



# Boise Public Schools Education Foundation

## *KEEP THE SKY THEIR LIMIT*

Winter 2009

### *Save the Dates!*

The dates for the summer 2010 **Movies Under the Stars** have been set. Mark your calendars for

- June 19<sup>th</sup>
- July 17<sup>th</sup>
- August 21<sup>st</sup>

### *Fundraising Update*

We are over half way to your \$250,000 goal. To date, we have raised \$149,000!

## S.A.F.E. in Our Schools

Beginning this school year, S.A.F.E. (Student Aid Fund for Emergencies) was launched in the Boise School District. The S.A.F.E. program has a very simple and far-reaching goal, to provide emergency funds to help students with basic needs. The S.A.F.E. program provides for things like school supplies, doctors visits, shoes, class fees, counseling and groceries – basic needs to keep kids in school.

Students qualify for funds based on economic need. “Over the last year, we have seen a marked increase of students operating at near-homelessness, who don’t qualify for any special federal assistance. That is why this fund is so important, to catch the kids falling through the cracks,” states Sandy Rumpel, Counseling Supervisor for the Boise School District.

The S.A.F.E. program is running at each of the 53 schools in the Boise School District. At every school, counselors and social workers work with a team who assesses need, looks at all community resources and responds to a student’s specific need.

To date, with a \$20,000 **Teacher Grant Award** from the Boise Public Schools Education Foundation, over \$25,000 has been raised to fund the S.A.F.E. program. Since

September, almost \$16,000 has already been used to assist students and their families.

“S.A.F.E. funds are awesome, because there are few restrictions on what the funds can be used for, this helps us to meet the “real” emergency needs. This fund has been a life saver this year for many.” says Linda Hoalst, a Social Worker in the Boise School District.

For one family, a thermometer and Tylenol were purchased for children who were home ill. Hoalst has also used S.A.F.E. funds to assist with a mother’s cell phone bill, so she could begin a job search. Within two days of turning her phone on she found a job, the family stayed in their home and the students continued school without any interruptions. These small amounts of assistance have big impacts on students and their families in need. 🍎



## Keep Climbing at Whitney Elementary



With the opening of the new Whitney Elementary building this fall, P.E. Specialist Steve Morgan, applied for and received a \$5,000 **Teacher Grant Award** from the Boise Public Schools Education Foundation to

purchase a 12’ X 28’ climbing wall, safety padding for the gymnasium floors and walls and all necessary safety gear to be worn by students.

The climbing wall is being used by every class at Whitney as part of their physical education and health curriculums. Not only does climbing work students physically, it requires concentration, teamwork and creative thinking. “The students love it....we have 419 kids here at Whitney and all of them want to try it. Some are able to move easily, while others take a couple of turns to get use to the wall and figure out how to maneuver,” states Morgan. “We are teaching Whitney kids values of working as a team – positive self worth, unity, compassion, friendship and school pride.” 🍎

***We would like to thank our growing list of  
2009/2010 campaign donors!***

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for your  
support!*

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