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**PHEF Scholarship Recipients**

HELPING STUDENTS TAKE THE NEXT STEP



**Jesika Leonard**  
 Joan Hladky  
 Creativity Scholarship



**Kaitlyn Michlanski**  
 Katie Lovelace  
 Scholarship



**Maddie Morrell**  
 Pleasant Hill  
 Legacy Scholarship



Not Pictured:  
**Garrett Davis**  
 OSU Junior  
 Long Family Scholarship

**In This Issue**

**OUR GRANTS**

**2016 CASINO NIGHT**

**THANKS TO OUR DONORS**

**2016 Marks a Monumental Year for PHEF**  
**25 YEARS OF CREATING OPPORTUNITIES**

In 1991, a group of caring and concerned parents had the foresight to see what the impact of funding changes and statewide budget cuts could have on the Pleasant Hill School District. They realized additional funds would be needed to sustain programs, provide academic resources, and enrich the classrooms and extracurricular programs within our schools. Wanting to maintain the level of educational excellence for which our school district was known, they stepped in and created the Pleasant Hill Education Foundation.

The mission of the Foundation is to provide these resources with support of donors, community and alumni through innovative grants, donor-directed funds and community awareness. These resources come in many forms—from updated technology, equipment, and books to field trips and program support, which is not funded through the school district's budget. This funding enhances education and strengthens the impact teachers have on their students. We also provide college scholarships to graduating seniors that enable them to achieve their educational goals.

This fall, we awarded over \$30,000 in teacher grants and we distributed over \$11,000 in college scholarships and donor-directed funds. This puts our investment into the youth of Pleasant Hill at nearly \$190,000 over the past five years, *almost 40% more than we invested in the prior five-year period!* At the same time, we raised \$500,000 for the renovation of the much-loved Pleasant Hill Community Center, which has held many wonderful community events since its opening in 2012.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask you to join us as we look forward to the next 25 years. This community's commitment to educational excellence is just as strong as it was in 1991. Make an investment in education here at Pleasant Hill. There is still time to donate this year to make a BIG impact on next year. Join us as we continue to grow!

Sincerely,  
*Susie Rexius*  
 Board President



The Pleasant Hill Education Foundation, in partnership with Pleasant Hill School District, is currently working on a Pleasant Hill Alumni Association. We encourage all alumni and friends of Pleasant Hill to fill out an information sheet to help us update records. These updated records will allow us to send you information regarding reunions, school activities and the Billie Alumni News. The form is located on our website at [www.phillfoundation.org](http://www.phillfoundation.org), in the Alumni section. Please take a few minutes to share your information with us!

## An Investment in Education

The Pleasant Hill Education Foundation is committed to using the money our community donates to ensure that students and teachers have access to the resources they need. On these pages, we share not only a list of the investments we made this year, but some of the delighted reactions from our recipients.



### INSPIRING LEARNING:

#### Student Reward Trip to the Coast

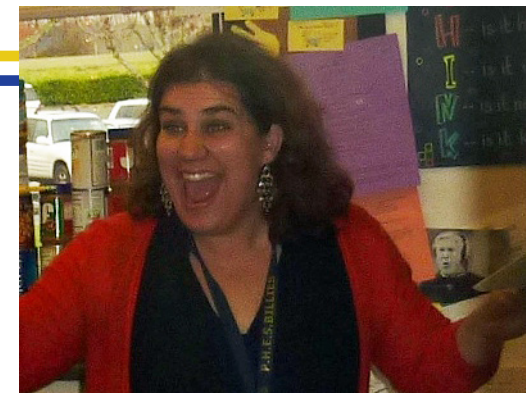
“The Foundation grant has allowed us to build up the End-of-the-Year Coast trip which has helped students, especially transitioning 7th graders, learn new study skill habits and strategies to complete assignments and turn them in on time.”



### HELPING STUDENTS:

#### Handwriting Without Tears

“The Handwriting Without Tears curriculum has made kindergarten handwriting instruction much easier with the simple language and handwriting practice. The students love the music and language we use for handwriting as well! It is so important for kindergarten students to learn how to correctly write the alphabet. Handwriting Without Tears teaches kids the correct way to form letters in a developmentally appropriate way. The kindergarten team has really enjoyed having the materials to teach Handwriting Without Tears this school year.”



### BRINGING JOY AND SURPRISE:

#### Billie Spirit Gear

“Receiving this grant was such a joy for me. Because of this grant, we were able to purchase end of the year T-shirt for the entire student body and staff. Sometimes I think people don’t realize how much ‘just a t-shirt’ can mean to a student. It brought me pure joy to be able to have this for our student body this year! Thank you for continuing to bring smiles to our building!”



### CREATING TOGETHER:

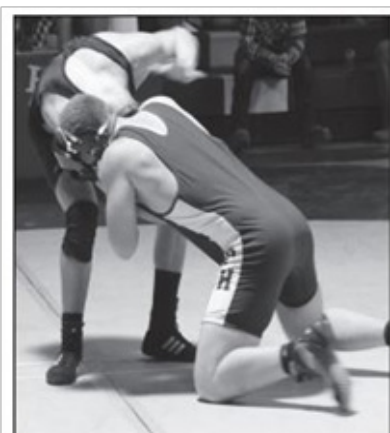
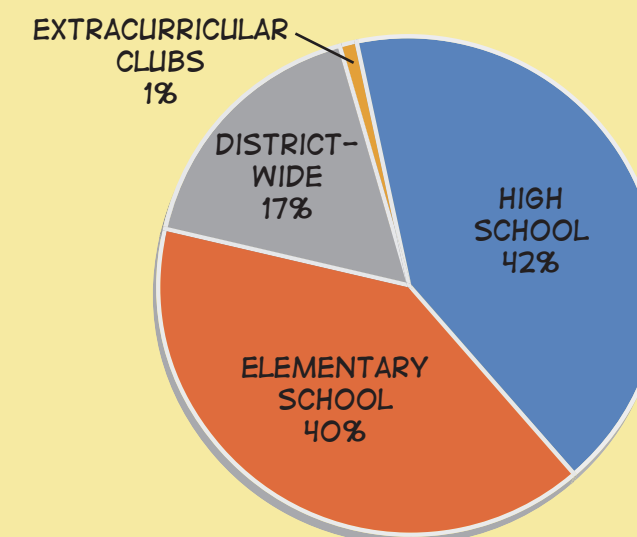
#### Lunch Buddies

“Thank you, PHEF, for providing funds to buy arts and crafts supplies for Reaching Out Mentoring Program’s Lunch Buddies. The kindergarten students and their high school mentors have enjoyed hours of creative fun because of this grant!”

## Grants PHEF Awarded in the 2015-2016 School Year

Tumblebooks (1st)	\$1,278
Handwriting Without Tears (K)	\$803
Educational Apps (K-2nd)	\$600
Operation Clearview (PHES Library)	\$1,350
Music Tech in Classroom/Info Recall (6th)	\$2,688
Headphones for Kids (K-2nd)	\$1,257
PBIS Billie Spirit Gear (K-6th)	\$700
Technology Recording Project (5th-6th)	\$600
iPads (5th)	\$1,296
“Excel” Mice (6th)	\$250
Boom Writer Story Starter	\$430
Book Smart with Bella (Title I)	\$625
Student Art T-Shirts (4th)	\$650
Metal Shop Safety and Equipment	\$2,100
Peer Mediation	\$1,000
“Twelfth Night” Shakespeare Field Trip	\$450
Real Babies & supplies	\$3,857
High Achieving Student Rewards	\$500
Gene Cleveland Project (PHHS)	\$3,012
Coast Reward Trip (7th-8th)	\$1,265
Band Instrument Cases (5th-12th)	\$1,500
Vocal Sound Board (5th-12th)	\$2,799
Mentoring Program Lunch Buddies	\$500
Music Storage + iPod (5th-12th)	\$335
Robotics Grant	\$275

**TOTAL \$30,120**



ABOVE: GAGE HARDY (12) PULLS DOWN THE HEAD OF A GLIDE WRESTLER. HARDY BATTLED BOTH OPPONENTS FROM ILLINOIS VALLEY AND GLIDE IN TOUGH, CLOSE MATCHES.

### ENHANCING PHHS PUBLICATIONS:

#### The Gene Cleveland Project

“The new camera and lens have transformed our ability to get great pictures of students at events. Students have been able to take near professional quality pictures and discover anew a passion for photography. We can now capture student emotions without intruding on their experience. And we can capture the luminous quality of young people. The Foundation grant gives kids an opportunity to perform at the highest level and perhaps pursue a career in photography. Plus the lens and camera are a blast to use!”

(Photo courtesy of The Billie Bulletin)