

## TRC helping Oregon Schools Foundation to further STEM education

Since 1991, the non-profit Oregon Schools Foundation (OSF) has helped to enhance Oregon City School District students' educational opportunities. Originally formed to provide teachers with grants to fund innovative classroom programs, OSF now provides widespread support to all six schools – Clay High School, Fassett Junior High, Eisenhower Intermediate, Coy Elementary, Jerusalem Elementary and Starr Elementary – in the district.

“In essence, the OSF secures private funding for academics, arts and athletics in our public schools,” said OSF Executive Director Amy Hansen. “We solicit support from companies, organizations and individuals that have an interest in local education.”

The OSF's programs include:

- Classroom grants to enrich, inspire, enhance and strengthen classroom experiences.
- Elementary art support to provide extra art offerings such as after-school art clubs at each of the district's three elementary schools.
- The Course Relevance Professional Network, which consists of a network of professionals who expose high school students to course relevancy as it pertains to future career choices.
- Kindergarten readiness packages, which include early literacy materials to help kindergarteners succeed from their very first day.
- An annual fund that provides further support to identified needs under academics, arts, athletics and endowment growth.

TRC and our predecessor company have long supported the Oregon City School District through a relationship that first began with Coy Elementary, which was located near the refinery at the corner of Pickle and Wheeling from 1926 through 2007. (A new school building located at 2630 Pickle Road opened in 2007.) TRC now supports the OSF by sponsoring a number of programs, including:

- The Clay High School Senior Scholarship
- The LOAD of Fun early literacy program
- Art clubs at all three district elementary schools
- Dad's Day and the Fun Run at Coy Elementary



In recognition of the company's support, the OSF presented TRC with a Leader in Education award at its annual Evening of Appreciation event on November 9. Students in the Clay High School Integrated Machining & Engineering program manufactured the award in their classroom shop.

“The OSF welcomes contributions from individuals as well as businesses, and we are very appreciative of all of our supporters,” Amy noted. “Strong communities have strong educational systems; everything starts with good schools. By supplementing our state funding, our donors help to keep Oregon schools strong!”

On February 3, the OSF will host its annual Frost Fest fundraising dinner, dance and auction at St. Michaels Centre. To learn more about Frost Fest and other ways to contribute, see the OSF website at [www.oregonschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.oregonschoolsfoundation.org).

The OSF is a 501(c)(3) organization, so donations to the organization qualify for the TRC Matching Gift Program, which matches individual employee contributions up to \$500 per year. The Gift Matching application is available on SharePoint under the Human Resources tab; paper copies are available in the Human Resources Department in the lower level of the Main Office Building. ■

