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A TRAVELING LIGHT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



Middle School Podcast Studio It's here!

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We are excited to let you all know that the podcast studio at Duniway Middle School is completed! Many days, hours and months have been dedicated to this project and we would like to thank all of you who have supported us along the way! This is a project we feel truly honors Ronan and will inspire many students for years to come!

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Dear Readers,

When volunteering at our middle school book fair last year, I noticed many students would run in, grab the newest release, or the next in their favorite series, or the cutest, the scariest or the most colorful book they could find, and then leave it back on the shelf. "How do we get more books into kids' hands?" I asked the librarian. Her face lit up and she said "Do you know what my dream has been? To hold a TRUE book fair for Patton Middle School."

"LET'S DO IT!" I said. I would like to see every kid be able to take home a book, no matter what their financial status is.

For months now, I have been gathering books for this event. Sometimes it's one by one. A friend will hand me a book or I will come across one I can put into the donation box. I have gone to community resource centers and found some too. Now it's time to appeal to the community and our supporters to help us make this project a reality.

Our goal is to hold the TRUE Book Fair this Fall. If you have books to send or have picked up locally, we would be so grateful! [Email us](mailto:info@gotlf.org) for the package mailing address. If you would prefer to visit www.gotlf.org to donate funds towards the project, that works too!

- St. Patrick's Day Trivia Night

Support our True Book Fair

Do you have books or funds you would like to donate to this project? We are looking for new or gently loved middle and high school readers.

Free local pick up!

Email us



We bring smiles to growing minds as they realize their potential for creative exploration, scientific discovery, and global innovation.



Holidays at the Hangar

Bessie Coleman's legacy as the first African-American woman to hold a pilot's license was honored over the holiday season when our TLF elves decorated her plane for the Holidays at the Hangar event at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum. Pink flamingos, elves, and lights were the theme, with Santa arriving in a helicopter!



Chamber of Commerce Award

Traveling Light Foundation received McMinnville's Chamber of Commerce New Member of the Year award for 2023. We appreciate the recognition so much! We at TLF have been working hard to get our name out there and to raise awareness of our work in the community.

Some of our accomplishments in 2023 include:

- providing a 6th grade field trip
- building a kindergarten library
- donating soccer balls
- sponsoring a new school piano
- awarding a STEM package and;

BUILDING A PODCAST STUDIO!

We're proud of our work and feel passionate about doing it to honor Ronan.



Bulbs are blooming!

Shout out to Our **Youth Advisory Committee** who did a great job fundraising for TLF.

THANK YOU! You guys raised over \$500 to help build the Duniway Middle School **Podcast Studio!**

We hope many of you are enjoying watching your blooms open this winter!



Welcome to our new Social Media and Community Engagement Coordinator!

Traveling Light Foundation welcomes a new team member!

Joining us from McMinnville and our local Linfield University, Kate Cratty has been helping us spread the word about our projects and community partners.

You can reach her at kate@gotlf.org and find her on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).



Trivia Night is back!

Join us online for a fun night of trivia, celebrating St. Patrick's Day! Last year was fun and was a very successful fundraiser!

Join us for fun and prizes on **Thursday, March 14th @7pm**

Stay tuned to your email and social media for more updates!

Support us today!

Traveling Light Foundation is a grass roots, volunteer based non-profit that relies on your generous donations. Your support means the world to us!

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