JOIN THE FUN!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th 5:00 pm

Plans are in place for the 12th Oktoberfest – Chinook Style. Come and join your friends and community as we fundraise to put the final touches on the school. It’s a great party and you won’t want to miss out. Joanne Leech again will be creating a delicious dinner served by local adolescent volunteers. Oktoberfest favorites, the Beach Buddies band, will be performing on stage! We will be pouring local brews including North Jetty and Buoy Beer. Grab a beer, a glass of wine or even your favorite cocktail as you preview the changes in the newly restored school. Price for admission to the event is $5.00, or dinner and admission for just $20.00; children 6 to 12 $10.00 and under six free.

Every year we have fabulous auction items to bid on including beautiful art, exciting event packages, and local restaurant certificates. We are looking for high-quality items for the silent and live auctions. We must have the items no later than Friday, October 7th; items received after that date will not be accepted. Please call Karen Leu at 206-930-1651 if you have any questions or items to donate or need to arrange pickup or delivery. If you want to be part of this event, VOLUNTEER your time – we will find a job for you.

HOT RAFFLE ITEM:
A Sun Dolphin Bali 10SS Kayak with paddle and cartop straps – perfect for paddling on Baker and Willapa bays.

For this year’s auction Capt. John Torjusen has again donated an auction favorite, the thrilling ride with the Columbia River Bar Pilot!

Oktoberfest is also a good time to renew your membership!

WE’LL SEE YOU THERE!
We are planning our 4th Oregon Shakespeare Festival visit to take place on November 16, 17 and 18. This program has been a successful addition to the middle and high school drama, literature and social studies classes. The students have been enthusiastic about the one-on-one time with OSF actors and have really enjoyed the workshops. This year we are looking forward to hosting students from Ilwaco, Naselle and Astoria schools.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Ocean Beach Education Foundation we are again able to start the Shakespeare Experience with an encore performance by historical-dress lecturer, Tames Alan. She will perform on the Hilltop Auditorium stage on Wednesday, November 16. Last year adults from the community as well as students were riveted to her stories and her historical knowledge as she dressed in period clothing that brought life to her lecture. On Thursday the 17th, and Friday the 18th, students will be bussed to the Chinook School Event Center to watch scenes performed by OSF actors followed by workshops where they actively participate in interpreting the Bard.

On Friday evening it’s the community’s chance to enjoy the actors. They do an amazing and entertaining job of presenting scenes from Shakespeare and also perform from plays by contemporary playwrights. To preface their performance, we take from the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon, and present our own Blue and Gold show. We will have short entertainments from Ilwaco, Naselle and Astoria students. Angus Bowmer, our inspiration, would be proud. Your participation in this event will be appreciated and your ticket donation of $10.00 for the performance is counted on to fund this program. We hope that you will have a good time and ensure that this project continues.

We are conspiring to add another event on Friday. Consider an Elizabethan-style dinner served by buxom wenches while enjoying appropriate music and grog. Watch for posters and ads in local papers.

Tickets may be purchased at Bank of the Pacific branches in Long Beach, Ocean Park, Naselle, Astoria and Warrenton or by calling Connie at 360-777-8859. Tickets also available at the door. Students are admitted at no charge.

COME ONE, COME ALL!
Beautiful sunny skies brought out lots of children and adults sporting patriotic colors to walk or ride on all manner of decorated “wheels” in the parade. Back at the event center, hotdogs, chips and lemonade were dispensed to thirsty participants. A big thank you to all who participated and to those who donated food items and cash for the Chinook Food Bank.
FROM THE BOARD
Chinook School Restoration Nears Completion

It won’t be long until the beautiful doors of the former Chinook Grade School open to the community and this building will be your Chinook School Community Building. Construction and attention to detail in restoring this grand 1924 building has been gratifying. When you enter, you will be going back into the 1920s and we believe you will appreciate and admire the restoration effort. We offer many thanks to our Construction Manager Corky Wilson and Architect David Jensen and all our dedicated construction team and volunteers for the wonderful work. When we get through our many upcoming events, we will have a dedication of this building!

We are very happy to announce that the Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau will be a tenant of the community building. The bureau will operate as a welcoming center and offer information about our peninsula and Columbia River area. The bureau will also assist Friends of Chinook School in day-to-day operations and in rental bookings. Soon the former four classrooms will be completed and made available for the community to enjoy in so many ways.

In other news, FOCS purchased the westerly property adjacent to the school. This property will be cleared and used primarily for parking. We were able to purchase this property with funds willed to us by Chinook residents Arville and Korine Nelson.

Thank you FOCS members and to all who have contributed to this project. We ask your continued support to help us operate, manage and maintain the Historic Chinook School Event Center and Community Building.
The Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend, November 26, is the date to mark on your calendar for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the front lawn of the school building. We’ll gather inside the event center for caroling and refreshment afterwards.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

The promised memorial plaque has been beautifully made with original wainscot wood from the school by Corky Wilson. Individual brass plates with 105 names of the departed family and friends remembered by generous donors have been engraved by Loop-Jacobsen, Inc. There are blank plates for future names and the plaque will be hung in the school building. The complete list of names may be viewed on our website: [www.friendsofchinookschool.org](http://www.friendsofchinookschool.org)

**MEMORIALS**

New donations since the summer newsletter have been received in memory of:

- Wilmer “Hoover” Wisner
- Morris O’Connor
- Cornelia “Connie” Olsen Baker

Previously mentioned and again honored are:

- James “Jimmy” McCulley
- Carol (Wisner) Moore Gibson
- John “Jack” W. Whealdon

**A Christmas Tree Lighting to kick off the Holiday Season!**

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Happenings...

- Oktoberfest (Chinook Style) – October 15
- Bayside Singers, Gilbert & Sullivan operetta – October 22
- OSF Shakespeare Experience – November 16, 17 & 18
  
  Public welcome on Wednesday afternoon at Hilltop School Stage
  and Friday evening at Chinook School Event Center
- Community Christmas Tree Lighting – November 26
- Chinook Food Bank – always First and Third Wednesdays

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