

What's the Buzz?

January/February

Newsletter

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Record Number of Grant Requests for 549 Family

The 2006-2007 school year has yielded 18 grant requests from all 4 district buildings so far. Nine of them highlighted in the last newsletter can be viewed on our website anytime at www.549family.com. Here are a few more... **PHS Science Research Team** has funding to compete in several Science-based competitions where students present their research and data to local, state and nationwide audiences. This is a strong academic experience that encourages students to pursue possible careers in the fields of science and engineering. **PHS Mass Media Class** has funding to expose students to a variety of high school, college and commercial broadcasting facilities and to see quality, award-winning journalism in action. Students are able to explore a wide spectrum of possible career paths involving media. **PHS Sewfast Class** has funding to complete a quilting project. Quilting has been a traditional hobby of this area for generations, so the sewing class will have this opportunity to learn this lifelong art to pass along to many generations to come. **A Special Prom** takes place each year around prom time for people with special needs from several area communities. This inspiring event has become an intergenerational, social outlet for students to interact and learn from people of all ages. **The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar** has been supported by 549 Family for several years. It's designed to prepare the selected sophomores to become more effective, ethical leaders in their school and community. **Camp Confidence** is an outdoor experience in Baxter, MN. 4th graders take part in activities in small groups lead by trained counselors, meeting graduation standards for Science. The program provides great exposure to activities many students would not otherwise experience. They will also do several reflective activities after they return to the classroom. **Congratulations to all the students for these opportunities made possible by the members and sponsors of the 549 Family Foundation.**

LOCAL WRITERS WANTED

To share in Writers' Conference: Novel and short story writers, poets, illustrators, song writers, sports writers, and writers of all kinds. We are seeking your help! Writers willing to share their love of writing with small groups of excited Prairie Wind Middle School's 7th & 8th grade writers are needed on Feb. 12th.

PWMS will be hosting a writer's conference. Minnesota author Bill Durbin (*Broken Blade*, *Wintering*, *The Journal of C.J. Jackson*, *Song of Sampo Lake*) will be the featured speaker. If you are interested in sharing your love of writing with energetic young writers, please email

dglynn@perham.k12.mn.us for more information.

Thank you!

Dear 549 family,
Thank you for the money
to go to the MSUM college.
I enjoyed the play Rumpel
stiltskin. That was one of
the best plays I have ever
seen. It's very nice of you
to let us go there.
you are very kind.

Love Olivia (Strand)
(daughter of Julie Roberts
and Foster Strand)

2nd Grade

HAVING A REUNION?

549 Family has a website page to help reach those hard to find classmates! Many people find our website from our link on the Perham-Dent District home page. If your class is planning a reunion this year, or you know who might be organizing a reunion; please have them contact us to get the information posted and available. 549 Family is alumni and family based, so we'd be excited to assist reunion committees as much as they need. Please call 347-0549 or e-mail info@549family.com.

TAX SEASON

Another REASON!!

Many people are looking for a worthy cause to support at this time of the year. If you're from this district and you want to donate to a cause that will have everlasting impact, check out the 549 Family Foundation. We are here to support and enhance the education needs of the youth in our hometown and we need your help. Please check with your tax accountant to discover the many options available for your charitable giving.

Membership Listing

The Hive Sign at PWMS currently reflects the membership of 2005-2006. Each summer, the board is updated to reflect the past school year's participating members. Current-year members are also honored in the program at the annual Gala the end of March. Don't risk missing that and getting stung from the Hive Sign this summer. Please don't forget to send in your membership before March 1st!!
Join us in the HIVE!
Thank you for your support!

PHS Student Council Giving Back!

After the first Dodgeball tournament held back in November by the PHS Student Council and hearing about the great time had by all, it seems the student body is clamoring for the SC to have another one so they have another chance to join the fun!

The PHS Student Council plans to hold their spring DB tourney on March 9th with all proceeds going to support 549 Family. The hope is to have organizations such as FOCUS and LIONS clubs all sponsor teams so it can be a community-wide family night of fun! The administration/staff had teams last time! Is there a challenge out there to meet them on the court? Call 346-1500 for information on how to register a team for just \$50.!! After all, who can't play Dodgeball? You yeller?

PHS Interact Students Want YOU!

On March 16th, at 7pm, the students of Interact are having a Community Talent Show at the PHS Auditorium! Any American Idol wanna-beez want a shot at being a Perham-Idol? But singing is only one option. Whatever your talent may be, be it one person or a group, from magic to juggling, they want to see your act! They will have judges and *cash prizes!!* Call 346-1500 for details.

The proceeds for this event will also go to support 549 Family. If anyone is interested in helping out the kids with this event, they will be needing judges, ushers, ticket takers and a couple other things the night of the action. Just call 346-1500 or 347-0549 to let us know. Thanks!

The 3rd Annual Honey Bee Gala Approaches

You are cordially invited to join the festivities on March 31st at the "Honey Bee Gala – An Investment in Youth" held at Mulligan's Pub & Eatery. The evening celebrates academia and successes of the Perham-Dent school district including recognition for educational "investments" by area volunteers, students and district staff members. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, musical talents of district students, a wonderful dinner, student displays, a silent auction and a program including an alumni speaker and lots of relaxed fun! Last year, we got carried away with the time, but this year, we'll make it "just right" and fabulous! Tickets will go on sale March 9, 2007

549 Family Members: Advanced \$20.00 At the door \$30.00.

Non-549 Family Members: Advanced \$30.00 At the door \$40.00.

If you have a unique silent auction item you'd like to donate, please give us a call! We'd love to include it!

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