

FULL BODY WILDCAT BRONZE



Platinum Partners of the Foundation are awarded a full body Wildcat bronze by well-known artist Michael Westergard. These astonishing bronze wildcats are a limited edition of 40 only. One or two pieces are com-



pleted each month, and we will be distributing them to those of you who are already Platinum Partners.

If you would like to become a Platinum Partner (\$5,000 and above), please contact the PEAFF Office, and we will put you on this elite bronze wildcat list.



ALL CLASS RE- UNION 2008

Mark your calendars! PEAFF is sponsoring an All Class Reunion over the 4th of July, 2008. These are exciting times for PHS! We would encourage everyone to please give us an update of

your address, phone number, and e-mail. Surely, this reunion will bring a lot of you 'home' and also help Plentywood prepare for its 100th Anniversary in 2012! If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact:

Kordy French at 406-765-1803

or

May Budke at 406-895-2554

EVERY STUDENT COUNTS

Plentywood School District #20 is small. There is no getting around that. However, in its lack of size lies its greatest strength: a focus on students as individuals.

Because of your contributions, this past spring PEAFF awarded the teachers and their students several grants for innovative teaching projects. It is a tremendous feeling of success for our young foundation! Stopping by the classrooms a high school student said, "It's really neat! Because of PEAFF we are able to

have library books available as soon as they are published!" A 3rd grade student was excited and said, "PEAFF helped us get a digital microscope. It's so cool!"

(See page 3 for more details!)

You can celebrate with us the success of PEAFF, especially when you know that every student counts and that the children are the ultimate beneficiaries of your generosity.

Thank you for supporting the Foundation.



*Kordelia Tande French
Executive Director, CEFE*

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER *See inside for details*

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PEAF RENAISSANCE FAIRE



What a tremendous success it was for the foundation in bringing community members,



businesses and students together to relive the days of yore! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Renaissance Fair last spring. Part of the proceeds of this unique event went toward the foundation's Great Ideas Grant Program. The event involved student participation throughout the week, beginning with the Cub Scouts running their Chariot Races!

An art auction was held during the event. Auction items came all the way from California and Washington, and also from our area. For more exciting coverage and color images go to the Events page of our website!



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Please send us your e-mail address for updates and this e-newsletter. Thanks!

1981 STATE B FOOTBALL CHAMPS 25th ANNIVERSARY



During half time of the Wildcat Homecoming game this fall, the foundation celebrated the 1982 State B Football Championship! Most of the alumni were able to attend, including coaches, and they were each presented with a baseball hat.

During the parade earlier in the day, the champs rode on their very own float, and after the football game a social was held, sponsored by PEAFF and Cassidy's.

■ A sincere thank you to everyone who has supported The Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation! ■



Joe Bennett

On behalf of the Plentywood School District I would like to express a huge thanks to everyone who has supported and given of themselves in some way to PEAFF since the inception of this organization. Given that this is the holiday season, the sense of giving and concern for other people seems genuinely appropriate when considering the activities and purpose of our alumni foundation. As an educator, I certainly believe that nothing is more appropriate than displaying a commitment and concern to young people, and in this particular instance, to the students here at Plentywood Schools. With Kordy's adept management and never ending enthusiasm the foundation is becoming a valuable and relevant factor in the education of the students in the Plentywood School system.

◆ NO LIMIT TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT ◆

Place: Cassidy's, Plentywood, MT

Date: Friday, January 12, 2007

Time: Registration—6:00PM

Calcutta—7:00PM

Tournament starts—8:00PM Sharp!

◆\$100 Buy-In (tax deductible)

◆Field Limited to 50 Players

For those of you who do not wish to play in the tournament, several fun options will also be available!

Pre-register to ensure a seat
Call the PEAFF Office 406-765-2063 (Kordy)
or Cassidy's 406-765-2350 (Bill)
or 406-765-2985 (Paul)

- ◆ Texas style BBQ
- ◆ Free will
- ◆ Be on the watch for Wyatt Earp, Doc Holiday, or Annie Oakley at the **OK Corral!**

Proceeds go toward The Great Ideas Grant Program

WHY GIVE TO LOCAL CHARITIES?



When local dollars are donated to a non-profit organization, such as PEAFF, the dollars stay here.

Gifting is important to the area because it helps maintain resources and promotes worthwhile charitable endeavors in the community, thus maintaining the quality of life we have here.

A planned gift provides the donor with the opportunity to do something worthwhile during his or her lifetime for a cause he or she feels strongly about. For more information on planned giving, contact your attorney or accountant.

TEACHER APPRECIATION BBQ



September 18-23, 2006 was designated Plentywood Education & Alumni Week by the city of Plentywood. During the week PEAFF hosted a BBQ at Wildwood Park in appreciation of the teachers and staff of Plentywood Schools.

The sole objective of this group is to support the school district in providing meaningful and productive educational opportunities to all of our students. Due to the work of the foundation we have been able to purchase and incorporate specific educational equipment and materials that we may not have had the means to do so otherwise and thereby had a significant impact on students' lives. With your continued dedication I am sure this foundation and its ability to affect our students in a positive manner will only continue to grow.

Again, I would like to say "Thank You" for your efforts and "Happy Holidays" to everyone.

Joe Bennett, Superintendent,

GREAT IDEAS GRANT PROGRAM

The Great Ideas Grant Program is the cornerstone of the Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation's mission to enrich education in the Plentywood Public Schools. Last year the Foundation awarded 10% of its budget to the teachers and their students for innovative teaching programs and equipment! Because of your contributions, PEAFF plans to increase that percentage each year. **Following is a list of the 2006 grants:**



1. PROBEWRE SYSTEM **Mr. Harold Johnson** \$950.00

This system will produce high quality measurements for the Physics Lab and will enable integration of science and technology. More 'hands on' opportunities will also be provided in the classroom because of this real world application of science.

2. WHEN YOU READ YOU SUCCEED! **Carol O'Toole Milissa Brensdal** \$500.00

This is for Accelerated Reading Program books and tests to promote a life-long love for reading by providing students with a wide array of books and genres.

3. LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD **Robyn Ross** \$500.00

This grant goes toward Independent Living Aids for the high school Resource Room, including 4 track tape players, talking dictionaries, recorded books and CD players.

4. SCIENCE A' LA' CART' **V. Lindblom, N. Bennett, D. McCoy** \$361.00

This is a Digital Microscope for the third and fourth grade classrooms. It will be used to teach scientific knowledge to a larger number of students and instill a love of investigative science. This is the beginning step in creating a science lab for all elementary students to use.

5. HEARING IS ACHIEVING **Allison Reed, Jeanne Nathe** \$500.00

This lifeline sound field classroom amplification system maximizes the listening and learning opportunities of all students. Long term studies show that overall scores go up 7% when every classroom is amplified.

6. IMAGINE THE IMAGES **Karleen Harris** \$689.00

This is a color laser jet printer in the art room to enhance students' education with an avenue to print and display projects done using the computer. This printer will also enhance teacher instruction by providing visual examples of concepts they are trying to teach.

7. EL ARCOLRIS DE LOS LIBROS, "READING RAINBOW" **Kathy Johnson** \$500.00

This grant will help begin building a library of children's books to help students build vocabulary, comprehension and fluency skill. The purpose of using children's books is their high interest content and to have older students reconnect with the magic of learning to read.

BUDDY MEMBERSHIP



With the 2007 Annual Membership Drive, PEAFF is offering a real deal for those who are already 2006 Foundation members. When a past member (2006) invites a new member, that past member will receive \$10 off his or her 2007 membership!

Grab your Buddy and join today!

TEACHER CORNERSTONE CLUB



Because our teachers and staff are the true cornerstone of School District #20, PEAFF has started The Teacher's Cornerstone Club. A teacher may choose the option to have a PEAFF annual membership (\$50) which can be paid through monthly payroll deductions. Our school clerk has been very helpful in keeping our efforts going. Although this is a pilot program, it has already been extremely successful!

FREE PEAFF VIDEO

The Foundation is very excited about our DVD entitled *The Essence of Bridge Building*. See how the Foundation is impacting the teachers and students at Plentywood Schools and how you can become a part of this rewarding legacy.

A Brent Hurst Production, this 19 minute video promises to be a rich resource about the Foundation as well as an inclusive look at its mission and goals. Order your free Video or DVD today!

(see back page for more details)

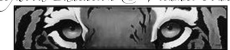
ALUMNI ATTIC

PEAFF is interested in putting together a special place for school items from the years you spent at PHS. Wouldn't it be fun to sit and have a soda while perusing the items and chatting about old times? If any alumni have some things you would like to put in this place please let us know.

PHS REUNIONS

Check our website for images of the reunions!

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MARQUEE HAS ARRIVED!

The new Foundation marquee has arrived and will be on display in the gym lobby. On it will be listed the Bronze, Gold, Silver, Platinum and Diamond Partners of the Foundation.

The number of Friends of the Foundation (annual memberships) will also be listed.



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Why was the Foundation established?

The Plentywood Education Foundation was created to support the educational programs for both the students and staff personnel of Plentywood School District #20. The Foundation will provide funds for innovative educational programs and activities, which either have not been funded or have been under-funded by the normal operating budget. These funds will be used to facilitate student achievement and skill development, to recognize and encourage staff excellence, and to expand community involvement from alumni, businesses, and community.

Foundation Mission Statement

The mission of the Plentywood Education Foundation is to generate and distribute resources to the Plentywood School District #20 to enrich, maintain and expand programs needed to meet the District's stated mission of excellence in education.

Foundation Goals

The Foundation will achieve its mission by directing resources toward the following goals:

- ◆ Encourage all students to work to their highest potential
- ◆ Support staff for innovative efforts
- ◆ Recognize staff for exemplary teaching
- ◆ Build community awareness for the Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation
- ◆ Inspire parents, community, businesses, and alumni to participate with the school district in enriching education

Thank You for Helping Our School Make Every Student Count

Make your end of year gift and become a member today!



- ☐ \$10,000 or more **DIAMOND PARTNER**
- ☐ \$5,000 or more **PLATINUM PARTNER**
- ☐ \$1,000 or more **GOLD PARTNER**
- ☐ \$500 or more **SILVER PARTNER**
- ☐ \$250 or more **BRONZE PARTNER**
- ☐ \$50 **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

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Make your checks payable to the **Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation** and mail to:
100 East Laurel Avenue
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Thank you for helping us make every student count!

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**Remember to ask for your Free copy of the new PEA video:
*The Essence of Bridge Building***

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Please specify: ☐ Video or ☐ DVD

A minimum fee of \$2.50 will be charged to cover postage and handling. Thanks!

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