

Director's Report
Serendipity Center
September 2019

Enrollment Update

2019-2020 Projections Reflecting 9/26/19	
Currently enrolled	96
Start date set	3
Admissions in process	4
Possible referrals (districts in discussion with Serendipity Admissions or parents requesting a tour)	0
Wait List	0
Placements at risk	0
Likely Enrollment	103
Budgeted annual average enrollment:	101

Program Update:

Enrollment is again high this year for September (September 2018 averaged 97.5, while September 2017 averaged only 89.8). Atypically, the majority of our referrals so far this fall have been for high school aged students. In the past several years, we have rather quickly developed a waiting list for our primary classroom. This fall, we have received no referrals from this age group. I wish I could explain these variances in referral patterns. It is possible the supports for struggling students, particularly within public elementary schools, continues to evolve. It is possible that schools are more actively seeking to retain highly challenged learners in anticipation of the arrival of the Student Success Act dollars next fall. It is too early in the year to identify an actual pattern. It is somewhat concerning to have such full US classrooms this early in the year.

The dedicated work performed by our Leadership team last summer in producing the new procedural manual is having clear and positive impacts. The detailed definitions of Serendipity methodologies, such as how arrival is structured, how lunch is structured, and how dismissal is structured, has already reduced chaos and increased emotional regulation of both students and staff. This week has seen greater struggle. Many staff are already sick and we remain without access to substitutes. We are close to being fully staffed, with three Instructional Assistant positions currently unfilled. Today, for example, 16 staff are away from work, 13 of them being assigned to the program. Implementing our clear new protocols becomes challenging when a significant number of staff people are not available to fill the assigned roles.

Submitted prior to beginning of fiscal year					
Foundation	Amount	Project	Outcome	Fiscal year Recognized	Final Report
Randall Charitable Trust	\$5,000	GM Garden	Awarded \$5,000	2019-2020	June 2020
The Standard	\$10,000	Tier II	LOI Pending		
99 Girlfriends	\$100,000	Service expansion	declined		

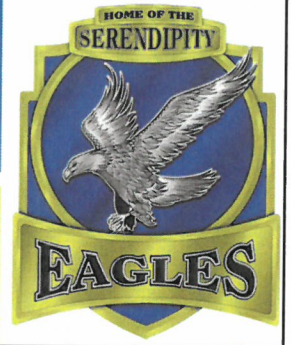
Awarded Multi-year grants active at beginning of fiscal year					
Foundation	Amount	Project	Outcome	Fiscal year Recognized	Final Report
Meyer Memorial Trust	\$180,000	Tier II	Year 2	\$120,000 18-19 \$60,000 19-20	
OCF	\$30,000	Tier II	Year 2	\$20,000 18-19 \$10,000 19-20	
Collins Foundation	\$60,000	Tier II	Year 1	\$30,000 19-20 \$30,000 20-21	

Submitted July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020					
Foundation	Amount	Project	Outcome	Fiscal year Recognized	Final Report
100+ Women, East Co.	\$11,700	GM Garden	Awarded \$10,100	19-20	
Autzen Foundation	\$5,000	GM Garden	Awarded \$4,000	19-20	
Rippey Family Foundation	\$50,000	Four Pillar Fund	Pending		
Charis Fund	\$5,000	Outcome Project	Pending		
Boyd Family Foundation	\$5,000	Outcome Project	Pending		

Targeted July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020					
Foundation	Amount	Project	Due	Fiscal year Recognized	Final Report
Bill Healy Foundation	\$15,000	Four Pillar	On-going		
NIKE Impact Fund	\$10,000	GM garden	12/19		
Juan Young Trust	\$7,500	Library/Media	quarterly		
Spirit Mountain	\$30,000	Transition	1/20		
Maybelle Clark Macdonald	\$25,000	GM garden	8/15/19		
Templeton	\$5,000	Outcomes?	3/20		
Hoover	\$8,000	Outcomes?	11/1/19		
Reser	\$10,000	Transition	2/20		
Silver Family Foundation	\$20,000	Transition	3/20		

Targeted July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020					
Foundation	Amount	Project	Due	Fiscal year Recognized	Final Report
Jackson	\$5,000		quarterly		
Weston	\$25,000	Four Pillars	December		
Tucker	\$5,000		quarterly		
Miller	\$15,000	Outcomes	bi-monthly		
Quest			On-going		
Swigert	\$10,000	GM Garden	On-going		
Umpqua	\$7,500- \$10,000	Media Specialist			

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Provide the best environment for our students to heal and become educated, productive community members.



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Everyone is encouraged to submit art or writing! By contributing to the school newsletter you get to have your voice heard school-wide!

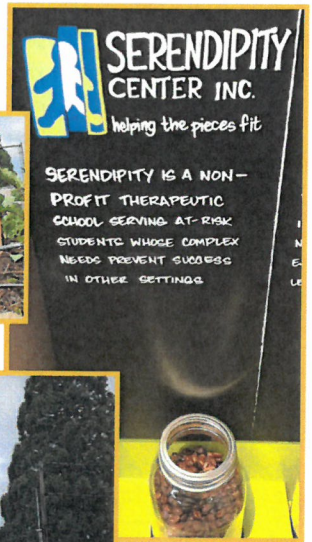
Guidelines for submissions:

- 5-7 sentences
- Typed or handwritten
- School Appropriate
- Follows school expectations of being safe, respectful, and responsible to others (not offensive to students or staff)

Welcome Back Staff and Students!

The year is off to a great start with adventures all over the building and beyond.

Students are participating in School Wide Expectations during our first week, and Safety Week next week. We're preparing for a bountiful harvest in our garden this fall, partly in thanks to Georgia, our summer garden intern, and Nicolas our garden coordinator. New Seasons market is partnering with Serendipity at three stores. Customers can make a donation to Serendipity Center when they bring their own bag as part of New Seasons Pay it Forward program!



Important Dates to Remember

September 13:
Lower School
NO SCHOOL — Professional Development day.
Upper School
NORMAL SCHEDULE

September 30:
School-wide
NO SCHOOL — Teacher work-day

October 10:
Family Open House!
5:00pm –6:45pm

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Principal's Corner



Welcome and welcome back to Serendipity for the 2019-2020 school year. Thank you to all families, students, and staff for supporting our new arrival and dismissal School-Wide Expectations. We piloted these expectations during ESY and we are so excited that they continue to help our students enter and exit the building more regulated and ready to learn. Also, a quick heads up to the Serendipity Community that next week, September 16th-20th, we will be teaching and practicing all our safety drills. Please see the safety corner in this newsletter for an overview of our safety drills. Thanks for such a great start to the school year!

Principal Megan

September Safety at Serendipity

September 16th-20th is Safety Week at Serendipity. Because the safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, we review these procedures regularly with staff and students, and want to make sure parents and families know what to expect when you hear about our drills. Take a moment to review these at home, to talk through drills with your child, since kids can sometimes feel anxious if they don't understand. Each of our teachers and counselors are trained to support students through this process, and we want you to know as much as you can about this process as well. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your child's case manager. Each of these are possible responses to safety concerns, and these symbols are posted in every classroom.



Evacuate to an announced location.



Hold in Classroom



Lockout and secure the perimeter.



Lockdown! Locks, Lights, out of sight.



Shelter in place.

Mindfulness minute



Choose a comfortable sitting position. As you take a slow deep breath in through your nose raise your shoulders up towards your ears. Breathe slowly out through your mouth, lowering your shoulders as you exhale. Repeat slowly, rolling your shoulders up and down in time with your breath.

What are you most excited about for this school year?

"Field trips."

— Josh, Rm 1.

"Garden!!!"

— Finn Rm. 1.

"Tyler's cooking."

— Joe, Rm 108.

"The last day of school."

— Martin, Rm 3.