

GOVERNOR NEWS

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AN UPGRADE FOR PIERRE ATHLETICS

The Pierre Educational Foundation has played a vital role in helping the Pierre School District launch its new Sports Marketing Program. Once up and running this fall, the program will generate a new source of ongoing revenue for athletic programs at T.F. Riggs High School. The program will allow athletic coaches and the district the ability to purchase some items off of their "wish lists" as well as replace items that are outdated or damaged. As a non-profit organization, PEF is helping with the financial operation of the program. It is estimated that the first year of the program will raise approximately \$60,000.

Aesthetic improvements and upgrades in the school's facilities have already begun. The program's angel sponsor, BankWest, purchased the signs and scoreboards that have been placed in the main Riggs gym, its auxiliary gym and at Hollister Field. Pierre is unique in this area because many schools have needed to use the initial funds raised to pay off equipment.

Bankwest signed a 10-year agreement to be the sole angel sponsor. The anchor sponsors are Linn Medical Clinic and Boyd Conzemius Agency Inc. Founding sponsors are Midwest Construction & Development; Delta Dental; Olson Plumbing; Stulken, Petersen, Lingle and Walti LLP; Keller Electric; Burke Real Estate; and Olinger, Lovald, McCahren and Reimers PC. The Sports Marketing Agreement Program bottler is Coca-Cola and the exclusive radio rights belong to Dakota Radio Group. Capital Motors also participates with the program as an advertising partner.

In addition, the program will allow coaches to focus on their sport, rather than raising funds to cover expenses. Coaches still have the option of fundraising, however, the new income takes the pressure off and allows

students to focus on their academics and activities. The Pierre Sports Marketing Program committee will determine where the funds go and will eventually decide what items may be purchased through the program. All athletic coaches must complete a detailed request form listing the items they wish to purchase.

For more information on the Pierre Sports Marketing Program, contact Riggs Athletic Director, Dan Whalen at (605) 773-7350 or daniel.whalen@k12.sd.us.



New Daktronics signs and scoreboards at Hollister Field and T.F. Riggs Gymnasium. Angel Sponsor, BankWest paid for the new equipment.

FROM THE PEF PRESIDENT

The Pierre Educational Foundation was incorporated (501c3) in 1996. It was the direct result of a very generous donation from the estate of Cora London, a local Pierre businesswoman, to the Pierre School District. The Pierre Educational Foundation's mission is to raise money to promote the further educational development of the Pierre School District students, graduates and staff. A goal, to help insure longevity, is to reach and then maintain a total endowment of at least \$500,000.

Each year numerous mini-grants are awarded to teachers to enhance the educational opportunity they offer in their classrooms. Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors through specially designated funds such as the James and Gertrude Mueller and Charles "Lindy" and Shirley Feeney Scholarship Funds. PEF, thanks to the family of Peter Norbeck Wegner, played an integral role in the reestablishment of a debate program at T.F. Riggs High School this past school year. PEF will also play an important role in the operation of the school districts new Sports Marketing Program which gets off the ground this upcoming school year.

The ability of the state to fund education is limited. State sales tax and local property tax revenues don't necessarily keep pace with the increasing cost of providing a quality education for our children. School systems across the state have to look more towards alternative sources of revenue. The Pierre School District, from a fiscal standpoint, is better off than most. It is one of a small minority of school districts in the state that have not attempted opting out from the property tax freeze implemented several years ago. However, despite fiscal efficiency, each year the budget restraints tighten and the amount of money kept in reserve diminishes. In order for our school district to maintain and improve upon the quality of the educational opportunity offered it needs our help.

I would like to thank all of you who have generously contributed in the past; there have been many. I hope all of you will consider giving to PEF in the future. All donations, independent of size, are greatly appreciated.



Thank you!
Bernard Linn MD
Class of '75

PEF SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

JAMES AND GERTRUDE MUELLER SCHOLARSHIP

The James and Gertrude Mueller Scholarship is an annual scholarship awarded to a graduating senior entering the medical field. The 2008 award winner was Jessica Jones. Jones was awarded \$3,633.00. In the fall, Jones will attend the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs where she will pursue a degree in Orthodontics.



Jessica Jones

CHARLES "LINDY" AND SHIRLEY FEENEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Charles "Lindy" and Shirley Feeney Scholarship is an annual scholarship offered to a graduating senior who is a dedicated track athlete and in need of financial assistance to further their education. The 2008 award winner was Abbie Mitchell. Mitchell was awarded \$1,000.00. In the fall, Mitchell will attend the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND where she will participate in their Physical Therapy Program.



Abbie Mitchell

PETER NORBECK WEGNER FUND / FRAN RUZICK TRAVEL FUND

The Peter Norbeck Wegner Fund is dedicated to financially supporting the recently reinstated debate program at T.F. Riggs High School. New for 08-09, is the program as a co-curricular activity. This will allow busy students the ability to not participate in debate as a class, but also as an activity after school. Another newly formed fund to support debate is the "Fran Ruzick Travel Fund." This fund was formed in honor of the late and former debate coach, Fran Ruzick, to assist with travel expenses that the current debate team will incur.

IRENE I. AND HERBERT C. EMDE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund is currently building its endowment base and the Foundation hopes to start awarding this scholarship in the near future. Once the fund is mature, the scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who is pursuing a teaching career.

Those wishing to support any of the PEF scholarship funds may send their tax-deductible donation to the PEF, PO Box 94, Pierre, SD 57501. Please specify your fund designation on your check.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I would again like to begin this correspondence by thanking each and every individual that has been, or will be, involved with the Pierre Educational Foundation. After only one year as Pierre School District superintendent, I have come to realize that our community is truly blessed with quality administrators, teachers, support staff and students. I have no doubt that our staff will continually strive to provide the best possible education for each and every student that attends our schools. The Pierre School District and alumni have reason to be proud of its many past accomplishments and we certainly added to that list during the 07-08 school year. Academic and extra-curricular accolades are too numerous to mention during this brief correspondence, although I can assure you there will be many more successes in the future!

PEF will become an active and critical component of the district's new Pierre Sports Marketing program. The program will not only significantly upgrade and improve our sports facilities throughout the district, but also provide the district with a new source of revenue by providing better advertising opportunities for local businesses. I am confident the every person that attends an athletic event or activity in the T.F. Riggs gymnasium or Hollister Field this year will be thoroughly impressed with the facility improvements.

The mini-grant program provided by PEF not only challenges teachers and administrators to go above and beyond, but also assists a great number of students who are fortunate enough to reap the benefits. Although those teachers/departments/buildings that receive mini-grants are very appreciative, there are many more applications that are turned down – all of which would benefit our students. The more support PEF has from its members, the more our students will benefit. Most of you reading this newsletter fully realize the impact the Pierre School District had on your own successes in life. I would encourage you to give back to the district and help make our schools better than ever! Our students will forever be our future.

Again, I would like to thank those of you who have taken an active role in enhancing the Pierre Educational Foundation. Money alone will not make a difference in the educational program we are able to offer our much deserving students. It all starts with quality people; and I can assure you we have some of the best there is to offer. I look forward to meeting and visiting with many of you in the future. Please stop by and introduce yourself!

Dr. Kelly Glodt
Pierre School District Superintendent

THANK YOU PEF DONORS

PEF would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all individuals, families and businesses that have contributed money to the Foundation. The following is a recent list of contributors. We apologize if we have missed any names; please contact us and let us know.

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Gifts of \$50,000 - \$99,999
James & Gertrude Mueller

Gifts of \$25,000 to \$49,999
BankWest Foundation

Gifts of \$10,000 to \$24,999
American State Bank, Charles "Lindy" & Shirley Feeney, First National Bank, Riter Family, Scott & Julia Jones, Wells Fargo Bank

Gifts of \$5,000 to \$9,999
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This list does not include Pierre Educational Foundation gifts named by will, beneficiary, or remainder trust.

PEF SPRING 2008 MINI-GRANTS

The Pierre Educational Foundation awards mini-grants twice annually. Since the mini-grant program was established in the fall of 1996, over \$92,000 has been awarded to educational programs in the Pierre community.

Applications were due on April 1, 2008, and winners were announced May 1, 2008. The following eleven mini-grants applications were funded:

- \$375.00 to Hope Armstrong at Georgia Morse Middle School for "Embryology Unit." The students were able to view the process of embryonic development up close and personal, creating a real-life experience.
- \$700.00 to Katie Nagle at Central SD RSVP Program for "Reading Buddy Program." This grant will be used for books and training materials. RSVP Volunteers read with students once a week during the school year.
- \$260.00 to Kathy Norwick at McKinley Elementary School for "McKinley Newsletter." This grant will allow for a new digital camera to be purchased for the 5th grade students to use while putting the newsletter together.
- \$1,198.00 to Kathy Cruse and all Pierre Public School Elementary Music Teachers for "Music Map Curriculum Series." The Music Map method is a fun and effective way for young children to learn pre-reading musical notation.
- \$1,208.00 to Denise Harford and Jane Johnson, Washington Elementary School, for "Disk O'Sits." The Disk O'Sits are round inflatable disks with smooth tactile bumps. These allow students to work on postural training and balance activities while seated.
- \$533.70 to Karen Pogany, Jefferson Elementary, for "Kids on the Ball!" Similar to the "Disk O'Sits" grant, balls will be used as chairs in this classroom to increase alertness and sustained concentration, for kinesthetic learning activities, and for exercise breaks.
- \$828.50 to Darlene Braun, St. Joseph School for "Cushions for Kids." Also similar to "Disk O'Sits" and "Kids on the Ball." The proposed cushions mimic these balls because they allow for extra movement that many children require
- \$599.80 to Bob Gill, T.F. Riggs High School, for "Building Computers Using New Components." Each year Bob buys computer components from district funds so the students can build a new computer from scratch. This grant is for a special video card.
- \$1,000.00 to Pam Kean, Occupational Therapy

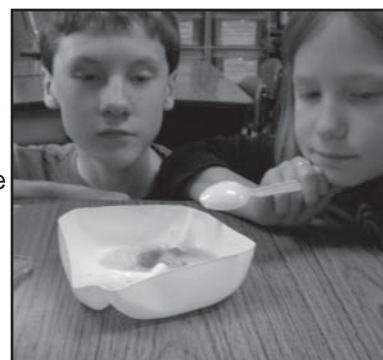
Staff for Pierre Public Schools for "Meeting the 'Sensory Diet' Needs of Students." This grant will expand the tools the Pierre Public Schools will have available to implement sensorimotor strategies in the classroom.

- \$453.37 to Tami Merrill, Georgia Morse Middle School, for "Wii have Power Too!" This grant will purchase a Wii for GMMS since many students are unable to participate in PE due to physical, emotional, and/or mental disabilities.
- \$392.50 to Norm Neilan at the Boys and Girls Club for "SPEED Stacks." Sport stacking helps students develop bilateral proficiency equal performance on both sides of the body.

For more information on the Pierre Educational Foundation's Mini-Grant Program, or for an application, visit our website at www.pierreeducationalfoundation.org.

PAST PEF MINI GRANT

At the end of the 07-08 school year, Hope Armstrong and her sixth grade students at Georgia Morse Middle School in Pierre completed a 3-week unit on embryology. As part of this unit, the students opened up fertilized chicken eggs at various stages of development. The eggs reflected a variety of breeds.



GMMS sixth grade students with a "hands on" embryology experiment provided by a recent PEF mini-grant.

This activity allowed the students to experience first hand the growth progress, that often times is lost in photos. It takes 21 days for a chicken to fully form inside its egg. The sixth graders opened the eggs at day 7-10-14, each time carefully diagramming the inside contents of the egg, including the developing chick. Students worked in groups of 3-4 kids each, in an attempt to allow better involvement and visibility for all. Even though a number of them started out a little squeamish and apprehensive, they were able to overwhelmingly articulate that the entire experience had been fascinating. "Mrs. Armstrong, I'll NEVER forget this as long as I live!" A unit presented strictly from a textbook, couldn't begin to impact their learning, like this activity.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CONTACT INFORMATION

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
900 NORTH POPLAR
(605) 773-7320
PRINCIPAL: KEVIN MUTCHELKNAUS



Jefferson Elementary is a neighborhood school, one of five public elementary schools in the Pierre School District. It is located in the northwestern area of Pierre. Jefferson began as a small, single section, grades 1-5 elementary school in the late 1950's during the construction phase of the Oahe Dam. The school underwent major remodeling in 1986 when the addition of a full gymnasium, 21 classrooms, a library, computer lab, office complex and other support rooms were completed. It now accommodates three sections of each K-5 classroom complemented by a full range of Special Education services. Jefferson receives Title I funding to provide reading support for targeted students and has implemented a successful after-school program as an intervention strategy for students who need a boost with their learning goals.

Jefferson School has a current student population of 400 students in grades K-5 with an additional 35 students attending Special Education Early Childhood sessions each day. The average class size is 21 students and the student body has a 96% attendance rate. Students at Jefferson have consistently done well on standardized tests and efforts to address the needs of each subgroup (of students) are intended to raise all levels of proficiency.

The Jefferson School staff is committed to the challenge of meeting a variety of student needs. We make efforts to offer an "Open Door" to the families and our community as partners to reach high expectations and worthy goals for our students. We rely on parent input and support and will work diligently to earn the trust needed to create a productive partnership. A priority for us is to create the best possible teaching and learning environment for our students and to afford optimal opportunities for their success and development.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

WHAT IS SOMETHING NEW TO JEFFERSON SCHOOL FOR THE 2008 – 2009 SCHOOL YEAR?

Jefferson building leadership team spent time this summer revising our master schedule so as to provide more time for grade level teachers to collaborate. In addition to Principal Kevin Mutchelknaus joining the staff, Jefferson also has three new certified staff members ---Leslea Dobbs will be teaching 3rd grade, Jim Keyes will teach PE and Erin Lindner will be teaching early childhood. Jefferson's new librarian will be Jeanette Thompson, the new custodian will be Tammy Gibbs. They are still in the market for two other aide positions.



Kevin Mutchelknaus,
Jefferson
Principal

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE JEFFERSON SCHOOL?

One challenge for all schools is continuing to meet the requirements of the "No Child Left Behind" act in the area of achievement and yearly progress. As the standard continues to raise it becomes more and more difficult to meet the requirement. Jefferson Elementary, as well as Pierre Public Schools have done very well in meeting this challenge.

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT JEFFERSON SCHOOL?

Each of the Pierre School District elementary schools provide a small school feel in what would be South Dakota standards be a large school district.

REUNION INFORMATION

CLASS OF 1957

50 YEAR REUNION

SEPTEMBER 7 - 9, 2007

WWW.PIERRECLASSOF1957.COM



CLASS OF 1973

35 YEAR REUNION

JULY 4 - 6, 2008

[HTTP://KC048.K12.SD.US/
CLASSOF1973/CLASS73HOME.HTM](http://KC048.K12.SD.US/CLASSOF1973/CLASS73HOME.HTM)



CLASS OF 1963

45 YEAR REUNION

JUNE 27 - 29, 2008

WWW.RIGGSCLASSOF63.COM



CLASS OF 1978

30 YEAR REUNION

JULY 18 - 19, 2008



CLASS OF 1968

40 YEAR REUNION

JULY 4 - 6, 2008

WWW.PIERRECLASSOF68.COM



CLASS OF 1988

20 YEAR REUNION

JUNE 20 - 22, 2008



UPCOMING REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1958 50 YEAR REUNION

September 19, 20 and 21, 2008

For more information, contact Maggie Stageberg, 540-841-5755, rdstageberg@yahoo.com or Gerri Deem, 303-625-3012, gerrideem@comcast.net

CLASS OF 1959 50 YEAR REUNION

September 18 - 20, 2009

For more information, contact Joyce Denise (Thompson) Lantz at dllantz@dakota2k.net or Dick Howard at RichardLHoward@webtv.net.

ALUMNI NEWS

NADINE (HASEK) AMY CLASS OF 1977

Nadine and her husband Jeff, currently reside in Smyrna, GA. They have two daughters, Kristin & Kara and Nadine is an Office Professional with Dow Chemical.

GRAYCE BARTHOLOMEW CLASS OF 1937

Grayce currently resides in Springfield, OR. She has worked in real estate for 30 years and is retiring next year. She has one son, and three grandchildren.

MATT BRAKKE CLASS OF 1996

Matt and his wife Kim, currently reside in Pierre, SD. They have two daughters, Madilyn (3) and their new addition to the family, Claire (7 months). Matt is a Financial Services Professional for New York Life.

SUSAN (ELENBAUM) AND JIM JENSEN CLASS OF 1990

Susan and Jim currently reside in Minot, ND. Susan is employed at Trinity Health Hospital as a Cardiac Sonographer. Jim is employed as Iseman Homes as a service technician. Their daughter Jenna is in 5th grade, and their son Jared is in 3rd grade.

NANCY KELLEY CLASS OF 1988

Nancy currently resides in Omaha. She has two children and is an Assistant Professor of Social Work.

LAURETTA (OLSON) KITCHEN CLASS OF 1936

Lauretta currently resides in Wichita, KS in a retirement home. Her husband, Maynard, passed away in March 2005. They had been married for 66 years. Lauretta is 90 years old and in good health.

JAMES MELLON CLASS OF 1961

Jim and his wife Ronda, currently reside in Mandan, ND. They own a bowling center, and have three children. They are excited about the arrival of another grandchild, Henry James Mellon.

DIANNE (NEWLON) ROISUM CLASS OF 1960

Dianne and her spouse E. Terry currently reside in

Sioux Falls, SD. They have four children and she is a retired RN.

JULIANNE AND WILLIAM THOMAS CLASS OF 1963

Julianne and William currently reside in Cedar Rapids, IA. Julianne is a Pediatrician and William is a Judge.

FRANK TUCKER CLASS OF 1956

Frank currently resides in Southern California. He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel and the Commander of the VFW post in Dana Point, CA. He recently wrote an article for the Dana Point News and arranged for Ambassador Al-Bayati, the Iraqi Ambassador to the UN and Deputy President of the UN General Assembly, to speak to approximately 300 Marines at Camp Pendleton and to several VFW and American Legion posts in Southern CA in February.

STEVEN TUSA CLASS OF 1951

Steven and his wife Kathleen currently reside in Brainerd, MN. They have four children and he is retired from his career with the railroad.

IN MEMORIAM

Edward Clinton, Class of 1962
John Roy Ernst, Class of 1941
John Tipps Hamilton, Class of 1951
Judy (Hartwell) Ove, Class of 1956
Robert W. Spaid, Class of 1951
Mansfield Williams, Class of 1933

MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED BY PEF IN MEMORY OF

Lee Ackerman
William Barber
Wileta Hawkins
Ann Huber

WHAT IS NEW WITH YOU?

Submit your update online on the PEF website (www.pierreeducationalfoundation.org) or fill out the "Alumni Update Form" on the back of this newsletter to see your Alumni Update in the next issue of the Governor News, Winter 2008.

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ALUMNI UPDATE FORM

NEW! You can also submit your alumni update online at
www.pierreeducationalfoundation.org

***This update will be published in the next issue of the Governor News.
Please send your update, even if you are unable to make a contribution to PEF at this time.***

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What is new with you? (Please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper)

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