

Klamath Falls City Schools

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District Newsletter Volume 1; Issue 14 Looking for a Bargain?

It seems like everyone is looking for a bargain these days, especially with gas prices crossing the \$4.00 price barrier. Besides a gallon of gas, what else can you buy for less than \$4.50? I asked myself this question the last time I was walking through a grocery store. Here are a few things I found for around that amount:

- A quart of ice cream
- A bag of chips and a soda
- A twelve-pack of pop
- A latte
- Over a million dollars for Klamath Falls City Schools

Well, admittedly, I did not find that last option in the store. However, the average homeowner in Klamath Falls would pay \$4.40 per month if the proposed instructional levy passes in May. This works out to \$53 per year or \$4.40 per month for a \$106,000 home (the average assessed value in Klamath Falls).

This \$4.40 investment would generate \$890,000 for our local schools. The State of Oregon would then send an additional \$151,300 to our district. Thus, the total raised for the \$4.40 per month is \$1,041,300 per year for each year of the three-year levy. What would this bring to our schools?

- About ten elementary teachers to lower class sizes
- About six junior and senior high teachers to lower class sizes, add elective classes, and increase tutoring support
- Updated high school textbooks

The next time you are looking for a bargain, remember what you can get for \$4.40 in the Instructional Levy. It even beats garage sales!

Did you know?

- Ballots are mailed on April 27. Remember to vote!
- The Klamath Basin Robotics' Team took first place in state competition last month. This team includes high school students from a number of area high schools including seven members from KU. They are looking for donations to help them take part in the World Competition later this month. If you can help them pay for this trip, call Coach Melissa Dreyer Hanson at 503-718-8736.
- The district will be starting the budget process for the 2012-13 school year at a meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Lucille O'Neill Education Center at 1336 Avalon Street. There will be open comment that night as well as the annual Superintendent Budget Message.
- There is more information on this topic and the Instructional levy on the district web page: <http://www.edline.net/pages/klamathfalls>.