

# Celebrating 5 years!

## Newsletter: Summer 2016

**5 years: Engaging young people and inspiring learning through the art, science, and craft of building wooden boats.**

**It *is* bigger than the boat!**

**Yes 5 years!** It takes many hands on deck to make this journey, and while not nearly completed, we pause here to thank our incredible partners, staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and community of support. Looking forward to a bright future, we acknowledge the significant past and ongoing contributions. We could not have done this without you. **THANK YOU!**

Please help us welcome the newest member of the Wind & Oar Community, Encore Fellow, Chuck Piper. Chuck recently retired from a longtime career with Intel Corp. **Welcome Chuck!**

### What students are saying:

"Yeah, I definitely say it has changed my attitude about school ... this was something fun, I enjoyed it ... "

"... and math, this is something I can use in the future."

"Just continuing to see the boat become a boat ... it's kind of cool to see it all come together."

**Over 300 kids have participated in Wind & Oar projects thus far in 2016. Here are just a few ...**

Farmington View Elementary

George Middle School

Montavilla Makers/PCC


Merlo Station High School

Rowe Middle School

Girl Scouts

Self Enhancement, Inc.

Neighborhood House

 ITech Prep/Vancouver

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**Out the door and ready to launch**, this enthusiastic group of kids from Neighborhood House can hardly wait to see if their boat will float. Find out August 27th!

### Partner Highlight: *Self Enhancement Inc.*

We love this organization. From our first project in summer 2012, it's been our pleasure to work with these remarkable young people year after year. The McKenzie River Drift boat completed this summer is their 5th boat!

### Looking Forward to Fall Semester

- Merlo Station will launch their 4th and most sophisticated project yet, a traditionally built Whitehall.
- Three 10-week projects begin in Beaverton, N.Clackamas and Portland middle schools
- Late November marks the start of a 24-week build at Merto Station.

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