



Making the Grade

Teton Valley Education Foundation enhances the educational experiences for students and increases opportunities for excellence in Teton County public schools.

VOICE mentors, Annabelle Perez and Alin Perez, featured speakers at TVEF Community Appreciation Open House. Annabelle and Alin provided emotional testimonials to TVEF supporters on how the VOICE program supported their academic and personal growth through shared connections with other students.

Teton Valley Education Foundation – Spring 2014

Empowering Teachers Benefits Students

Teachers are given the highest honor of educating youth. With that honor comes many demands. Our teachers are expected to reduce achievement gaps, meet yearly progress goals, manage the requirements of second-language speakers, and provide support for special needs students. On top of these expectations, teachers are also expected to stay current on new advances and standards in education.



To support and empower our teachers, Teton Valley Education Foundation formalized a Professional Development Program that is scheduled to roll out in Fall 2014. The program will enhance the funding available through Teton School District and help reduce financial barriers for quality professional development opportunities.

The program supports our teachers on many levels. Professional development enables teachers to gain new skills, deepen their knowledge and gain credits toward a higher income. This ultimately supports our schools by retaining quality teachers. Most importantly, the program benefits our teachers' ability to foster our students' ability to learn and help further student success. The program will make an impact on teachers and the student body on many levels. This program is made possible in part through a generous grant award by the Community Foundation of Teton Valley Youth Philanthropists.


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Our community is proud of the excellent educational opportunities available through Teton School District. But often our schools and teachers would like to offer enrichment programs or projects that the school district budget simply cannot support. Teton Valley Education Foundation provides funding for these activities and strives to continue to improve the level of education offered to the students in our community.



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Teton Valley Education Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) whose mission is to enhance opportunities for excellence in Teton School District #401 through educational programs and community partnerships. We further our mission through the generous support of philanthropic gifts, grants and events.



"Bugling Elk" by Edwin, a 5th grade student, using chalk and pastel on construction paper. His artwork was inspired by a recent class trip through Expedition Yellowstone, a program made possible in part by Teton Valley Education Foundation.

Young Minds Matter

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Our friends, donors and supporters share our deep-seated belief that "young minds matter." Our entire student body represents the voice of the leaders and decision-makers of tomorrow. Their development and wellbeing affects us all. Thanks to your generous support we continue to further our mission of academic excellence for Teton School District #401 students and staff. Through your contributions, we expanded and deepened our core programs; provided funding for 15 diverse teacher grants that positively impact student wellness, technology and classroom resources; and enhanced professional development programming to support our teachers and help develop their ability to further student success. We are thrilled to share these stories with you so you can see what a difference your gifts have made in the life of a child. On behalf of those students we serve, we offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for our shared vision that Young Minds Matter.



TVEF Scholarships

As part of its slate of core programs, Teton Valley Education Foundation provides post-secondary scholarships awards to Teton High School graduates each year. This spring, scholarship awards were presented to Brian Bagley, Tristen Hansen, Cassidy Howarth and Kathryn Kopplow.

Three TVEF scholarship winners jump for joy (l-r): Brian Bagley, Tristen Hansen, Kathryn Kopplow.

volunteer opportunities

VIPS: Make a difference in the life of a child

Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child? Parents, grandparents and community members can offer their time and resources through the Volunteer in Public School (VIPS) program. We seek classroom, office, playground support and will match your schedule and interests with needs within the school district. For more information about this program and other volunteer opportunities, call 208.419.6219 or go to www.tetoneducation.com.



VIPS volunteer Andrea Loban helps children read.

Our many volunteers made a difference in 2013 – thank you!

highlighted programs

These programs were made possible through your generous support:

Teacher Grants

Teton Valley Education Foundation believes that innovative ideas for classrooms are crucial to furthering our mission of academic excellence. The teacher grant program provides funding opportunities for our teachers to pilot new innovations in the classroom. This year, more than \$12,000 of grant funds were awarded to deepen curriculum and learning in the classrooms.

Eyeglasses for Students in Need

TVEF provides preliminary vision screening for elementary school students and teacher referrals. This year, more than 400 students were screened, with 10% referred for additional comprehensive eye exam services.



TVEF Executive Director Diane Tauer Temple providing preliminary vision screening for students.

As part of this program TVEF provides funding to support comprehensive eye exams, diagnostics, and eyeglasses for those students and families in financial need. TVEF also supports hearing screening and hearing aids for those in need. These are students who would not otherwise receive the needed services and support to do their best in school.

The program is made possible through the partnerships of Idaho Lion's Club, Teton Valley Vision Clinic, Community Foundation of Teton Valley Youth Philanthropists, and Silver Star Communications.



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Shop for Schools Saturday, December 6

On the first Saturday of December, the entire community is encouraged to shop locally to support our schools. Participating businesses provide a percentage of their sales to support Teton Valley Education Foundation. Shopping and eating locally to support our public schools is a win win!

Ride and Dine December 2014

During this festive holiday event participants hop on a school bus and ride to local restaurants to enjoy a hearty three-course dinner. The evening is filled with camaraderie, live music, fun and holiday cheer. Stay tuned for dates.



Want to keep updated with TVEF happenings? Find us on Facebook or sign up for our email updates at www.tetoneducation.com

Idaho Education Tax Credits

Donations to qualifying Idaho educational institutions like Teton Valley Education Foundation are eligible for a 50% tax credit – a reduction in the actual tax you owe. If you itemize your taxes, a donation to Teton Valley Education Foundation will enable you to get income tax deductions on both your state and federal returns, plus a 50% Idaho income tax credit. The allowed credit is for both personal and business gifts.

- Individuals may take 50% of a gift up to \$1,000 (a tax credit of \$500)
- Married couples may take 50% of a gift up to \$2,000 (a tax credit of \$1,000)
- Corporations may take 50% of a gift up to \$10,000 (a tax credit of \$5,000)

Your tax benefit is dependent on your personal income level and filing status. We urge you to consult your financial advisors to develop the best contribution plan for your personal circumstances.

It's Easy to Support Teton Valley Education Foundation

To make your donation through the Tin Cup Challenge, go to the Community Foundation of Teton Valley website at cftetonvalley.org or scan the QR code below. Select Teton Valley Education Foundation as recipient of your donation, and your gift will be enhanced with matching funds. Or use the form mailed to you or available throughout town. Contributions are being accepted NOW and must be received no later than Monday, July 28, 5pm.



Saturday, July 19



Your Teton Valley Education Foundation donations at work:

Teacher Grants

Making \$12,000 available annually to make a difference in the classrooms.

Scholarships

Encouraging post-secondary education for our youth.

Afterschool Programs

Engaging children after school to boost standardized tests and keep children in a safe and active learning environment.

Mental Health

Supporting Teton School District efforts in suicide prevention and awareness.

VOICE Mentorship Program

Supporting TSD VOICE, a mentorship program that enables students to connect with each other which ultimately supports them to help one another.

Critical Needs

Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids

Providing funding for critical hearing and vision needs for students and families in financial need.

VIPS Program

Pairing a parent or community member with volunteer needs in our public schools.

Art & Culture

Promoting programs to bring arts and culture to each student in the classroom.

Empowering Teachers

Providing professional development funds to deepen our teachers skills and enhance classroom learning.

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