

Soap Creek Schoolhouse Foundation

Annual Newsletter

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Hello to all the neighbors, friends, and former students of the Soap Creek Schoolhouse!

These days it's hard to find something different for kids to do, but neighbor Vicki Idema taught school for her visiting granddaughter in a one-on-one situation for a few days in May.

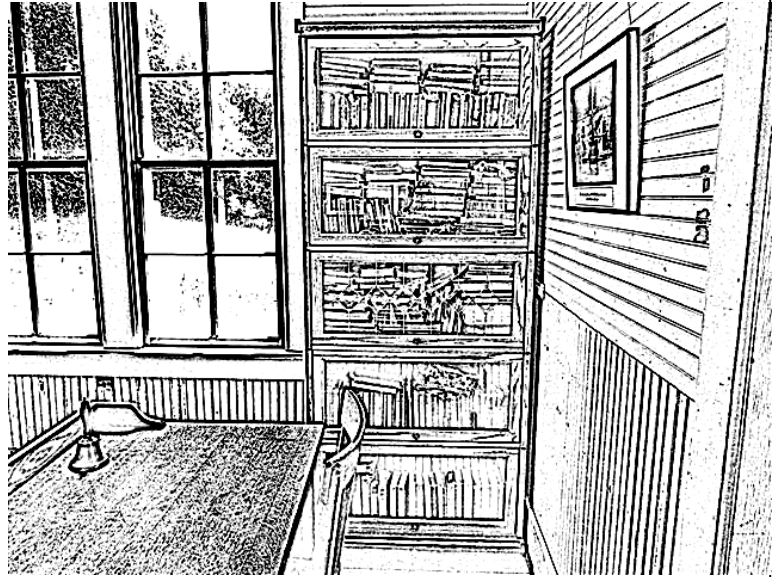
They took turns reading poems from one of the many books at the schoolhouse, from 1904. Then she had her granddaughter write a poem of her own.

Vicki says her granddaughter "really enjoyed having school in an historical schoolhouse."



ANTIQUE SCHOOLBOOKS

Our large barrister's bookcase is chock-full of the over 400 books owned by the Soap Creek Schoolhouse Foundation. Many of these books are original textbooks and readers used at the schoolhouse. Others were donated by collectors, or by students at nearby schools of the same timeframe. The books are available to be used under the supervision of a Foundation Board member, for research or entertainment. Copies of the modern Bob Zybach oral history books may be checked out, with a \$50 security deposit.



HISTORY BUFFS LOOK HERE!

Historian Bob Zybach has provided us with links to his fascinating oral histories and research of the Soap Creek area, and to his very interesting tour book of the valley: http://nwmapsc.com/ZybachB/Oral_Histories/Soap_Creek_Valley/index.html

Thanks so much, Bob! We are all indebted to you for recording the history of our area, and for making these books **free to read online in pdf format**.

Physical copies of Bob Zybach's Soap Creek histories are available to check out from the Soap Creek Schoolhouse with a \$50 security deposit to ensure return.

Also, the schoolhouses's website, www.SoapCreekSchoolhouse.org, contains sections with lots of historical information and photographs.

GOT SCHOOLHOUSE STUFF?

The Soap Creek Schoolhouse has a small collection of original report cards, photographs, student souvenirs, etc. donated by former students. If you have any such materials you'd like to donate, contact Nancy Hyde. Please, only materials from Soap Creek School students. Original documents are preferred, but photocopies are also welcome. Thank you!

UPDATES DURING THE “CORONAVIRUS SUMMER”

Sorry to say, the annual “Pioneer Day” for Mt. View Elementary 3rd-graders couldn’t happen this year.

And the annual neighborhood picnic has been postponed until who-knows when.

The annual fundraising garage sale has been cancelled. However, the regular bills for insurance, electricity, etc. are still showing up on time, darn them.

Please see the Finances section on the next page for details about how every little bit from you can help keep the Soap Creek Schoolhouse on solid financial footing.

Fortunately, one event is still happening all the time out here: when neighbors are out for a walk or when picking up their mail, we are so happy to see one another in person! Sure, we keep our safe distances, but the personal contact is very cheering.

SCHOOLHOUSE BUILDING RENTAL

The Soap Creek Schoolhouse is available for use throughout the year for small meetings of local interest. Please obtain permission and a key by contacting Nancy Hyde.

A \$20 key deposit is required. Rental fees: schools and community groups, no charge. Small private groups, \$20. Profit-making groups, \$20-100, to be negotiated in advance. Ongoing classes: \$5 per day. All groups must leave the premises tidy.

No running water is available. A permanent modern outhouse facility is on-site. Lights, electricity (2 outlets) and heat are available.

Please note: the Schoolhouse Foundation does not endorse any political or religious group but does allow its facilities to be used by such groups.

SAVE PAPER and POSTAGE

If you’re receiving this annual Schoolhouse Newsletter on paper, that means we don’t have an email address for you. To receive future Schoolhouse Newsletters via email or to sign up for more frequent “Neighborhood News” emails, contact NHyde@peak.org

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FINANCES

**Your Dues and Donations received in 2019 = \$2,043 plus
Garage Sale Income = \$714 more.**

THANK YOU!

We'd like to ask everyone who simply enjoys the presence of the Schoolhouse to send in **\$10 for membership dues**. Anyone can be a member, no matter your location! See the donation form below. THANKS!

What did we spend your money on, last year?

616 Insurance
400 Electricity
70 State Corporation fees
741 Forest Fire Protection
478 Maintenance and Repairs

299 Neighborhood Picnic
82 Newsletter Printing/mailing
100 Website Hosting

\$2,786 Total

Please provide your email address to reduce printing and mailing costs,
and to receive the neighborhood newsletter. Thanks!



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES and DONATIONS

Name _____ Email(s) _____
Address _____ Phone _____

\$10 Annual Membership Dues \$ _____

Any Additional Donations \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks to "Soap Creek Schoolhouse" and mail to:
Nancy Hyde, Treasurer, 37845 Soap Creek Road, Corvallis, OR 97330
All contributions are tax-deductible, and a receipt will be sent to you.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Other ways to give: online through the PayPal Giving Fund, the Network for Good, while shopping on Amazon Smile, through using the Oregon BottleDrop blue bags and stickers available at the schoolhouse parking lot, or through Oregon BottleDrop personal account transfers.