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A note from the Education Foundation of Pendleton President:

It was heartbreaking this spring when several of the activities and field trips that had been funded by the Education Foundation earlier in the school year were cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Students, teachers and most parents, I'm sure, had looked forward to these events for months. The Education Foundation has earmarked grants that were not used due to the closure of school and those dollars may be used to fund the same activities and field trips whenever they may happen again. For the time being, however, it appears that all curriculum-based field trips and opportunities for guest speakers

have been put on hold for the 2020-2021 school year.

It's hard to imagine what the future will bring, especially as it relates to our grants. And while we have had to cancel our own annual "Grillin' for Grants" fundraising event this year, please rest assured that the Education Foundation of Pendleton board members have been good stewards of the funds we have. We will continue to encourage teachers to apply for EFP grants and look forward to the time when we can support and fund more enrichment opportunities for the students of the Pendleton School District.

2020 Spring Grants Total \$10,220

Though the following grants were awarded in February, teachers did not have the opportunity to use the funds they were awarded, due to the closure of all schools in mid-March. These resources will still be available for teachers to use in the future.

\$720

Alice Thomas, Pendleton High School Art and Career Technical Education Instructor, had hoped to take her students on several field trips to see the revolving art exhibits at the Pendleton Center for the Arts and at the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery at BMCC.

\$1,500

Emily Muller-Cary, strings teacher, had planned to have Bluegrass and Americana music specialist Larry Chung work with her 200 Pendleton School District strings students at a spring fiddle workshop.

\$2,000

Sunridge Middle School English teacher Bethany Van Cleave wanted to take approximately twelve students to The Oregon Writing Festival at Portland State University.

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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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2020 Spring Grants continued...

\$3,000 Sixteen juniors and seniors from Nixya'awii Community School, along with four Nixya'awii alumni serving as group leaders and chaperones, and teachers Chelsea Hallam and Zack Brandsen, had planned to travel to Portland to attend TEDxPortland.

\$3,000 Teacher Stephanie Smith had hoped to have children's book author Rob Buyea, who wrote the popular "Because of Mr. Terupt" trilogy of books, visit Washington Elementary School and work with fourth and fifth grade students.

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