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ALEXANDER PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

DEDICATED TO ENHANCING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALEXANDER STUDENTS



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READY FOR A NIGHT OUT? OCTOBERFEST IS COMING!

Our biggest fundraising event of the year is fast approaching, so mark your calendars! The 4th annual Foundation Night Out "Oktoberfest" will be held on Friday, October 27th at 6:30pm at the Alexander Fire Hall. We provide an exciting night for the community to gather and enjoy themselves with dinner, live music, and silent and live auctions in the spirit of Comet Pride. All funds raised this year will go toward developing student scholarships, as well as providing grant opportunities for academic programs and professional development.

Tickets are available at the Alexander School office. If you are interested in donating items or talents for the auctions, or becoming a sponsor of the event, please contact LaShell at (701)770-6317. Hope to see you there!



A New Playground for a New Generation

In 2016, the Foundation Night Out fundraiser (previously known as the Ball) worked toward raising funds to help purchase several new pieces of playground equipment. The old wooden play set that many of us alumni grew up with had seen better days, and needed to be replaced. With the help of our generous community and supporters, we were able to help buy and install new playground structures for the students, including a new merry-goround, swing set, climbing nets, and a zip-line. Now recess is still the favorite time of the day!





BAND PROGRAM IS MAKING A COMEBACK

After the successful Oktoberfest Night Out fundraiser in March 2017, the Foundation was pleased to award a grant in the amount of \$3500 to our music teacher, Mrs. Robyn Heck, to help with the process of building the Alexander Band Program. Mrs. Heck used the funds to buy a variety of equipment essential to the band program. Purchases included a starter drum set, concert bass drum, snares and drum sticks, instrument cleaning kits and repair supplies, a tuner, and various other band equipment. Band is now offered starting in the 5th grade, and the program will progress as students move through the grades. We look forward to hearing the Alexander Band perform one day in the very near future!

COMET PRIDE! - ALEXANDER SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Alexander Comets are back and better than ever! In 2015, the APSF held our first ever fundraiser, and the profits helped to get the Comet football program going once more. It was a proud moment, and Comet pride has made a big comeback in both the school and the community! Crowds fill the new gym and the football field sidelines to cheer on our Comet sports teams. Students look forward to trying out their athletic skills in a variety of sports offerings, including wrestling, basketball, football & volleyball.

Students enter Comet school athletics with the option of tackle football (4th-12th), volleyball (5th-12th), basketball (4th-12th) and wrestling (7th-12th). There are also options for students in earlier grades, such as flag football and pee wee wrestling offered through club organizations outside of the school. Alexander also is in a co-op program with Williston for softball (7th-12th), track (7th-12th) and baseball (7th-12th).



THE FOUNDATION'S MISSION - WHAT WE DO

The Alexander Public School Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the learning opportunities for Alexander students, for today and for many generations to come. This is accomplished by engaging the community in fundraising, and by providing a way for generous supporters to give all types of assets and charitable plans for the benefit of education at Alexander School. It also provides donors with a way to make tax-deductible donations to benefit the Alexander School District. We are partnered with the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF), who provides committee training, gift processing and tax receipting, money management, and marketing and fundraising support. We exist solely to lend our support in keeping Alexander Public School a great place to learn, for today and for the future.



STATEMENT OF APSF FUNDS

Donations Received Since Inception Funded Projects Admin Costs (fundraisers, communications, etc) Foundation Cash Balance as of 9/25/17 \$122,960.25 (98,500) (12,225.99) \$12,234.26

THANK YOU DONORS!

The special projects funded by the Foundation are only possible because of your donations. We truly cannot thank our donors enough! Listed below are recent individual and business donors who have helped to make our Foundation, and our last Night Out fundraiser, a success:

Larry & Linda Heen LaShell & Lee Tjelde Karen Shaide Mary Johnshon Kline Family Dentistry Jenna Wahlstrom **B&B Sales** Highway Lounge Art Works Larsen Service Drug **Bobcat**

Wolla Oilfield Services Williston ARC

Ed & Mary Rettig Kathy Johnson Jim Fixen Janet Schooley Ace Waterline Service Jil Hackey Sew by Sara

Bluffs Edge Jewelry Cedar Ridge Birdhouses Hangin' Heart Beadwork Lonnie's Roadhouse Arletta's Boutique

American State Bank Williston

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TJ's Toast and Jams Party Central Shirtworx

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Ben & Janelle Anderson Shelly Haugen Barb Jacobson Indian Hill Electric Fisher Orthodontics Centerfire Welding Inc. Soothing Touch Massage Just Teez'n Hair Salon Western Family Decorations Tractor Supply Sidney Alexander Wrestling Club

Buffalo Wild Wings Alexander Students, Teachers, and Staff!

Many Ways to Support the Alexander Public School Foundation

SPECIAL NORTH DAKOTA TAX CREDIT!! - If you give at least \$5,000 to the APSF Endowment Fund, you may be eligible for a 40% state tax

OUTRIGHT GIFTS - Simple and convenient way to receive maximum tax advantage. Money, securities, or appreciated property may be transferred to APSF and the donor receives a tax deduction based on the value at the time of transfer. The donor will not be subject to capital gains tax on any appreciation. Other types of gifts, such as agricultural products or cattle are also accepted.

LIFE INSURANCE/RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS - An easy process that has no impact on your current financial situation. By naming the Foundation as the irrevocable beneficiary of a life insurance policy, donors are entitled to an immediate tax deduction in the out of the cash value of the policy.

BEQUEST - A promise to give property or money after your death, which potentially saves substantial estate tax and support the school for years to

DEFERRED GIFTS - Deferred gifts provide a lifetime income to the donor or designee. Upon death, the residue of the gift becomes property of the NDCF for the APSF.

*John Heinen of the North Dakota Community Foundation can answer any questions at (701)590-4619.

DONATION / INFORMATION FORM ~ Yes, I am interested in supporting the Alexander Public School Foundation	
Enclosed is my Contribution of: \$This gift is in memory of honor of (optional)	Please make check payable to "Alexander Public School Foundation" or "APSF".
 Donating non-cash assets (e.g. stock, a car, life insurance, or retirement accounts) Life Income Charitable Gift Annuities / Trusts Including the Alexander Public School Foundation in my will The ND 40% income tax credit for gifts to qualified endowment funds 	Mail donation form and check to NDCF, PO Box 387, Bismarck, ND 58502-0387. You can also donate online at www.NDCF.net. Write "APSF" on the Fund Name line. Thank you!
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