage to take on this project and for their commitment to the people of our community. David Jensen, architect, was given credit for his renovation work, keeping the spirit of original architect, John Wicks, in his plans.

A blessing of the building, those who renovated it and those who will use it was given by Pastor Emeritus, David Barnet, who has faithfully helped us with Oktoberfest each year. Our project manager, Corky Wilson, was given much-deserved praise for his many volunteer hours since the beginning of our renovation project in 2007. Corky was always there to coordinate activities, open doors and keep the project moving forward. He dedicated the building to the community and cut the ribbon. He then invited everyone to enjoy looking at the rooms, the old pictures donated by the David Johnson family, the construction slide show presented by Ron Hylton and narrated by David Jensen, and refreshments provided by Friends of Chinook School.

"The greatest satisfaction, I think, is when a building opens and the public possesses it and you cut the umbilical cord and you see it taking on its own life. There’s no greater satisfaction."

-- Architect, Moshe Safdie (1936-)

FOCS ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of Chinook School 2017 Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 19th at 7 PM in the Chinook School Community Building.

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.
CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Heritage Capital Project Fund:
An alarm system in both the Event Center and Community Building has been installed and is operable. The last phase of state-funded construction is the installation of interior/exterior lighting. This work will be completed by the end of June 2017.

FOCS Construction:
A new sidewalk, measuring 100 feet by 6 feet, has been installed by Wilson Brothers Construction (Tim, Rex, and Brad). The sidewalk leads from the sidewalk at Highway 101 to the front doors of the Community Building. Richard Rank, Rank’s Cabinets, has nearly completed the installation of cabinets in the cater-kitchen. The cabinets were purchased from Christy Long, Christy’s Cabinetry and Design.

Moving Forward:
Currently we are working toward an opening date for the Community Building. We are establishing a rental policy and structuring rental fees. We expect to have information available to you in July. Please check our website and our new sign for details.

There are projects that will further improve the property – landscaping being one. When we complete our scheduled work, we will consider this project and others. Send us your ideas!

Your continued financial and volunteer help is needed as we move forward managing and maintaining the beautifully restored buildings.
REQUEST FOR 2017 MEMBERSHIP

The gymnasium is in its fifth year of use by the community as the Chinook School Event Center for weddings, anniversaries, reunions, celebrations of life, fundraisers, parties and more. Now the school building has been dedicated as the Chinook School Community Building and the classrooms will be ready to rent for smaller meetings, parties and gatherings.

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. If there is a handwritten “C” on your address label, your membership dues are current for 2017.

We gratefully thank all who have contributed to the near-completion of this project. It definitely has been made possible because of friends like you.

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 _______

Donation Category

Honor Roll $500
Royal Chinook $250
Blueback $100
Silverside $50
Other $____

Make your check payable to: Friends of Chinook School (FOCS)
P O Box 243, Chinook, WA 98614

Yes, I want to be a member of FOCS! $25 Membership $25

Total Donation and Membership Fee $
FOCS is gearing up for the annual 4th of July Children’s Sidewalk Parade. Registration begins at 9:45 at the Chinook School Event Center and the parade will begin at 10:15. Marchers, friends and neighbors will be treated to hot dogs, chips and lemonade at the event center when the parade ends. Anyone interested in providing marching band music for the parade? Either live or from a boom box?? Please let Kathy Hughes know! 360-777-8237.

This year participants and observers are again invited to bring an item of shelf-stable food to help supply the Chinook Food Bank. Perhaps a donation of children’s favorite foods will help our youngest citizens feel involved in the drive. Barrels will be ready to accept the items at the school and other locations around town. Watch for the poster in the post office or call Kathy for details. Of course, we will gladly accept monetary donations in lieu of food items. We all tend to remember people are hungry in colder weather and during the holidays but we need to remember hunger knows no season.

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**FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Thank you to all 75 households who have already linked their Fred Meyer Rewards Card. The check to Friends of Chinook School for the last quarter was $349.37, which we use to purchase non-perishable goods such as milk, eggs, and cheese for distribution. This is a simple, easy and painless way for you to contribute to the Chinook Food Bank when you shop at Fred Meyer. If you have not yet done so, please link your rewards card by following the instructions below.

Sign up for the program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Friends of Chinook School for Chinook Food Bank (#81341) 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.

Fred Meyer donates $2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Please let them know to give to Chinook Food Bank.
Mark your calendar...

- Friends of Chinook School Annual Meeting—Monday, June 19, 7:00 PM
- 4th of July Children’s Chinook Food Bank Drive and Sidewalk Parade—9:45 AM
- Oktoberfest (Chinook Style)—Saturday, October 21
- OSF Shakespeare Experience—Friday, November 17
- Chinook Food Bank—Open First and Third Wednesdays, from 10:00 to 1:00

Rent the Chinook School Event Center

Please check availability on the FOCS website
www.friendsofchinookschool.org
and then call 360-244-FOCS (3627) to reserve your date