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ANNUAL REPORT



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OVER 1,833 STUDENTS IMPACTED THIS YEAR!



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TVEF Upcoming Events

Ride and Dine

Saturday, September 29, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Teton Valley's most unique and fun fundraiser! Hop on the school bus and enjoy a progressive dinner. This year's locations include: Huntsman Springs, The Wildwood Room and The Knotty Pine.

Shop for Schools

Saturday, December 1, 2018

On the first Saturday of December, the entire community embraces public education through Shop for Schools. We solicit local businesses to provide a percentage of their sales to support TVEF's many programs, and we encourage local residents to SHOP LOCAL.

SPANISH LANGUAGE FOR KIDS

Serving Kindergarten through 3rd Grade Students in Victor, Driggs and Teton Elementary Schools

In elementary school, children's brains are like sponges, absorbing everything they are taught. Languages are especially easy for children to learn and retain during their early years. How many of us as high school students tried to acquire a second language without much success? Our brains were simply not wired at an early age for this skill.

For this reason, the Teton Valley Education Foundation initiated Spanish Language for Kids in all three elementary schools during the 2017-18 school year.

These basic conversational classes, provided twice a month, help prime a child's brain for multi-tasking and improve their cognitive skills. And, thanks to the strong base of Spanish-speaking students in our valley, there is also peer-to-peer learning happening on the playgrounds. This cross-over in learning is a natural benefit and helps children recognize and appreciate different cultures. In 2018-19, we will be expanding Spanish Language for Kids to fourth grade at Rendezvous Upper Elementary School. Jennifer Marvin is our wonderful instructor.



Spanish Language for Kids was funded by grants from The Applestone Foundation and the Community Foundation of Teton Valley.

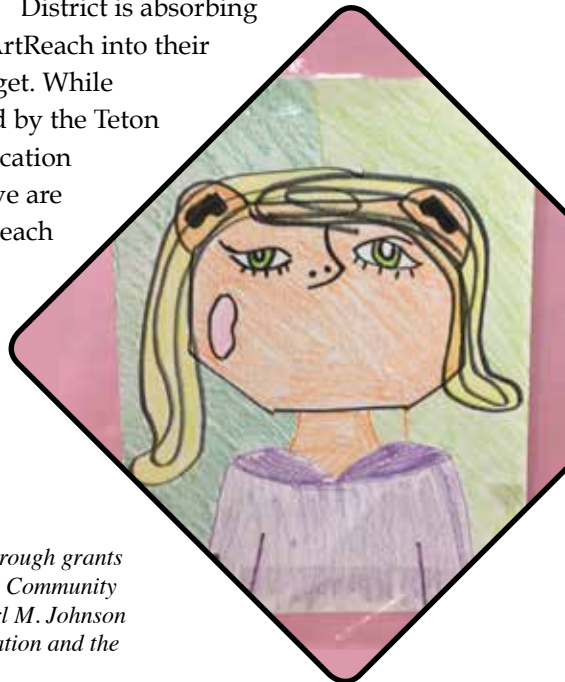


ART REACH

Serving Kindergarten through 5th Grade Students in Victor, Driggs and Tetonia Elementary Schools and Rendezvous Upper Elementary School



Behind every drawing, every watercolor or crayon picture, there is problem solving happening. In ArtReach, children listen to instructions from our certified art instructors (Deirdre Morris and Sarah Lott) and then have to put on paper their interpretation of the lesson. Sometimes they succeed and sometimes they fail. All the while, their brains are working away to make something out of nothing. That is the importance of art in the elementary schools. ArtReach has been happening in the elementary schools since 2007 and thanks to improved funding through supplemental levies and state funding, the Teton School District is absorbing ArtReach into their budget. While initiated by the Teton Valley Education Foundation, we are thrilled that ArtReach will become a permanent class in kindergarten through fifth grades.



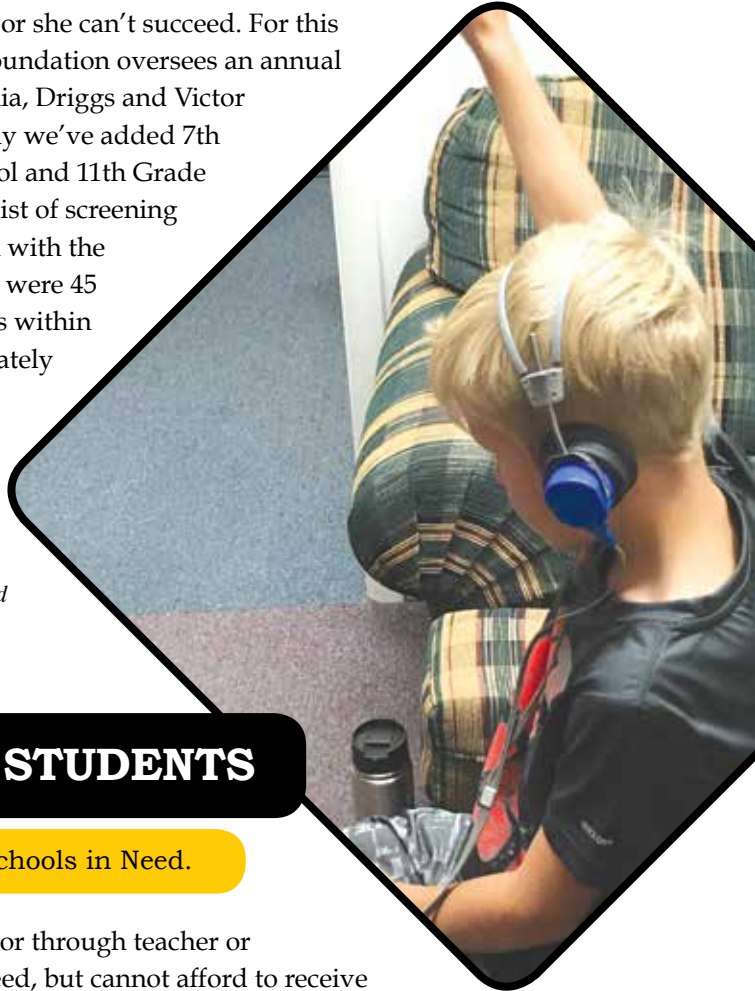
ArtReach was funded in 2017-18 through grants from the U.S. Bank Foundation, the Community Foundation of Teton Valley, the Karl M. Johnson Foundation, the Applegate Foundation and the Mary Bradof Foundation.

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING

Serving All Students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, 7th grade, and 11th grade and Those Who are Referred by Teachers.

If a child can't see or hear in class, he or she can't succeed. For this reason, the Teton Valley Education Foundation oversees an annual vision and hearing screening in Teton, Driggs and Victor elementary schools each year. Recently we've added 7th Grade students at Teton Middle School and 11th Grade students at Teton High School to the list of screening as well. Done this year in conjunction with the local PTOs and the LDS church, there were 45 volunteers who screened 900 students within the week of September 16. Approximately 126 children were referred back for a second hearing screening and 180 children were referred for a professional eye exam.

The Hearing and Vision Screening was funded through a partnership with the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.



EYEGASSES FOR STUDENTS

Serving All Students in TSD401 Schools in Need.

Following the vision screenings and/or through teacher or counselor referrals, many students need, but cannot afford to receive a professional eye exam. The Teton Valley Education Foundation raises funds to intercede on behalf of these students. Through a partnership with the Teton Valley Vision Clinic, Dr. Simmons donates the exam and the TVEF pays for basic eyeglasses for students. In 2017-18, the Teton Valley Education Foundation purchased five pairs of glasses for students.

Funding for our Eyeglasses for Students program was through the Teton Springs Foundation and the Gettling Family Trust.



CLASSROOM GRANTS

Serving All Teachers in Teton School District401

Every year, educators throughout the TSD401 are able to apply for funding from the Teton Valley Education Foundation to either purchase basic supplies or develop innovative learning projects within their classrooms. In 2017-18 the Teton Valley Education Foundation was able to fund \$15,000 in classroom grants that included the following:



- THS Robotics Program
- THS Music Program Concert Attire
- THS Model United Nations Field Trip
- TMS “Coming to a Theatre Near You” Books
- VES Mindfulness Training for Teachers
- THS Debate Team Resource Package
- TMS Classroom Library Books
- RUES Important Americans in History Cut-Outs
- RUES 4th Grade Math Manipulatives
- Yoga Classes for DES, RUES and THS
- THS Hobby Leadership Training
- THS Life Skills Program for Students with Disabilities
- THS Mathematics Teacher Video Project
- THS Summer Debate Camp
- TMS EVO Robots Classroom Sets
- THS and TMS Music Stands
- RUES Perspectives in Teaching the American Revolutionary War Books
- TES, DES and VES Ukuleles

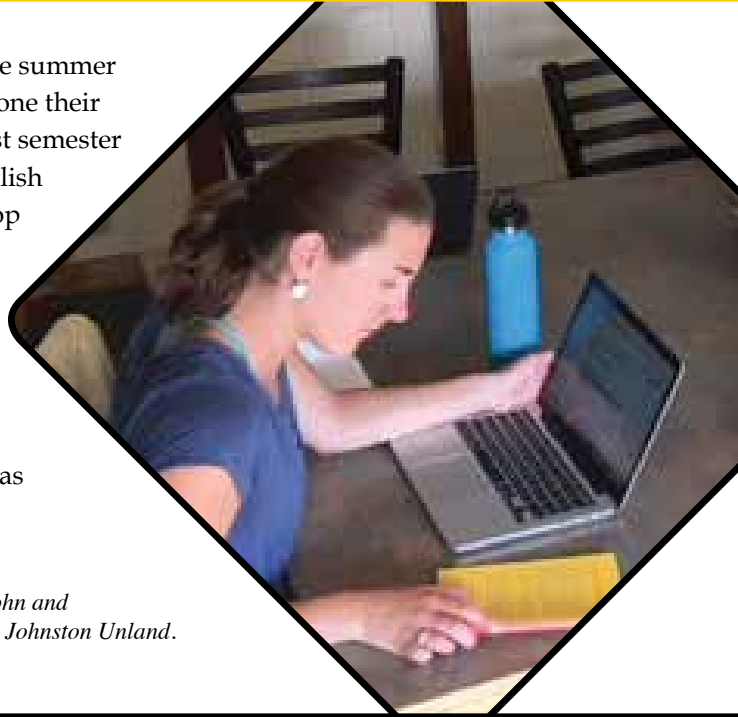


Funding for Classroom Grants was raised through Tin Cup, Ride and Dine and Shop for Schools.

JUDITH JOHNSTON SUMMER WRITING PROGRAM

Serving High School Students Interested in Writing

Over an eight-week period during the summer of 2017, four students continued to hone their writing skills before starting their first semester at college. Teton High School AP English educator, Jason Ruff, led the workshop which focused on writing a one-act play. The writers would work on their plays, come together to critique and provide suggestions, and then go back and write. As a result, Jason Ruff submitted his play to Riot Act in Jackson and the play was produced this summer.



The Summer Writing program was funded by John and Linda Unland in honor of John's mother, Judith Johnston Unland.

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Serving All Students in TSD401 Schools in Need.



Fitting in is important for many school-aged children. Carrying a stack of books in your arms every day while others are carrying their books and materials in backpacks makes life a bit harder. For this reason, the TVEF works with Subs for Santa to provide backpacks to students in need. Last fall we purchased 23 backpacks for students throughout the district.

Funding for Backpacks for Kids was raised through Tin Cup, Ride and Dine and Shop for School in 2017-2018.



**PLEASE
DONATE
TODAY!**

Tin Cup donations are VITAL to the existence of the Teton Valley Education Foundation.



The Teton Valley Education Foundation exists to raise educational programming to a higher level in our public schools. **Help us support our teachers and students through a donation during Tin Cup.** Your gift will be matched by the Community Foundation of Teton Valley thus increasing the significance of your donation. You can give online at cftetonvalley.org, use a donation form found in local businesses, or visit the Tin Cup booth at the Driggs Farmer's Market and provide them with a check!



Donate to the TVEF and Get an Idaho Tax Credit

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 of \$1,000 (a tax credit of \$500)
- Married couples may take 50% of a gift of \$2,000 (a tax credit of \$1,000)
- Idaho Corporations may take 50% of a gift of \$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.



Planned gifts leave a lasting legacy.

When you support the Teton Valley Education Foundation in your estate, you are supporting Teton Valley's greatest resource - its children. There are many ways to leave a legacy gift that will make a tremendous difference in our valley. There are some types of gifts that cost you nothing now, gifts that pay you income, and gifts that can prevent your children from costly estate taxes.

GIFTS IN A WILL

- A general gift is a stated sum of money in your will or living trust.
- A residual gift is the remainder of your estate after other gifts, debts and taxes have been paid.
- A specific gift is a specific dollar amount or portion of your estate.
- A contingent gift is a stated share of your estate only if a spouse, family member or other beneficiary does not survive you.

GIFTS BY BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

This is one of the easiest gifts you can make. It doesn't require an estate plan or involve any

lawyers or accountants. And you can change your beneficiary at any time.

Consider making the TVEF a beneficiary of your retirement account, CDs, life insurance plan, IRA, 401K, bank account, donor advised fund residuals, savings bonds, or other asset.

GIFTS THAT PAY YOU INCOME

You can receive fixed payments for life while making a difference in our community. If you are considering this type of gift, please consult your financial advisor.

- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trusts

As with all gift planning, you should consult with your tax advisor and lawyer to determine what planned gift strategy is best for your current tax situation and income requirements.

Serving 6th Grade Girls

Girls Actively Participating (GAP!) is a dynamic program based on critical research done around today's most successful women from many walks of life. Research shows that thriving women possess three characteristics that allow them to become a ninja in their lives: competence, confidence, and community connectedness. During the summer of 2017, the TVEF started the first GAP! program here at Teton Middle School with the financial assistance of the Community Foundation of Teton Valley. Sixteen girls participated in the program and the reviews led to the development of a full-year afterschool program in 2018-19.

GAP! was funded by the Community Foundation of Teton Valley and through funds raised at Tin Cup, Ride and Dine and Shop for Schools.

ABRIENDO PUERTAS / OPENING DOORS**Serving All Hispanic Parents**

The Abriendo Puertas (Opening Doors) program helps foster early learning and early childhood development practices among Latino parents in a culturally-relevant manner. Led by Blanca Moye, the program sets ambitious outcomes -- teaching parents how to foster a child's learning before they reach school age, how to respond to children's emotional expressions, how to keep children physically healthy and how to advocate for their children's well-being. During the 2017-18 year, 12 families participated in the program which was held evenings in March at Driggs Elementary School.



Abriendo Puertas was funded by Wells Fargo, through funds raised at Tin Cup, Ride and Dine and Shop for Schools.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AT THS

Serving All Students in TSD401 Schools in Need.

Fall River Electrical Cooperative, Inc. is bringing alternative energy lessons to Teton High School. Thanks to a match by Fall River Electrical Cooperative, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, a grant from the CHC Foundation, donations from Fall River customers, Grand Targhee employees, and TVEF donors, the funding for the wind turbine and solar energy panels have been raised. There is a continued push to raise \$4,500 for the battery back-up storage panel. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this valuable project! Watch for the installation of the wind turbine and solar panel soon!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed in the schools on a regular and occasional basis. Opportunities include helping the school secretaries with copying, reading in the classrooms or serving as tutors for children. Each volunteer must be able to pass a background check provided by the TSD401 District Office.

The Teton Valley Education Foundation also needs volunteers for their Hearing and Vision Screening. **This year the event will be held the week of October 22.**

To volunteer your time in any capacity, please email ExecutiveDirector@TetonEducation.org.



THE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

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Those listed gave financial or in-kind gifts to the Teton Valley Education Foundation during our 2017-18 fiscal year (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018). While we strive to include everyone who donated, mistakes may happen. We apologize in advance for any omissions or misspellings. Please contact us directly at ExecutiveDirector@TetonEducation.org if you find an error in our list. We appreciate each and every donor and want to make sure to recognize those who support our schools through the Teton Valley Education Foundation.

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