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SHARP KIDS

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

As most are aware, the major funding for our after school and summer programs will come to an end on June 30, 2009. We are pleased to announce that the policy that created the state funding for afterschool was preserved. This means that once the economy turns around, money can resume being set aside for this cause. The new request for proposals for 21st Century Community Learning Centers will be released around May 20th, due on July 1st and hopefully, awards will be announced on Aug. 1st. This would give us, virtually, no gap in programming if we are successful.

In preparation for a summer without funding we went on a fundraising rampage and, amazingly, have received a small windfall. We applied for the School's Out Washington "Feed Your Brain Grant" again. We have applied and received \$4000 the last three years. This year they increased the dollar amount to \$5000 and had an additional application for receiving the award for the next three years. We applied for the whole package and are quite pleased to announce that we were selected. This grant will fund a literacy based summer program for students entering grades 1-4.

The Paul Lauzier Foundation has supported our summer programs for the past two years. We paid a visit to the foundation and thanked them for their support, shared photos from last year's program and explained our funding challenge. We outlined what a scaled back summer program would cost, what funds we thought we might receive, and the remaining gap. These financial times are tough on everyone, even foundations since many times their assets are held in the stock market. Much to our amazement we received a check in the mail last week for the entire amount that we predicted we would be short! How gracious!

Learning Assistance Program funding will be available for summer learning opportunities for students (grades 8-12) who did not meet the state standards and/or graduation requirements.



SUMMER ROCKS!

This summer we are very excited to help bring the national focus on local food sources, "growing your own groceries", and self sufficiency to our community.

This year's theme is gardening and will utilize Junior Master Gardener curriculum. Mary and Jeannette have completed WSU's Master Gardener class and will assist with the programs. We hope to assist all three schools establish school gardens. The students will work on raised gardens in the schoolyard, visit the community garden, and travel to two regional farmer's markets. Elementary students will be focusing on literacy and science through an adventuresome activity schedule and lots of fun reading.



Middle school students will be using the wonderful books "The Dangerous Book for Boys" and "The Daring Book for Girls". These books transport readers back to a simpler time through fun activities like playing jacks, how to pitch a tent, identifying birds and fish, etc. We are very excited about teaching through play and investigation!

Students in 8-12th grade that are struggling with meeting state and local standards for graduation will be offered an Independent Study Program. Students will be targeted and given the opportunity to identify an area of interest that they would like to focus on. They will then work closely with a teacher to design and complete a project that requires them to apply their challenging academic area. Students will have rigorous requirements to meet which will result in the earning of class credit. Students will also create some sort of culminating deliverable such as a book, oral presentation, or video.

We are also very excited to be expanding our summer meal program by adding a site at the high school. Free breakfast and lunch will be served Monday through Thursdays to anyone 18 or younger July 6-30 at both Center School and in the courtyard in front of LRHS. Breakfast will be served at 8:15 am and lunch will be served at noon.



Director: Mary Schilling **Family Advocate:** Linda Roberts **Student Advocate:** Jeannette Hopkins

LRHS: Cathy Krohn & Misty Krohn **GCDMS:** Rich Black, Amanda Poch & Steve McMannis **Center:** Christel Pitner & Alisa Lind

Out-wit Out-last Out-play

Middle school students will be challenged to our own version of the ever popular Survivor June 22-25 at Steamboat Rock State Park. We will have spots for 48 students to join us for a week of kayaking, fishing, hiking, and challenge courses. Four teams: Team Terra, Team Aer, Team Ignis, Team Aqua, will face a new challenge each day. Focusing on a character trait for each day (Safe, Honest, Aware, Respect), students will vote and award a medal to the team member that best represented that trait. At the end of the week the team with the best "presence" will be awarded medals. All participants will receive a Survivor buff and a team t-shirt.



SUMMER REGISTRATION NIGHT

May 27th

5:30 pm

School District Office

We will be registering for all programs at this event. Registration is limited.

Questions: call 633-3033