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## EFP Grants Benefit Two Music programs

Nearly 350 local students ranging from 4th grade through high school were the recipients of funds awarded to Emily Callender and Cheryl Carlson to enrich each of their music programs.

According to Callender, Lisa Ornstein, an internationally known fiddler, shared her talents during a weeklong residency working with students during their regular class time. In addition to learning several fiddle tunes, students also had the opportunity to discover the dance and rhythm styles and

cultural traditions that accompany them. The students performed their fiddle tunes on a special 'strings only' concert for the middle and high school groups at Sunridge Middle School.

Several students stated they really liked the workshop and hoped it could continue in the future. "My favorite part of the visits is the origins of the songs, stories, and especially the people", stated an SMS 7th grader.

The grant awarded to Cheryl Carlson allowed members of the Sherwood Heights Elementary School Choir to participate in a children's choir festival held at EOU in La Grande



*Sherwood Heights Elementary Choir performs at festival.*

in April. Under her direction, the 40 singers rehearsed after school once a week from February to April to prepare for the festival. In addition to their performance as the Sherwood Heights Choir, they also sang with a group of 100 students from La Grande, Joseph, and North Powder choirs.

In summary, Carlson stated, "The students had a great time at this festival. They were impressed with how much work is involved in rehearsing and performing and discovered the enjoyment of an excellent performance."



*Ornstein directs student fiddlers.*

## Our Mission

*The purpose of the Education Foundation of Pendleton is to encourage and support curriculum enrichment, supplemental learning experiences, and other projects which may be deemed necessary and timely for the benefit of students in the Pendleton School District 16R. Through its work, the Foundation promotes public awareness and seeks to broaden the support of the community for its public schools. Funds for professional development are not a priority but may be considered.*

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## 2017 Spring Grants Total \$10,509

**\$1,000** Justin Adams, Business and Marketing Instructor and FBLA Advisor, took 31 PHS students to the State Leadership Conference in Portland in early April. Areas of focus within this organization include education, leadership, and personal enrichment. Students competed in a number of different events.

**\$1,000** Sixty-one PHS Senior Honors Biology II students traveled to the Oregon Coast to learn about the ecological relationships between the plant life and animals living in the sandy beach, rocky tide pools, and estuary of the intertidal ecosystem. Biology teacher Schelle Bixler overlapped the two field trips in late May. This trip has become the highlight event for seniors in their last semester of high school biology. (\$1,000 in addition to \$2,000 granted last fall)

**\$1,200** In February, Emily Callender, PHS, Sunridge Middle School and Elementary Strings teacher, arranged for Lisa Ornstein, a professional fiddle player, to conduct workshops in classrooms during strings class times. 300 students participated. This has been a successful nine-year tradition and is a highlight of the year for students.

**\$364** On April 10th Cheryl Carlson, Music teacher at Sherwood Heights Elementary, took 40 fourth and fifth grade students to Eastern Oregon University to participate in the District VI Children's Choir Festival. (\$364 in addition to \$250 granted last fall)

**\$1,100** In mid-April, Sonia Cooley, ECMC instructor, took 23 PHS students in her program (Education Credit Management Corporation) to visit college campuses at Central Oregon Community College, OSU Cascades (Bend), U of O, Linn-Benton Community College and Concordia University. This program helps students realize their potential by investing in, creating, and providing innovative education solutions.



*ECMC students visit Concordia College.*

**\$620** In February, five students from the PHS Robotics team competed in a robotics league qualifier tournament at South Meadows Middle School in Hillsboro. They also traveled to Portland for the state competition at Benson Polytechnic High School. Any PHS student is able to participate in the Robotics Club through taking elective robotics classes. Michael Dinkel teaches this program.

**\$278** March 13-24, 6th graders at Sunridge Middle School traveled to the Pendleton Center for the Arts to view a group of Chuck Close prints being shown at PCA. Each class visited the art center to experience the exhibit and participate in a guided discussion about Close's process.



*Students view art work at Pendleton Center for the Arts.*

**\$1,000** Twelve Sunridge Middle School students selected based on their writing talent, interest in writing and ability to represent the school district positively, attended the annual Oregon Writing Festival in May at Portland State University.

**\$1,000** Four PHS students enrolled in Foods classes, and who participate in the FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) club, attended the State Leadership Conference in April. Students participated in events such as Advocacy, Nutrition and Wellness and Speech. Two students participated in the mock interview event. Kristin Swaggart, Culinary Arts teacher, indicated students who attended benefitted, regardless of their career interests. (\$1,000 in addition to \$2,500 granted last fall)

**\$1,547** During the spring months, 19 Hawthorne High School students were invited to participate in an art project, allowing them to study 3-dimensional design, encompassing a strong emphasis on elements and principles of design, personal voice, exploration of new media and development of techniques and skills. In March, the *East Oregonian* wrote and published an article on the students and their project. Artist in Residence was Jan Peterson-Terjeson.

**\$800** In May, nine graduating students at Hawthorne High School participated in a one-day activity at Silverwood Theme Park near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The park has created an event that tests the principles of physics and science using rides and games.

**\$600** On May 4-5, PHS Foreign Language teacher Kathryn Youngman took 27 students from her Spanish and French classes to the University of Oregon Foreign Language and International Studies Day. It is attended by approximately 1,000 high school students from around the state and provides students with exposure to other languages and an opportunity to explore possible foreign language careers. (\$600 in addition to \$1,000 granted last fall)

# Grillin' for Grants Fundraiser Moves to Convention Center

After two years of having our Grillin' for Grants event at two new Pendleton schools, the annual EFP fundraiser is moving to the Pendleton Convention Center this fall. The event will be Thursday, November 9, and will include a tri-tip dinner as well as a silent and live auction.

The 2016 fundraiser garnered more than \$22,000 to fund enrichment experiences for students in Pendleton schools. Grillin' for Grants allows the Education Foundation to provide more funds for more projects. We hope to increase attendance and funds raised.



*Dinner guests at 2016 Grillin' for Grants.*

The venue change allows alcoholic beverages to be served at the event. For the third year, PHS Principal Dan Greenough will be the grill master; Kristin Swaggart and her culinary students will again create the side dishes. A variety of items, services and experiences donated by individuals and businesses will be available for bidding.

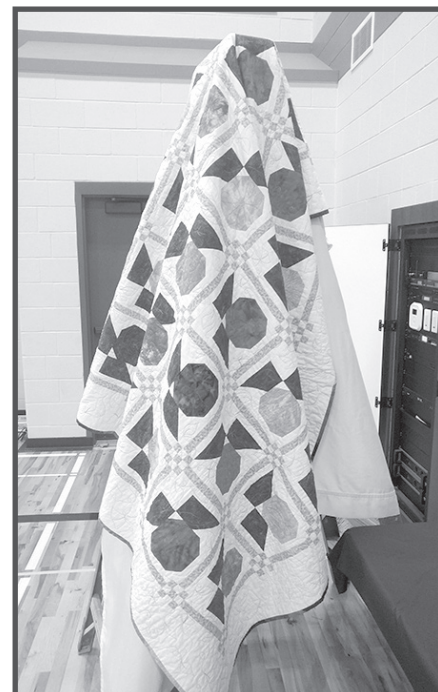
Tickets will be \$25 and on sale after Round-Up at the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, the Pendleton School District Office (formerly Lincoln School) or from any EFP board member. Look for updated information on the EFP website, Facebook page, posters and in local media outlets.

So, mark your calendar for November 9 and tell your family and friends about this great opportunity to support Pendleton students!

## **OTHER WAYS TO HELP:**

The Education Foundation is seeking donations of items for both the Live and Silent auctions at Grillin' for Grants 2017. Interested donors should contact Steve Muller at [zekemuller@gmail.com](mailto:zekemuller@gmail.com). Some suggestions for donations include:

- Artwork, handiwork, collectibles
- Gift certificates or gift cards
- Professional services (legal services, carpet cleaning, landscaping, etc.)
- Tickets to sporting, musical, drama or other entertainment events
- Themed gift baskets (gardening, reading, coffee, chocolate, sports teams, holidays, etc.)
- Getaway packages (cabin, vacation home, bed & breakfast, etc.)
- Lessons (music, art, golf, horseback riding, etc.)



*Quilt auctioned at last year's event.*

## **BECOME A SPONSOR!**

Multiple levels of sponsorship are available for those interested in helping to support Grillin' for Grants. Sponsorships are vital to this fundraising event. Individuals and business sponsors receive recognition at the event, on the website and FB page and on some promotional materials. If you or your business would like to be a Grillin' for Grants sponsor, please contact Lona Odom at [lona.efp@gmail.com](mailto:lona.efp@gmail.com).



*Dessert served at last year's Grillin' for Grants dinner.*



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