

Foundation Honors Senior Scholars, Parents

The mission of the Fremont Public School Foundation is to support the Fremont Public Schools by:

- ★ Raising funds to support programs for the enhancement and enrichment of public education, which would not be possible through local tax funds.
- ★ Recognizing excellence in Public Education.
- ★ Enhancing the quality of education for all students.
- ★ Reinforcing positive relations within the community.
- ★ Enriching the quality of life for the Fremont Community.



Governor Dave Heineman addresses students, parents and mentors at the Academic Achievement Banquet. Heineman told the students "We couldn't be more proud of you, your parents, your mentors and this community we call home."

Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman was the featured speaker for the 5th annual Fremont Public School Foundation Academic Achievement Banquet, held April 19th at the Midland College Dining Hall. Fifty members of the class of 2009 were honored for their commitment to learning. The honored students have achieved a minimum 3.75 grade point average in selected academically rigorous coursework, and were scheduled to graduate cum laude with high distinction.

Heineman told the students "Because of you, we know our future is very, very bright. We couldn't be more proud of you, your parents, your mentors and this community we call home."

Each honored student also selected a teacher-mentor to be honored for their contributions to the student's success. Dan Cox, a high school English teacher commented that "It's one of the greatest honors I receive." ★



Honored members of the class of 2009 with Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman.

From the Executive Director's Desk



Dr. David Pinkall,
Executive Director

A busy spring was again highlighted by the appearance of Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman as guest speaker for the Fremont Public School Foundation's 5th annual Academic Achievement Banquet. This event has clearly become one of the signature events for the Foundation. It honors the efforts of students, parents and teachers who work together to help students achieve at an extraordinary level. Governor Heineman's appearance at the banquet always brings an extra air of excitement and credibility to what is a wonderfully positive evening. For me, it is an event that confirms that our Foundation is headed the right direction, firmly rooted in the notion of assisting our schools to do what they do best, and then recognizing when they do. My dream as Executive Director of this Foundation is that we will continue to grow and do even more for our schools. It is very clear to me that supporting quality education for the "next generation" is one of the most powerful and lasting things we can do for our children, our community, our nation and our world. ★

★ Fremont Public Schools ★ Prepare for Growth ★ Fall Bond Issue Planned

Signs of coming growth are apparent. Classroom space needs for 2009-2010 bear out this belief, and with the knowledge that the growth projected during the 2000 bond issue has taken place on schedule, the Fremont Public Schools Board of Education on April 21, 2008 voted to provide to voters a plan for meeting the present and future needs of the District to as far out as 2015. Enrollment projections indicate that district enrollment will grow by approximately 600 students over the next 7 to 10 years, creating the need for additional instructional space at all levels. The original election date of April 2009 was moved to the fall of 2009 due largely to prevailing economic conditions.

The plan, known as Phase II, has been under study and development since the last bond issue passed in 2000, and continues the process of maintaining current facilities, and allowing for the orderly absorption of new growth in the District. Phase II calls for the following:

- *Take down the old two-story section at Linden and replace it with single-level structure of approximately 15,000 square feet and replace the boiler. The plan retains the existing single story structure and additions to Linden approved in 2000. The proposal will add to the existing single-story sections of the school.*
- *Add 7,500 square feet of space to Clarmar, remodel space for student services, upgrade the media center, replace the boiler unit and improve the front entry area.*
- *Improve the front entry areas of Grant, Howard and Washington schools.*
- *Build a new facility of approximately 98,000 square feet for grades 5 and 6.*
- *Add approximately 11 classrooms and a commons area to the high school totaling approximately 23,000 square feet. Remodel the Family and Consumer Science classrooms/lab.*

It remains the district's intent to finance the proposed plan **without raising the tax levy in the debt service fund**. It is anticipated that the construction will provide adequate facilities to 2010 to 2015, depending on the District's rate of growth. The addition of the 5/6 center will create space in every elementary building and the current middle school, thereby avoiding the cost-prohibitive issue of adding space to all schools and building a new one as well. The proposed plan will require fewer boundary adjustments than other possible solutions and open up as many as 15 classrooms in the existing elementary schools and as nearly as many at the existing middle school for additional growth. ★



"Write Offs" provided music for a fun evening.

Foundation Dance Aids Technology Project

There will be additional new technology in FPS Classrooms this fall as a result of the efforts of Foundation Board members and the local Fremont Band "The Write Offs." Band members donated their talents for the evening of May 9. The dance, held in the Midland Lutheran College Events Center, drew a nice crowd of FPS supporters. Band members include Blake Dillon, John LaMar, Tony LaMar, Tim Hoshor, Jessup Wilson and Marty Scheer. Thanks to "The Write Offs" for helping create a fun and profitable evening for the Foundation and for FPS students! ★

Technology Project Continues

The Fremont Public School Foundation continues to raise funds for the District's technology upgrade project, which will provide each district classroom with an LCD projector. According to Terry Snyder, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, the projectors provide a vital link in the use of technology for instructional purposes. "The projectors make it possible for teachers to utilize their computer as a teaching tool. Power Point presentations and DVDs can be projected for all students to view using the projectors." Snyder also noted that commercial curriculum providers are now providing much of their materials to schools electronically rather than in printed form, making it necessary that classrooms are equipped with technology to make the materials available to all students.

Dr. Steve Sexton, FPS Superintendent of Schools, noted that the cost of equipping a classroom with an LCD project runs about \$2,200 including the permanent mounting of the projector, the electrical wiring and the computer cabling. ★

Academic Achievement Banquet Students and Mentors

STUDENT	MENTOR
Megan Assmann	Mike Schleicher
Rebecca Bachmann	Dan Cox
Philip Bakken	Dave Sellon
Christine Bauer	Marsha Johnson
Brianne Boltinghouse	T. J. Roffers
Jayne Bristol	Brenda Schiermeyer
Spencer Brown	Trudy Kluver
Sarah Brune	Dan Cox
Timothy Ciochon	Sean McMahon
Amber Clary	Ogden Martin
Shane Cox	Barbara Pyle
Kelly Cronin	Jamey Semrad
Erica Dickmeyer	Jessica Endorf
Lauren Fischer	Lee Meyer
Ryan Gunderson	Mike Ronhovde
Allison Hanen	Trudy Kluver
Jessica Hazelton	Mark Harman
Emily Hoffman	Joanne Lehman
Ivy Hoppes	Diane Johnson
Mallory Iseminger	Diane Hento
Kelsey Jensen	Brenda Schiermeyer
Megan Kassmeier	Emily Brown
Tyler Ketchem	Debra Beightol
Brooke Kotik	Lori O'Gorman
Brooke Kreikemeier	Dan Koenig
Jack Larsen	Justin Bigsby
Morgan Lindgren	Diane Hento
Haley McWilliams	Quenna Koch
Mackenzie Milks	Heidi Moran
Kaitlyn Moeller	Janelle Fey
Marissa Niday	Heidi Moran
Katie Olson	Lynne Walz
Molly Petersen	Marge Schultz
Alec Richards	Justin Bigsby
Charles Ronan	Debra Beightol
Andrew Sajevic	Todd Niehaus
Nathan Samuelson	Sharon Carlson
Caitlin Schultz	Trudy Kluver
Taylor Sewick	Diane Schieffer
Brandi Slobodnik	Julie Ritthaler
Megan Soe	Gloria Breithaupt
Scott Speicher	Justin Bigsby
Erienne Strong	Nancy Becher
Kaylee Strong	Luanne Sundberg
Jacquelyn Voss	Diane Schieffer
Kyle Watson	Mark Bowers
Krista Wearden	Mike Schleicher
William (B. J.) Wilkins	Dave Sellon
Spencer Wilson	Wendy Britton
Jourdon Winterstein	Ogden Martin

Foundation Golf Outing Scheduled

Looking for a fun way to support the Fremont Public Schools, renew acquaintances and play one of Nebraska's finest golf courses? The 6th annual Fremont Public School Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, July 31, at the Fremont Golf Club. The event is a four-person scramble, and the entry fee of \$100 per player (\$75 for FGC members) includes green fees, cart, dinner, complimentary drinks and pin prizes. There are still openings available, so put together a team of your FHS friends and spend a fun day in Fremont. For more information contact David Pinkall at 402-727-3027.

Address Changes Requested!

We are attempting to weed out incorrect address and double-mailings, but know that we have not yet found them all. While modern technology is great, updating and maintaining the correct addresses for the 10,000 plus names in our database is still a huge job, and must be carried out one name at a time by someone sitting at a keyboard. Please be patient with us, and please keep us informed of changes in your address, or issues with your mailings. Your help is greatly appreciated!

★ Eagle Scout Project Honors Teachers ★ West Side School Bell Restored

Eagle Scout Candidate Alex Way used his Eagle Scout project to honor some of his favorite people.

"I've loved teachers and education ever since I was little," the 14-year-old said. "I love going to school and I've always seen teachers as a role model to me."

Way, an eighth-grader at Fremont Middle School, created a monument to educators that now stands outside the Fremont Public Schools district office building on Main Street. The monument includes the refinished school bell from West Side School, which stood at 749 West Jensen from 1899-1952.

Fremont Public School Foundation Executive Director David Pinkall applauded the use of the bell from one of Fremont's first generation schools. "Early Fremont citizens, recognizing the importance of having good schools, erected a number of impressive school buildings before 1900, and all children in Fremont have had the opportunity for a quality public education ever since."

Fremont Superintendent Steve Sexton noted that this project "captured the history of education and teaching in this community and also stood as recognition to the profession as a whole. He captured all of that in a single project."

Included in the project is a granite stone with an engraving that dedicates the West Side School Bell "in respect to all teachers past, present and future, for they are the foundation of all forms of society." ★



Dr. David Pinkall, executive director of the Fremont Public School Foundation, talks about the history of the bell in Alex Way's Eagle Scout project.



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