

WINTER 2017



We provide opportunities that ignite excitement in learning.

Message from President Jim Moran:

The good news is that the art education program for the Vermillion School District's elementary students is growing! The VPS Foundation and the Vermillion School District continue their commitment to secure funding to expand and strengthen the K-5 art programs. Our fall fundraiser, along with generous private donations, have helped the School District add the 2nd grade classes to the "Arts Attack" video-based art program currently available to the kindergarten and 1st grade classes. The endowed fund for Arts Education continues to grow as well. The endowed fund will provide future support to art in the school system. We appreciate all who have supported the Art Education in the Vermillion schools.

We also appreciate all who have and will support other important areas for Vermillion students. We are happy to report the establishment of additional scholarships and a new fund for music education. You can read more about these, below.

The Foundation wishes all our alumni and supporters a safe holiday and good wishes for the new year.



VPS Foundation Current Projects

Art at Austin & Jolley Elementary Schools. Board members and teachers volunteered at a five-day fundraiser at our local HyVee where customer's showed their support to art by rounding up their change.

New Funds Created

Recent funds were created to benefit Vermillion students. The Ribs, Rods & Rock 'n Roll organization created three new scholarships along with the original two scholarships for auto shop students. Elementary music will benefit from the Marie Gray Music Education Memorial Fund established by her family.

Grants Awarded in Fall of 2017

Edith Siegrist Funds: A Siegrist grant, matched with a S.D. Arts Council grant, brought musician Todd Green to perform for Vermillion elementary students. As he demonstrated the world instruments for our students, he related them geographically and culturally to each other and to more familiar Western

instruments.

VPS Foundation Grants: The Foundation made several grants this fall: a grant for the final segment of a three-year professional-development program on Literacy Learning for Life for Vermillion elementary teachers; a grant for the annual VHS Tanager Volunteer Day; and a grant to sponsor an early-out movie at the Vermillion Theater for Vermillion students during one of the Professional Development days for teachers.

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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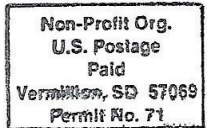


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Accomplishments by Vermillion Booster Groups:

Athletic Boosters: The Vermillion Athletic Boosters is making progress on the new First Bank & Trust Outdoor Concession Stand at the VHS Football & Track field. The Concession Stand is being built by this year's Career/Technical Education (CTE) class. Future upcoming Athletic Booster Events are the Hall of Fame on April 28, 2018 and the Inaugural Golf Fundraiser on May 19, 2018.

Vermillion Area Robotics Club: The High School metals team kicked off their competition season competing at Brownell Talbot in Omaha with 31 other NE/IA/MO teams. They brought home the Judges Award for their innovative intake design. The judges commented that it was the fastest game piece intake at the event. They were also the tournament runner-up in the competition in alliance with teams from Missouri and Nebraska. The elementary and middle school VEX plastics teams competed in Omaha to start their season. Many more competitions are upcoming. All their supporters are very excited to see where this season takes these young designers and programmers!

Music Boosters: The Pride of Vermillion Marching band capped off a successful season with second place in Division IVA at the annual Quad State Field Marching Competition at the University of South Dakota on Saturday, Oct. 21. John Alpers, director of bands at VHS since 1990, will retire this spring after 28 years teaching in the Vermillion School District. Best wishes to him!