



The Tale of the Jean Mortensen Scholarship Fund

Once upon a time, there was a magical Fairy Teacher named Jean Mortensen. Fairy Teacher Jean had flowing hair, sparkling eyes, and a cheerful laugh that rang through the halls of her kingdom, the Winchester Cooperative Nursery School.

For many years (29 to be exact), Fairy Teacher Jean showered the kingdom's classrooms with her joyful imagination, love and learning. She enchanted children (both young and old) with stories and puppets and crayons. She welcomed all who walked through her door, sprinkling them with her special magic fairy dust and bestowing wisdom on those who sought her council. Generations of families were so inspired by Fairy Teacher Jean that many even sent their own children to the kingdom years after they had romped through the halls of WCNS.

Fairy Teacher Jean, also the School's Director, believed that all students and families, even those who couldn't afford it, should have the chance to experience the magic of WCNS. "It's okay, you're welcome here!" Jean would declare to struggling families. "We'll find a place for you!" Because of her generous spirit, students far and wide were able to enjoy this cooperative kingdom. All were transformed by her loving kindness.

As all good fairy tales must come to an end, so it is with this one. After more than a quarter of a century, Fairy Teacher Jean has decided that the time has come for her to pack up her puppets and books, her geraniums and costumes, and bid "adieu" to her beloved WCNS kingdom. Although she is very sad to leave, her struggle with Parkinson's disease and the passing of time have let her know she is making the best decision for WCNS. The kingdom's heartbroken Past Presidents and Board Members have gathered to discuss a legacy most befitting their beloved Fairy Teacher.

Thus was born the **Jean Mortensen Scholarship Fund** at the Winchester Cooperative Nursery School.

We invite you make a contribution to the **Jean Mortensen Scholarship Fund**. With each donation, you're ensuring that, now and forevermore, ALL students will have the chance to experience the magic of WCNS. With any luck, a little of Fairy Teacher Jean's magic fairy dust will forever swirl about the halls, long after she romps down them for the last time.

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