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KFCS' District Newsletter

By Paul Hillyer, KFCS' Superintendent

Saying Thank You Just Does Not Seem Adequate

When the community responds so generously to our district's request for help, as they did in the November 4th bond vote, it is hard to adequately express appreciation. Therefore, I will do little more than say our schools are very thankful and our children will reap the benefits of your kindness for decades to come.

It is also important to acknowledge a core group on the bond steering committee that worked tirelessly for almost a year to bring about a successful result. These people include Bill Jennings and Mike Moore from the school board who organized and carried out more components than can be enumerated. Trina Perez is another school board member that served on this committee. Others include Ben Vallejos and Karin Hughes who helped coordinate the social media part of the campaign. Mr. Vallejos also ordered many of our campaign materials and did all the photography for the effort. Carol Usher was the hard-working treasurer. Gayle Yamasaki and Dan Stearns helped in many areas including publicity. Maureen Lundy with Mr. Jennings coordinated voter registration and phone banks. Shelly Hunt and Jennifer Cole with Mrs. Perez facilitated getting letters to the editor. Of course, our co-chairs, Dick Ledgerwood and Allison York, were instrumental in many of these efforts including community presentations. Bill Hunt coordinated our sign placement efforts. Mike and Charlene Herron also worked across many different areas and were extremely helpful with alumni outreach and school tours. I also would be remiss if I did not thank Shaw Nee Stearns who worked countless hours before and after work to do much of the organization of names and information for the campaign.

Then there were the many businesses and organizations that supported the work. This includes Holliday Jewelers that donated two billboards and paid for a large sign that was placed on their store. Likewise, the Bedroom Gallery downtown created a large pro-bond sign on their window and donated a full-page ad in the Nickel. This does not include all the organizations who endorsed the bond including the Chamber of Commerce, Klamath County Economic Development Association, YMCA, Klamath Sunrise Rotary, Downtown Merchants, Realtors Association, American Association of University Women, Healthy Klamath Initiative, the Klamath County Home Builders Association, Klamath Community College and the League of Women Voters. Added to this are the more than 800 individuals who formally endorsed the proposal and the many businesses that placed the large "Vote Yes" signs.

It is always very risky to publically thank people as one is certain to forget key individuals who also helped in numerous ways. If I missed your name above, please forgive me. Literally, the positive supporters and helpers are too numerous to list. They include those who helped with

our door-to-door campaign, donations, phone banking efforts, letter writing and just by encouraging friends and neighbors to vote yes. Thanks to all these key contributors. Without the work of each of these people, the effort could have failed. Without this army of supportive people and supporting organizations, the vote would not have succeeded.

Thanks to all who supported us. You share in this historic victory for our children and for the whole Klamath Falls community. **The City Schools' Board of Directors is hosting a reception for volunteers at their next Thursday, November 20th, board meeting at 6:15 p.m. in the Lucile O'Neill gymnasium. If you helped in the campaign, please attend and receive their formal thanks for your help.**

Other Notes:

1. If you have a son or daughter who was pictured in one of the campaign banners and would like the banner as a memento, please reply to this email with your request to receive the banner. If more than one person requests a particular banner, we will draw names for it.
2. The Rogue Credit Union Foundation's Giving Local Campaign is an outreach of Rogue Credit Union that allows the community to donate to local charities. Friends of The Klamath County Library and Citizens for Safe Schools have both been selected to represent Klamath in the campaign this year. Supporters of these great causes simply log on to the Foundation's secure site and in two easy clicks cast their vote or make a cash donation. Each vote at <https://www.roguecu.org/giving> earns the charity 50¢ and is a step towards raising \$1,500 each for both organizations. Supporters can vote once a day every day until January 3rd.
3. Donations for the district's After-School Program include:
Big Boy BBQ - Value \$400.00 Family Night Pelican
Ella Redkey Pool - 20 free family swim passes value \$250
Fastenal Industrial Supplies - 1,200 bottles Value \$200.00
OIT Basketball January 10, 2015: Evergreen vs. OIT
January 31, 2015: Corban vs. OIT
Value \$8.00/ticket = 3 00, \$2400.00
RRT Music - Free Student Coupon Ragland Classical Series discount for parents
\$10/ticket 100 tickets value \$4800
YTD total value \$8050