

3rd graders exploring robotics.



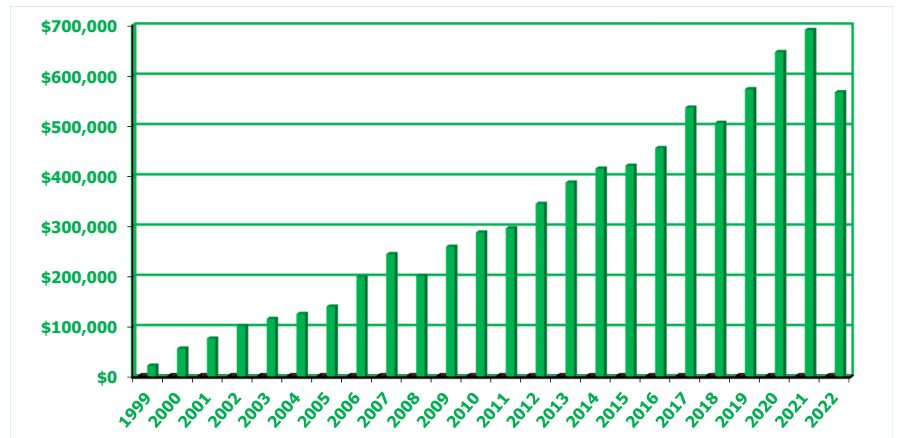
Middle schoolers exploring nature and the arts.

Thanks to our generous donors, MEF is able to continue funding our established collaborative programs with McMinnville District schools; Science Experiences and Artist-in-Residence, as well as our Teacher Mini Grants and Battle of the Books.

How do we fund what we do? With MEF Board Members and other generous donors & volunteers. Yearly events:

- Runtoberfest a run/walk the 1st Saturday in October
- A Pickleball event in the summer.
- Payroll deduction campaign among McMinnville School District employees
- Fall letter soliciting donations
- Contributions from MEF endowment
- Sponsor solicitations through contacts
- Partnerships like First Federal and Yamhill County Cultural Coalition
- Donate link on mac40kids.org
- Increasing awareness of MEF's support of MSD students
- **Save the Date for our new event, Schools: A Work of Heart, a wine pairing dinner at The Bindery Saturday February 10, 2024.**

MEF Endowment History 1999-2022



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MEF Sponsored Programs

Teacher Mini Grants:

Since 2000, MEF has awarded \$570,400 for mini grants. In 2022-23 MEF awarded 23 mini grants totaling \$19,604 to teachers in all the District schools. As a result, elementary school students will be thinking & learning as they exercise with Brainball. middle school students will be in a writing workshop, "Dear Younger Me," and expressing themselves through writing poetry about nature. High school students will be thinking about and creating opportunities for their futures. Everyone will be reading and many will be involved with robotics. Grants are a result of the innovative and creative applications from our teachers. The 2023-24 grants will be awarded in November, 2023.



Brainball: physical activity + academic learning = fun & learning.

Artist-in-Residence:

MEF is continuing to partner with McMinnville schools by providing art materials for their hands-on art programs that are

part of their K-5 elementary school curriculum. Currently 4th graders are creating and painting a clay sculpture and 5th graders are studying the art of Frida Kahlo and creating their own self-portraits with artist Jessica Campbell.



Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

Students read books from a standardized list for each grade level and then compete to answer trivia-like questions about the books. HS Librarian Ms. McGreal is excited about her OBOB students. "This year, the student book club at MHS is reading only books from the OBOB list so that students can form teams to compete at the local, regional and, fingers crossed, national levels! Our small but mighty group is very eager and has chosen the book *House of Hollow* by Krystal Sutherland to start off with. Our book club is excited about the wide range of genres on the OBOB list (especially Fantasy) and we are even going to go back to the 1700s with Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey* for our December book!" MEF purchases multiple

books on each year's list for school libraries. so that they are available for all students.

Science Experiences:

MEF partners with the District to offer hands-on science experiences, outside the classroom, to every District K-4 student. Kindergartners study habitats in class and outside. First grade students study how sound travels at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum.

Second graders study habitats like pond water at Miller Woods.



Third graders study LEGO Robotics and test their robots in competitions at Evergreen.



Fourth graders study patterns of earth's changing features at Metsker Park.

HS Pathway students often assist at science experiences.

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