

Newsletter

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The campaign for Vernonia's Schools

A Message from the VSD Superintendent, by Aaron Miller

To ALL of you who have contributed toward the Vernonia Education Foundation's (VEF) mission to support Vernonia Schools through donations of time, money, supportive conversations, voting, campaigning, thoughts, prayers and any other methods.....Thank You!!! We could not have made it without you.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To all patrons of the Vernonia School District (VSD), thank you for passing the District's bond request to move another giant step forward in putting the 2007 flood behind us. With the passage of a \$6.8 million General Obligation Bond on May 16, 2017, the community of Vernonia is enabling the VSD to pay off the remaining debt on the Vernonia Schools project. Finding ways to help eliminate this debt has been a major goal of the VEF. Having this task checked off clears a major hurdle for the District and Foundation, and will make it possible for the VEF to place even greater focus on others ways to support students and education in the VSD.

The VEF anticipates increasing its efforts to support student scholarships, increasing classroom resources and continuing to develop the schools' facilities and educational programs. Again, thank you all for whatever part you have been able to play in reaching this most critical achievement! Our gratitude goes out to everyone in the community for their continuing support of our staff and students to ensure our children's education is safe and stable.

Now that the bond has passed, what's next? The actual sale of the bonds will take place in August, which after lots of paperwork and red tape will bring actual funds into the District sometime in late fall. In the meantime the District and its Board will be setting meetings to gather input from the community to develop a master plan of priorities and timelines for implementing the projects authorized by the bond.

As funding is made available and projects are initiated, Requests for Proposals (RFP's) will be developed to obtain contractor bids. Work will begin, and we will move through the master plan as quickly as possible. The District will work hard to share details on the progress of this work, and to spend our community's tax dollars as effectively and efficiently as possible.

As always, if you have any questions about anything happening at school, please give us a call at 503-429-5891. Again, THANK YOU for your continuing support of Vernonia, its students and its schools!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

VEF Board Meeting: Nov. 14th 5:30 pm School Library

Homecoming Activities:

Cross Country Oct. 5th 3:30 p.m. Vernonia Invitational

Volleyball Oct. 5th 5:30/6:30 p.m. vs Columbia Christian

Football Oct. 6th 7:00 p.m. vs Nestucca

School Carnival: Fri. Oct. 13th 6:00-9:00 pm

VEF Board of Directors

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SPORTS INITIATIVE Update

By Jim Eckland

Giving to others is a personal choice and can be in a variety of forms. I know that providing a gift to a grandchild to help with college expenses can be a very satisfying experience; so can volunteering your time once a week at the local foodbank. Contributing financially to a non-profit organization, such as the Vernonia Education Foundation, may also provide self-satisfaction and tax benefits for certain individuals.

Contributing to the Foundation can be in the form of volunteering your time and talents, donating cash or stocks or organizing a special event. Any size contributions are always welcome. Individuals may designate how they wish their contribution to be used: scholarships, sports initiative, classroom support etc. It's a personal choice!

During the past five years roughly 200 Vernonia Alumni have contributed over \$250,000 towards new athletic facilities for the Vernonia Schools. These contributions have ranged from \$25 individual contributions to over \$100,000 from one family; they have come in the form of cash, stocks and sponsored events by two different classes.

The Vernonia Education Foundation is a 501(c) (3) public charity which means that all contributions may be used as a tax deduction for those individuals who itemize their deductions on their federal tax return. Board members are volunteers and there are no paid staff; thus, our administrative costs are very minimal. The Vernonia School District does provide very limited administrative support to process contributions, provide financial reports and publish a newsletter. Contributions may be sent to: Vernonia Education Foundation, 1201 Texas Ave, Vernonia, OR 97064.

ALUMNI UPDATE

By Ronda Lennen

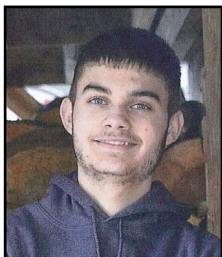
We are proud to introduce the recipients of the 2017 Vernonia Education Foundation/Alumni Scholarship. Congratulations to Tristan Adams and Lauren Glass.

Tristan is the son of Lawrence and Stacy (McDonald) Adams. Stacy is a member of the class 1988. Tristan plans to attend Lane Community College, later transferring to University of Oregon. Tristan's interests are in financial / business.

Lauren is the daughter of Joel and Jennifer (Budge) Glass. Jennifer is a member of the class of 1991. Lauren plans to attend Portland Community College. Her focus is to become a Veterinary Technician.

The Vernonia High School Alumni Scholarship was established in 1976 by the class of 1936. Since that time approximately \$31,000 in scholarship funds been granted to deserving Alumni or current High School Seniors. Contributions to the account have come from alumni, family and community members. Records indicate the last sizable contribution was from the class of 1976 who turned over the remainder of their class treasury. This scholarship has been supported solely through donations.

Anyone can make a donation to the fund by sending a check, or cash payment, to the Vernonia Education Foundation/ Alumni Scholarship fund. Donations can be made anonymously, or can be made as memorials. If you are alumni making a donation, please specify your year of graduation. If you choose to make a memorial donation please specify the name (and year of graduation, if an Alum) of the person(s) in whose name(s) the donation is being made.



Tristan Adams



Lauren Glass



Holce Field gets Hydroseed



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