



Tigard-Tualatin Schools Foundation NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our community's commitment to public education in both Tigard and Tualatin has been very obvious over the years I have lived in the area. I'm so proud of the new Tualatin Elementary School, progress on the Tualatin High School Tech Wing, and remodel of Tigard High School. Most recently I stopped in at Alberta Ryder Elementary School and briefly felt sadness that my children are no longer in elementary school.

Under the surface, beyond the visuals, I am privileged to see the unsung heroes in the lives of our children. Every day there are e-mails, phone calls, conversations and meetings with parent and other community volunteers positively impacting the lives of children in our community. They are helping children read; collecting blankets for our needier neighbors; and providing financial support through time consuming fundraising activities.

I have also seen a dramatic increase in financial support for Tigard-Tualatin Schools Foundation. We have many profitable corporate donation programs for which we are grateful. We have the constant and ever increasing flow of corporate matching funds and businesses donating items for auctions. We have volunteers giving their scarce and precious time to plan successful events and programs and individual donors confident in our mission who donate their hard earned money to our non-profit schools foundation.

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PHONATHON February 27 – March 2 6-9pm Answer the Call

The 3rd annual Tigard-Tualatin Schools Foundation Phonathon will be held February 27 - March 2, 2006 from 6-9pm each night. As the leading fundraising organization for our schools, the Foundation brings parents and community together to provide educators and resources for district students. The week long Phonathon is our primary outreach to the community. All proceeds from this event will be used to hire additional educators for our district schools.

We want to thank everyone who generously supported our campaign in the past. In 2004-2005, each of the district's 14 schools received on average, a half time educator; the equivalent of 7 full time instructional positions were funded by the Foundation. Our goal for 2006 is to raise \$200,000 from this event. When you receive our call, please give generously. Remember, every dollar helps, big or small, and our goal is to have 100% participation in our community.

Volunteers are needed during the event to process pledges and make phone calls. If you can help, please contact your school principal or one of the Phonathon co-chairs Maureen Wolf at 503-579-0001 or Dana Terhune at 503-612-1664. Let's make 2006 a year to remember! ♦

AUCTION/ DINNER Friday, May 12, 2006 6:30 – 10:00pm Wilsonville Holiday Inn

SAVE THE DATE! Come and join us for this year's annual dinner/auction. We're looking forward to a sit down dinner, fabulous silent and live auctions, and of course, our fun filled raffles. Look for more information coming your way. ♦

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To all of you, and on behalf our Tigard-Tualatin Schools Foundation Board and the 12,000 students we serve, I say thank you. As we proceed with our Phonathon, Auction, and Garden Tour and Art Show, I hope you will continue to support our efforts to bring more educators into our schools.

Sincerely,
Susan S. Morelli
President, Tigard-Tualatin Schools Foundation ♦

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

The Foundation manages the distribution of several college scholarships for district graduating seniors. These scholarships are the result of bequests by local community members to the district. Applications will be available in Tigard and Tualatin High School Guidance Centers on January 16th, 2006.

Applications will be available for the following scholarships:

Larry Hibbard Memorial Scholarship (est. 1995)
20th Century Academy student; \$500, for any accredited school.

Leonard & Juanita Pohl Scholarship (est. 1994)
Girl and boy TuHS students; \$500 each, for Oregon community college or trade school (not computer science).

Kim Birk Scholarship (est. 1997)
TuHS student; \$500, for any school.

Johnnie Kohler Scholarship (est. 2003)
THS or TuHS student; \$500, for any school, science or veterinary medicine major.

Bula Buck Arveson Scholarship (est. 2003)
THS or TuHS student; \$500, for any school, education major.

Tigard-Tualatin Schools Foundation (est. 1993)
One THS and one TuHS student; \$500 each, state of Oregon 4-year university or community college.

Recipients will be announced in June. For more information contact Jennifer Brown at 503-431-4000 or jbrown@ttsd.k12.or.us. ♦

Seeding Our Future Garden Tour and Art Show June 24, 2006



Ten fabulous private gardens, located throughout Tigard and Tualatin, have been chosen for the first annual **Seeding Our Future** Garden Tour and Art Show. The varied selection will offer everyone a day of enjoyment, inspiration and beauty. Tickets for the garden tour will go on sale in April.

The day's activities will include several free events at Durham Elementary School. The public is invited to view and purchase works by selected Portland-area artists at the Garden Art Show. Volunteers will conduct tours of the school garden to illustrate the educational benefits gardens provide to students. The school will also host a raffle, refreshments and musical entertainment.

If you would like to volunteer for this fun-filled day (gardening experience is not required), please call the foundation at 503-431-4024 to leave a message for Becky Hurd or Lisa Albert, or email lisa_albert@hotmail.com. In addition, please contact us if you would like to purchase tickets or to have your garden considered for the 2007 tour. ♦

What is the Tigard-Tualatin Schools Foundation?

The mission of the Tigard-Tualatin Schools Foundation (TTSF) is to recognize and encourage academic achievement through support of education in the Tigard-Tualatin School District. Founded in 1991, the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, independent from the district. The Foundation operates with its own Board of Directors comprised of volunteer community leaders committed to supporting Tigard-Tualatin public schools. Board meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Boardroom of the Larry Hibbard Administration Center on Sandburg Street. The public is welcome to attend. ♦

MEET YOUR FOUNDATION EDUCATORS

The Foundation has donated funds to the Tigard-Tualatin School District during the 2005/2006 school year to fund the hiring of Foundation Educators. These individuals teach in the classroom and work one-on-one with students to help them achieve in reading, math and other subjects.

- Alberta Rider** – Liz Grun - reading
Bridgeport – Mary Calder, Terrie Petersen - math
Byrom – Marie Shocklass, Sandy Hinds - literacy
C.F. Tigard – Pam Jensen, Heidi Lemieux, Lauri Portwood
Deer Creek – Vanessa Foster, Mary Schuh, Arzi Shinn, Sandee Backes, Pam Porcello, Jeanine Traynor, Dave Whitcher – literacy and math
Durham – Tami Stevens – 1st grade assistant; Teresa Chamberlain – reading
Metzger – writing teacher
Templeton – Abby Brown - math
Tualatin – Janice Stripling – after school arts program coordinator
Woodward – Jan Finn, Leslie Scheurich, Julie Gress, Raquel Stateler - reading
Fowler MS – Becky Hocker - band
Hazelbrook MS – Karen Fitzgerald – instructional asst.
Twality MS – Gina Malamphy - reading
Tigard HS – Kara Alexander – child development program instructor
Tualatin HS – Kat Toms – school to work coordinator ♦

CARING COMMUNITY

Caring Community was the beneficiary of a Washington Square Mall Friends and Family Discount Shopping Day. Tickets containing discount coupons to mall retailers were sold, with the charity keeping all the proceeds. In all \$1,350 was raised from the event.

The Caring Community fund helps disadvantaged children in our school district when recommended by their teachers, counselors, or principals. During this school year 305 district students have been helped and 28 holiday food baskets were delivered to district families.

Located in the old Tualatin Elementary School at 19945 SW Boones Ferry Rd, Tualatin, the Caring Closet provides new and used clothing to students. For more information or to make a donation contact Marilyn Hassmann at 503-603-1577. Students, parents, community organizations and business are always welcome to help!

Items Needed:

- Grade school size clothing.
- All sizes (husky also) of clothing, especially pants.
- Tennis shoes - all sizes but especially grade school.
- Jackets—all sizes!!!

Thank You:

- Special thanks to Boy Scout troop number 530 from Tualatin. They are ALWAYS there to help!!
- Washington Square Mall.
- Key Clubs of Tigard and Tualatin High schools. ♦

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YES! I WANT TO HELP OUR KIDS SUCCEED

\$50 \$100 Other \$ _____ Make checks payable to **Tigard-Tualatin Schools Foundation (TTSF)**

All donations are 100% tax deductible. Federal Tax ID # 94-3148515.
 Be sure to include your company's matching gift form.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____
Phone _____ **Email** _____

- My gift should be listed as anonymous.
- Please contact me. I wish to volunteer.
- I prefer to be contacted by mail.
- I would like information on how to include the TTSF in my Estate Plans.
- I would like to receive more information about TTSF.

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FOUNDATION WISH LIST

With so many talented individuals in our community, do you have a skill, gift, or just time to help out? Contact the Foundation at 503-431-4024 and ask how you can help. It could be a one-time effort or an ongoing commitment. The Foundation is in immediate need of the following help:

Phonathon – Volunteers are needed evenings Feb. 27-March 2 to process pledges and make phone calls. If you can help, please contact one of the Phonathon co-chairs Maureen Wolf at 503-579-0001 or Dana Terhune at 503-612-1664.

Seeding Our Future Garden Tour and Art Show – Volunteers are needed to help the day of the event. No garden experience necessary, just bring your enthusiasm and be prepared to have fun. Contact the Foundation office if you would like to join us for this fun event.

Monthly Garden Work Party – Durham Elementary School garden. Help get the garden into shape for the spring garden tour. The garden is also seeking donations of rhododendrons, azaleas, evergreens, lilac, or anything that can be planted in the winter. Contact Rhoda Culin at 503-330-6528 or email at r.culin@comcast.net. ♦