

Mukilteo Schools Foundation

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MSF Executive Director Ashleigh Cruze and board members Ron Johnson and Vicki Strand distribute school supplies at Challenger Elementary School.

The COVID-19 pandemic has somehow touched all of our lives, and the Mukilteo Schools Foundation is no exception. Amid the uncertainty of whether social distancing guidelines will permit it, the organization continues to go ahead with plans for its annual fundraising event in November. In the meantime, the foundation also has responded to the unforeseen needs of Mukilteo students that resulted from the pandemic.

When students were suddenly told they couldn't go to school in person, the foundation stepped in to provide them with the simple school supplies they would need at home but which may not be available in many families. In partnership with Connect Casino Road, the foundation solicited donations and purchased pencils, glue sticks, crayons, rulers, and other supplies. Pencil sharpeners and paints were especially popular with the more than 500 students receiving the items.

For the past several years, the foundation has provided college scholarships to graduating seniors, but the pandemic threw a wrench in those plans, as well. Instead, the organization decided that Chromebook computers would be something that graduates might appreciate. Money was raised, applications solicited, and now 28 Mukilteo students, most from low-income households, will continue their studies with a tool that will enhance their future education.

You can learn more about the Mukilteo Schools Foundation and the many ways it has supported Mukilteo students and educators since its founding in 1992 by going to the organization's website at www.mukilteoschoolsfoundation.org. Information on how you may donate and help those efforts continue is also on the website.



Find out more about the Mukilteo Schools Foundation at mukilteoschoolsfoundation.org.