

What's the Buzz?

Fall 2007 Newsletter

549 Family Foundation
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Fall '07 GRANTS TO PERHAM-DENT

PHS Science Department: The science department is reaping the benefit of technology called "Real Time Assessment Using Personal Response Systems". Using infrared wireless transmitters, all students can answer questions and record their answers with a click of a button. Results are instantly charted and displayed for "real time" student feedback and lesson refinement. Teachers can immediately assess where there are points of a lesson that need to be re-taught according to the response. Also, students feel less inhibited in the classroom and they immediately know if they are giving correct answers. Class comprehension can be gauged as a group or for particular individuals. The applications and benefits of this technology are fantastic! \$2000.00 grant.

PHS GIS Environmental Field Research: Students will become proficient in GIS/GPS research, working with governmental agencies in the following projects: Prairie Wildflower Restoration Project, Perham Wellhead Protection Program, Perham Firewise Project, Eyes on Wildlife. The kids have the opportunity to work with equipment and processes our school could never afford and work with community and professionals to do authentic research. \$1000.00 grant.

HOTL/DENT 2nd Graders: Students will attend a play at MSUM and visit the planetarium. The students use the experience in their classroom work developing their interpretation, writing and storyline skills. Also provides exposure to the performance arts. \$400.00 grant.

HOTL/DENT 2nd Graders: In the spring of 2008, the 2nd graders will again make the trip to the Mississippi Headwaters at Itasca Park. The entire day is a study of environmental sciences, learning the impact people have on our ecosystem. They also envision the historical significance of the area to Minnesota and the country. The students keep nature journals on their trip. Back in the classroom, the students construct large murals detailing their experiences and what it meant to them. Science and History classes use the trip for many discussions, helping the students realize the importance of good decisions for their futures. \$700.00 grant.

PHS Sewfast Quilting: Students learn about the tradition of quilt making and its significance to generations of the past. Through the use of sewing gadgets old and new, the students follow patterns to construct and problem-solve through designing their own quilt. \$850.00 grant.

HOTL/DENT 4th Graders: Camp Confidence is a one-day Outdoor Winter Experience with diverse team-building activities. They gain knowledge from college-educated counselors in the areas of environment, snowshoeing, orienteering, wildlife, and winter survival. \$700.00 grant.

PHS FFA National Convention: Students present and receive recognition for interdisciplinary projects involving agriculture, science, leadership and public speaking at a national level. They also attend leadership workshops and a career fair that includes major businesses, corporations and colleges from all over the United States. \$30.00 per student attending granted.

549 Family is supported by area businesses through fundraiser sponsorships each year. We'd like to recognize these businesses and say **'THANK YOU for the support you give our school all year around!'** Listed below are the top financial supporters of 549 Family during the '06-'07 year. Please support these businesses and thank them for their generosity! Stay tuned for more sponsors to be listed in the Winter newsletter!

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7 cents a day – that's all it takes to support the students of Perham-Dent through 549 Family. \$0.07 per day, \$2.08 per month or \$25.00 for a whole year! Now, you may think that's too little to make a difference, but it'll make a **BIG** difference when it's combined with the 7 cents of all the other people who want to make a difference for Perham-Dent students. That's why every member is very important to 549 Family and why everyone is asked to take part in this community-wide effort!

On a spring trip to the Mississippi Headwaters funded by 549 Family, 2nd graders sat on the river's bank, spellbound by the stories of its discovery and history, imaging the explorers coming around the bend of the river. They learned of how beneficial the Mississippi River is to Minnesota right there in an awesome outdoor "classroom". Upon their return, their discussions revealed that they learned much more. They were amazed by how interconnected our world is, and how their decisions they make now can affect the future for everyone around them. They learned this lesson from a river bank.

Last year, **EVERY** K-12 student in Perham-Dent benefited from **AT LEAST ONE** 549 Family grant, most benefited from 2 or 3 grants and some benefited from even more. **Together**, we can be an example of **HOPE** for other districts of MN to show what can happen when a community truly works together. Our world is interconnected and the decisions we make **NOW** will affect the future for everyone... yours, ours and theirs.

PLEASE CALL AND JOIN THE HIVE TODAY!

*It's **BLEACHER** season, a big **Pain** in the...**BACK!!***

*Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball, Wrestling, Gymnastics, Boys' Swimming...so guess you'll be sitting on those plank bleachers what...90 to 100 hours this year...**PER SPORT???** How about a comfortable cushion with a **BACKREST** so while your screaming, those lower back muscles aren't **SCREAMING** back at you? These will last **MANY** seasons into the future! Sturdy canvas covered, lightweight, and oh, so comfortable! Call 347-0549, only \$20.00 while supplies last!!! **WOW!***

PHS Alumni News:

Item #1: The 549 Family Foundation is the PHS Alumni Assn. Each year classes planning class reunions contact us regarding help to locate classmates. We have an old PHS graduate listing which is non-911 addressed and increasingly outdated. We would like to bring this list current so we can better assist your searching classmates. Also, more and more alumni express interest in receiving PHS news, so this will help find others who may enjoy those updates about their alma mater. If your class has had a class reunion within the past 5-6 years, it would be genuinely appreciated if you would please send 549 Family your most current contact list. These lists will NOT be published in print or on our website. Over time, they will receive information about the alumni association and will be given the opportunity to request PHS news bulletins. We are currently searching for all 1998, 1988, 1983, 1978, 1968, 1958 and 1948 graduates for summer 2008 reunions.

Item #2: Beginning in our next WTB Newsletter, we would like to post YOUR news. In a feature called "Class Notes", we will include *news from PHS alumni*. Your classmates want to know what you've been up to, or about events in your life. Please submit your update to: info@549family.com or send through our snail-mail address. Be sure to include your year of graduation and your name at that time, and we'll spread the word for you!



549 Family sponsors the Cartridges for Kids program for the Perham-Dent school district AND the Box Tops program at PWMS.

This money is spent on things like reimbursing teachers for some of their classroom expenses, prizes for kids, field trips, reading incentives, supplies for some science experiments, bare books for future authors, poetry books & more!

One phone call from you. That's it! No cost, no hidden fee, no add-on to your bill!

The generous people of Arvig Communication Systems give the 549 Family Foundation ONE DOLLAR each month you're an ACS Internet Customer. They give 549 Family TWO DOLLARS each month you're a *SpeedLINE* customer. They give 549 Family TEN DOLLARS with a new internet connection. They give when you enroll!

- #1. CALL 346-4227 Customer Service**
- #2. Tell them to add your account to the Internet School Partnership Program giving to 549 FAMILY!**
- #3. Done!**

Drop off your empty computer ink cartridges at:

Any ISD549 school building
Perham Area Chamber office
Either Perham Arvig building
Farmers State Bank/Dent

Perham Printing & Office
United Comm. Bank/Perham
Carr's Market in Ottertail
Vergas State Bank

Find out what cartridges are accepted at: www.cartridgesforkids.com

Drop off your Box Tops at:

Any ISD549 school office to the attention of 549 Family.

Find a listing of all the products that carry box tops at: www.boxtops4education.com

Honey Bee Gala

March 29, 2008; Mulligan's Pub & Eatery

Dear 549 Family members,

You are cordially invited to take part in the planning of the 4th Annual Honey Bee Gala. The planning committee meets for ONE hour on 3 dates. Planning is fun and light with so many people involved! You're welcome to join us!

Meeting #1 Brainstorm Jan. 7th

Meeting #2 Details Feb. 4th

Meeting #3 Finalize Mar. 6th

Time and place to be announced. Please e-mail Jo Strege at mjaj@eot.com or call 347-0549.

THANK YOU!

Is Uncle Sam going to take a big chunk out of you on April 15th? Lower that bill with a tax-deductible donation to the 549 Family Foundation. If you have to pay it anyway, why not keep it local!

There are several options that can save you tax dollars with donations to non-profits. Talk to your accountant and support the ISD #549 schools with a gift to 549 Family.

**Strong schools,
strong communities,
strong future!**

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the members who have renewed their memberships for the 2007-2008 school year! We have most renewals back and several new members so far. If you haven't returned your renewal yet, reminders will be sent out mid-November. We don't want to lose you! It's not too late for all those wishing to begin their membership to send their donation of at least \$25.00 to our snail-mail address. Welcome to our commitment to rally for our kids' education! It takes the entire village!

These community people have given \$1000.00 or more as members of 549 Family!

David & Holley Arvig	ACS	Dean & Rhonda Bahls
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Thank you for your generosity and support, Founding & Lifetime Members!!

Board position opening as of Jan. 1, 2008, please call for consideration!

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