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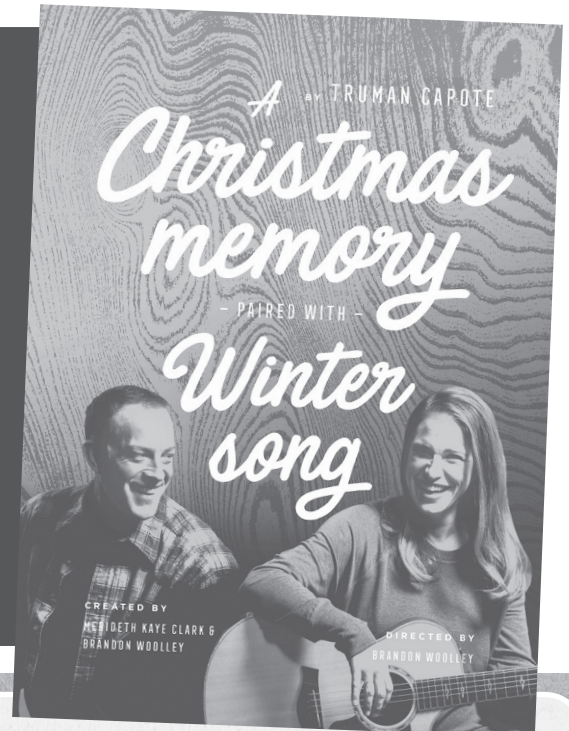
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SMS Drama Students to Visit Portland Center Stage Theatre

One of the grants awarded this fall by the Education Foundation will send Pendleton students to a theater experience in Portland. A full-day field trip is planned December 13th for approximately 60 middle school drama students to attend a professional production of a winter play titled "A Christmas Memory/Winter Song" at Portland Center Stage. This is an opportunity for these students to watch a quality production and a great way to supplement the drama curriculum.

Drama Teacher John Summerfield provided this quote from a student who attended last year's performance. "It's fun going on a trip with the class and bonding was awesome. The play was interesting and it was cool. We got to meet the lady who was the writer and actress of the play."

Portland Center Stage is providing the tickets free of charge. There were only 30 students able to participate last year, but this year two buses are being provided so additional students can attend.



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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The EFP Awards 2018 Fall Grants Totaling \$12,016

\$4,000

Honors Biology II classes (approximately 83 students, all seniors) will again travel this spring to the Oregon Coast to learn about the ecological relationships between the animals, plants, and algae living in the sandy beach, rocky tide pools, estuary, and near shore ocean habitats. Schelle Hand Bixler, Teacher, indicated this very popular trip provides a chance for her students to participate in a fun, educational trip to explore our coast with their classmates.

\$1,680

The Foreign Language Club at PHS will be taking students to the University of Oregon in May to attend the Foreign Language and International Studies Day. Kathryn Youngman, Foreign Language Teacher, states the one-day conference includes presentations on a wide variety of foreign languages and is attended by approximately 1,000 high school students from around the state. It is estimated 30-40 PHS students will attend.

\$600

On December 13th, John Summerfield, Drama Teacher at Sunridge Middle School, will take approximately 60 students and 6 chaperones to Portland Center Stage to see a professional production of "A Christmas Memory/Winter Song." This trip is highlighted in another article in this newsletter.

\$850

Elementary Music teachers Andrea Dinkel and Cassandra Pinard, will take two fifth grade students who have auditioned and have been nominated to participate in the 2019 Northwest Mega Conference in Portland in mid-February. The students will perform with other selected students from around the state. The educators will also receive professional development in their subject area and collaborate with other educators.

\$675

All fourth grade students (approximately 250) in the Pendleton School District will be invited to visit Heritage Station, the Umatilla County Historical Society Museum, to learn about the history of Umatilla County. These visits will occur in April and May 2019. The award covers the cost for admission to the museum. Ellen Wardell, retired fourth grade teacher, is the coordinator for this project. Fourth grade teacher representatives are Mike Heriza and Jason Campbell.

\$1,131

Teachers Kelly Simpson and Mitch Morioka at Hawthorne High School will invite their students to participate in a community weaving art project in February. The artwork developed will be on display at the School District Art Show in April and then on permanent display at the PTECH building. Artist in Residence Jan Peterson-Terjeson will build the curriculum, acquire supplies and begin work sessions with the students.

\$840

A total of 135 PHS students, who are part of Alice Thomas's six art classes, will be invited to view art exhibits at the Pendleton Center for the Arts and the BMCC Betty Feves Gallery. During these visits, students will discuss and evaluate the artwork they observe. This will help make a connection to the art industry, as well as to art and artists outside of the classroom.

\$240

Sherwood Heights Elementary fourth grade teacher Mike Heriza is coordinating a field trip for 100 fourth graders to visit Tamastsklist Museum. Students should gain a greater understanding of Columbia Basin tribes, both past and present. Pre-trip curriculum designed locally for fourth graders and a guest visit from CTUIR will teach about sovereignty, treaty rights, taxes and other issues concerning federally recognized tribes in the U.S.

\$2,000

Twenty-five PHS Orchestra students, led by Emily Muller-Cary, will participate in a workshop/performance activity to commission a work from PHS orchestra alum and professional composer Chris Thomas. Mr. Thomas will also work with the young musicians to prepare the work for performances and will visit Sunridge Middle School orchestra and elementary strings classes.

Grillin' for Grants Event Raises More Funds for Students

The Pendleton community helped the Education Foundation of Pendleton raise more than \$23,000 at the Annual *Grillin' for Grants* event on October 11th. About 135 people attended the evening event at the Pendleton Convention Center, enjoying a tri-tip dinner prepared by several school district volunteers, including Superintendent Chris Fritsch.

Those in attendance enjoyed time before dinner to mingle and view the auction items. Thirteen items were generously donated by individuals for the Live Auction. These included fine wines, plus experiences like a lake get-away, Trailblazers package, wine tasting and Round-Up package. More than 60 baskets, created and donated by community members, celebrated various themes including autumn fun, coffee, chocolate, books, games, sports teams, pets, kitchen and more. Auctioneer Dennis Hunt did a great job of encouraging bidders to support the auction.

Students from Pendleton High School culinary classes, under the direction of new teacher Melissa Smith, prepared some of the side dishes.

Foundation President Darcey Ridgway spoke during the fundraiser, thanking everyone for

their continued support of the organization and Pendleton students. "This evening is a wonderful way for our community to gather together to support positive experiences for the students in our district, things they wouldn't normally get to experience," Ridgway said.

The 2018 *Grillin' for Grants* will allow the Education Foundation to give an additional \$12,000 this year in grants. The other half of the proceeds are deposited in the foundation's endowment to increase the amount available for future grants.

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