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...A Message from Kordy

Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation



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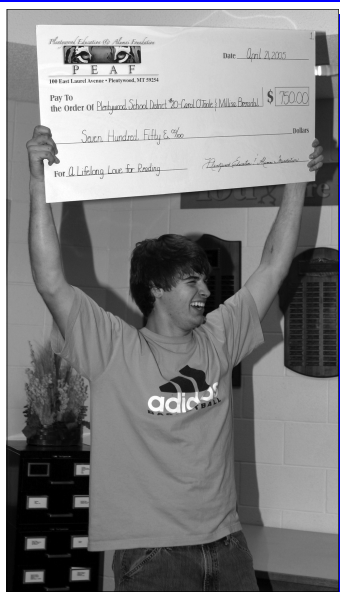
## Alumni Almanac

Aiming for Excellence



**Th**ese are exciting times for the Foundation! One of our major goals is to provide funds for innovative, educational programs and activities, which either have not been funded or have been under funded by the school's normal operating budget.

This Spring we are thrilled to announce the recipients of the **2005 Great Ideas Grant Program!** I have told many people how much I enjoy being a part of this concept in recognizing staff excellence and student achievement while at the same time, trying to expand community involvement from individuals, businesses and civic organizations. One of the greatest rewards of my job is to inform all of you who have generously donated to the Foundation, that your contributions are being awarded back to the Plentywood School District. The **Great Ideas Grant Program** highlighted on pgs 3 & 4 of this issue gives you information about the program and it lists the recipients of the 2005 grants. *Kordelia French, Executive Director*



Look inside for more details about the Great Ideas Grant Program!

### PHS REUNIONS

- ♦Classes of 59-'60-'61  
June 24, 25, 26
- ♦Class of 1970  
July 1, 2, 3
- ♦Class of 1975  
July 8-9
- ♦Class of 1985  
July 1, 2, 3
- ♦Class of 1995  
July 1,2

Watch website for more details!

### GOLF 2006

Is anyone interested in an Alumni Golf Tournament during Prairie Fest 2006? The Plentywood Golf Club has authorized the Foundation to host a tournament next summer and we would like to know what kind of interest there may be. Please respond via e-mail to Kordy at: [frnck@plentywood.k12.mt.us](mailto:frnck@plentywood.k12.mt.us) Or call 406-765-1803 if you are at all interested.



### Mission Statement

The mission of the Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation (PEAF) is to generate creative approaches and distribute resources to the Plentywood School District to enrich, maintain and expand programs needed to meet the District's stated mission of excellence in education.

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## 2006 ALUMNI ART AUCTION



Bronze by George  
Montgomery

That's right! With all the talent stemming from PHS, the Foundation will host an art auction in the summer of 2006. We are letting you know far in advance so you have ample time to either create a new piece or to think about which one you might like to donate. All proceeds go directly to School District #20. What a great way to give back to your alma mater! The High School students will also be involved. Anyone interested in donating an art piece please contact Kordy French at 406-765-1803.



Bronze by Michael  
Westergard

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

◆ 2005 Memorials ◆ The greatest gift a person can give is one that offers meaning and hope to others in a troubled world. Your contributions in memory of loved ones and friends enable the Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation to generate creative approaches and distribute resources to the Plentywood School District to enrich, maintain and expand programs needed to meet the District's stated mission of excellence in education.

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◆ 2005 Honorarium ◆ Honor gifts can be the perfect remembrance we can give for a family member, friend or colleague. Any occasion is an occasion for an honor gift. Your honor gift may be acknowledged to the person being honored without mentioning the amount of the gift.

### In Honor Of

Joe & Sally Carpenter

### From

Dr. Korinne Tande

## ◆ 2005 Friends of the Foundation ◆

Jennifer Anderson  
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### Great Ideas GRANT Program



#### What is the Great Ideas Grant Program?

The Great Ideas Grant Program is a cornerstone of the Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation's mission to enrich education in the Plentywood Public Schools. It is designed to put money directly into the hands of classroom teachers, helping educators take ideas for innovative teaching strategies and make them a reality. Specific goals include:

- Providing funds for projects to enhance student learning that would otherwise not be possible within the District budget or with any other funding source.
- Generating creative approaches and distribute resources to the School District to enrich, maintain and expand programs needed to meet the District's stated mission of excellence in education.

#### Who is Eligible?

All full or part-time teachers employed by the Plentywood School District are eligible to apply for Great Ideas Grants. Support personnel, students, parents, administrators and community members are encouraged to partner with teachers, though they may not submit a grant as the primary applicant. Applicants may apply as individuals or as part of a group. Educators within specific grades as well as across grade levels, subjects and schools are encouraged to collaborate. There is no limit to the number of applications that may be submitted by individuals or groups. *See pg 4 for recipients.*



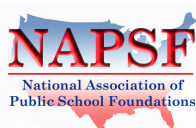
### "GET FIT" SHERIDAN COUNTY

In our own backyard we started an ongoing program called 'Get Fit' Sheridan County (similar to Shape Up Montana), a team concept where members convert miles walked, biked and other aerobic sports into points. In spite of being one of the most remote counties in the state and sparsest population, 82 people signed up and have completed Phase I of the program and are now midway through Phase II. The key is the team concept which provides support and motivation.

This is also a fundraiser for the Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation. Adding an element of excitement is that several merchants have sponsored teams, including Groves Furniture whose team members consist of a group of ladies from the Pioneer Manor! Prizes for the event have been contributed by the family of Laverne & Mary Beckers from their son Don a 1978 Alumnus (through a matching gift from NIKE.)



Get Fit is sponsored by MONTANAFIT Magazine. Go to: [www.montanafit.com](http://www.montanafit.com) for a current listing of events or contact Dennis Ketterman, Box 493, Plentywood, MT 59254 406-765-1401 or contact Kordy French at the PEAFF office at 406-765-1803.



### NAPS F APPOINTS DIRECTOR

Kordelia French was recently appointed a Director of the National Association of Public School Foundations (NAPS F). It is estimated that there are approximately 4000-5000 K-12 Public School Foundations in the United States, thus a need for the establishment and development of a national association. The NAPS F exists to provide information, encourage professionalism, and create opportunities that support and advance education foundations and the education foundation management profession. Kordy assures us she will do her best to meet the directives of this new challenge and will use the knowledge she gains to further promote the mission of the Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation.

### Tax Laws Support Charitable Organizations

Our tax laws in the U.S. encourage the support of charitable organizations. Montana state law encourages giving to local charities in an even greater way, through the establishment of a special tax credit. Montana is the only state to have such a credit. For more information please contact your accountant.

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## PROJECT TITLE

### A Lifelong Love for Reading

**\$750**

*Carol O'Toole & Millisa Brensdal*

Accelerated Reading Program. The program aids in improving student's reading skills as well as raising their reading levels. With student success in this program, it has been proven that students are reading more, therefore, they are being exposed to a wide variety of literature and genre's. Impact No. of Students All

### The Music Machine

**\$200**

*Ed Retzer*

The grant funds will be used to purchase a new piece of sound equipment to replace the present outdated system. The new one is capable of playing records, CD's and Cassette Tapes. The present music books have CD accompaniments. The new equipment will be used to play those CD's, records and cassette tapes will be used to implement that music. Impact No. of Students 140-150

### Learning Through Technology

**\$99**

*Denise Heppner*

This DVD/VCR Combo will be placed in the middle school wing to support several educational benefits: 1) Large number of educational DVDs and VHS tapes that can be used to supplement a wide range of lessons 2) With the new availability of DVD burners on computers, students will be able to use this technology for presentations. 3) When guest speakers visit any of the classrooms, this will be easily accessible for their use. Impact No. of Students 120

### Get "Smart" with Alpha Smarts

**\$916**

*Denise Heppner/Middle School Teachers*

The Alpha Smart (alternative to a laptop) Computer provides computer technology access to an entire classroom. All students do not have access to a computer in each classroom. An Alpha Smart is the alternative. It is a word processor on which a student can type an assignment. The Alpha Smart connects to any computer to print the information. Students will enhance their writing skills, keyboarding skills, and comprehension. Impact No. of Students 120

### Hearing is Achieving

**\$701**

*Allison Sorensen/Jeanne Nathe*

The use of classroom amplification systems has been shown to be the most cost effective means for improving the listening and learning environment of students. The amplification system will give all students equal access to classroom lecture and discussion regardless of seating arrangement. This will increase learning and ultimately improve student achievement. Impact No. of Students All Special Ed. Middle School Students

### A Lifetime of Learning

**\$198**

*Mary B. Chandler*

Merriam-Webster Electronic Dictionary

"It would be a great benefit to the students in the Title I Program to have the use of these dictionaries. I have students in grades 3-7 that use the ones I have." -Mary B. Chandler Impact No. of Students All Title I Students



Prize Patrol

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