

VERMILLION PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION – WINTER 2016



The mission of the Vermillion Public Schools Foundation is to support opportunities for learners to confidently succeed in a diverse world.

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Message from President Susan Tuve:

As I complete my term as President of the Vermillion Public Schools Foundation (VPSF), I want to reflect briefly on the purpose and importance of the VPSF. After all, isn't public education the responsibility of the public sector to support? The answer is yes, in part. Good public schools are the result of many people; teachers, administrators, parents and the general citizenry, all of whom understand that in today's world we can achieve more when working together in a public-private partnership. The motto of the VPSF is "To support opportunities for life-long learners in a diverse world." That can best be accomplished together.

The VPSF is a vehicle to engage all those parties in creating a learning environment that ensures our students are avid readers, logical thinkers, and creative writers. We want an environment where students embrace and respect each other.

In the last two years, we have provided additional training for our teachers to help our children become better writers. It is a three year commitment and one our teachers have welcomed. If you walk down the halls of Jolley Elementary, you will see the stories, letters and articles written by the students.

We are also supporting the strategic priority of bringing art back into the schools on a consistent basis, not as a stand-alone class, such as we remember, but as an integral part of the learning experience that exists in every class. It is a concept we hope to share with other school districts.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Foundation, and I will continue to do so as a board member. Go Tanagers!

VPS Foundation Current Projects

Art at Austin & Jolley Elementary Schools. The VPS Foundation will be participating in a Vermillion School District task force focused on strengthening and expanding fine art programs in the K-5 grades.

Literacy Learning for Life. The VPS Foundation continues to support a three-year commitment to improve the writing skills of our students at the elementary schools. A fund was established for a professional development program to assist the teaching staff that includes mentoring and coaching by a visiting professional.

VPS Foundation Events

The Second Annual "Green Eggs and Ham." Austin School First Graders celebrated Dr. Suess' Birthday. They were treated to just such a meal while wearing their Dr. Suess Hats. Each child was also given a book. Vermillion Rotary and Edith Siegrist Funds donated to this event.

The First Annual Spring Luncheon was held to support fine arts in the Vermillion schools. Lt. Governor Matt Michaels was the keynote speaker. CorTrust Bank and First Bank & Trust sponsored the luncheon.

Groups Under the VPS Foundation Umbrella

Vermillion Area Robotics Club (VARC) * Vermillion Athletic Boosters * Vermillion High School Soccer
Vermillion High School Tennis * Vermillion Middle School STEM * Vermillion Music Boosters * Vermillion PTO



VHS Reunion Class Gifts

The Class of 1985 made a generous donation to the Athletic Boosters.

Scholarships Awarded

Walter & Margaret Kaeberle Scholarship – Sophia Taggart.

Edith Siegrist Scholarships – Sophia Dudley and Jonathan Rosales.

Ribs, Rods & Rock'n Roll Scholarship – Jessica Stoker.

Edith Siegrist Middle School Scholarships – Eleven scholarships were awarded for the 2016 USD summer camps - Governors Camp, Lawrence Bros. Science Camp and the USD Summer Music Camp.

Grants Awarded

Edith Siegrist Funds: Sixteen hand chimes were purchased. The Siegrist funds also contributed to the installation of stage lights for the Thomas H. Craig Center for Performing Arts at VHS. The Siegrist Funds continues to assist in making the Jolley School Library a true learning center with the building of a new circulation desk. Four Visiting Authors were also funded for Vermillion students.

VPS Foundation Grants supported the annual Tanager Volunteer Day. Also funded an "Early Dismissal Movie Day" for Vermillion students during teacher collaboration sessions.

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New Board Members

Wendy Nilson - Wendy is the Technical Services Librarian at the Vermillion Public Library. She and her husband, Wade, have two school-aged children.

Karen Davies - Karen is the Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of the University of South Dakota Foundation. She and her husband, Tom, have two children who graduated from the Vermillion Schools.

Accomplishments by Vermillion Booster Groups:

Athletic Boosters: Resurfaced the high school tennis courts, installed a new basketball hoop at Austin School. The Athletic Boosters continue the process of rehabilitating the football/track field. In addition to the new scoreboard, new turf and a sprinkler system has been installed.

Vermillion Area Robotics Club: VHS and VMS students have been successfully competing around the Midwest that culminated into an opportunity for both groups to compete at the 2016 VEX Worlds and the 2016 U.S. Open. The students continue working hard getting ready for their competitions.

VMS STEM: Secured a \$1,500 grant from the Vermillion Area Community Foundation to purchase items for elementary STEM projects. With this grant, these materials were put in the hands of teachers who put the science, technology, engineering and math experiences in the minds of children.

Music Boosters: The Music Boosters purchased a new trailer, replacing the old one truly on its last wheel.

Vermillion PTO: Our PTA became a PTO. As such, they took control of their own funding sources and programs. Their mission is to support our classroom teachers with supplies and for needs above what is budgeted by the school district. In addition to raising money through projects and events, they have also created a Vermillion PTO Endowment to provide a stable source of funding each year.

The Alumni Email List

The VPS Foundation is a network for Vermillion High School alumni to connect with their alma mater. The Foundation is working to update its email records in order to better serve our alumni. If you are the contact for your class (*i.e.*, plan reunions, keep track of classmates), we request that you contact us at treasurer@vermillionpsf.org or (605) 677-7000.



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