



# news

from Ashland Schools Foundation

Our mission is to support quality education in the Ashland public schools through fundraising in the community.

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Kicking off the Fund Drive with the AHS Jazz Band. Photograph courtesy of Graham Lewis.

## Annual Fund Drive Report

From the kick-off on April 10 at the downtown plaza to the last call made by volunteers on the last night of the phone drive April 27, our community has given an outpouring of support for the Ashland Schools Foundation in the form of volunteers, food, space, and dollars. Our goal for this year's general fund is to raise \$300,000 by December 31 and our April Annual Fund Drive is the most important part of our fundraising. As of June 1, we have received \$243,521 in donations and pledges towards that goal. It's clear that our community values our tradition of educational excellence and understands that our schools need our help due to state under-funding.

Because you care, we will be able to continue to fund teachers from elementary through high school levels in the coming school year, to sustain on-going school-wide programs, and to support innovative academic activities that engage students in fresh ways. This would not be possible without your support. Thank you.

If you have not yet contributed, and are interested in joining in this partnership, a donation form is included on page three of this newsletter. No gift is too small and your generosity is never taken for granted.

Special thanks to fund drive supporters Jonathan Warren of Best Western Windsor Inn, James Stephens of Sprint, Standing Stone Brewing Co., Great American Pizza, Domino's, Shop-N-Kart, Ashland Food Cooperative, Apple Cellar, Costco, Geppetto's, Rite-Aid Drug Store, Safeway, Market of Choice, Pipon's, Senor Sam's, El Tapatio, and Organic Wagon. Please remember to thank these businesses for supporting Ashland Schools.



The matching donor program for new and increased gifts raised over \$20,000 from over 450 qualifying donors!

## About the grants

### EDUCATION SUPPORT GRANTS

These district-wide grants are used for restoring the most critical components lost in public education.

### SIGNATURE GRANTS

These school-wide grants are successful, on-going programs that are funded on an annual basis.

### IMPACT GRANT

These classroom-based grants are awarded to teachers for quality educational activities that directly engage students both inside and outside the classroom.

## Modeling Human Anatomy

### SPOTLIGHT ON AN IMPACT GRANT

As high school anatomy and physiology teacher Mark Miller grappled with how best to capture students' attention, he hit on an idea. Rather than dissecting cats to try to learn about humans, why not have students craft human anatomy from clay? The Ashland Schools Foundation has provided funds to do just that.

Now, small teams of students put "flesh" on the bones of 3-foot plastic, human skeleton models by sculpting, then mounting the major muscle groups. "Students think about

the size, shape and function of what they are modeling," says Miller. "They often use their own bodies for reference as they try to determine which muscles attach where."

As students learn the interrelationship of muscle and bone, they also learn to work within groups, to balance and sequence their work, and to make sure everything comes together on time.

Says AHS student Jamie Roupp, "It was just really neat to get to see how many muscles there really are in the body and how they come together. You can show it on paper but it definitely doesn't have the same effect."



Making sure everything is coming together.

## Butterfly Garden

### SPOTLIGHT ON AN IMPACT GRANT

Beyond learning the botany of developing a butterfly garden, a deeper understanding of life, habitats and growth has been germinating in Lynn Kunstman's middle school class this year. As students studied how to replace lost habitats, they gained an appreciation for giving back to the land.

"We've moved away from being an agrarian culture. The garden project allows students to grow things and observe first hand life cycles," explains Kunstman.

Each student researched and presented to their peers 1 of 31 different plant species. Then, using math grids, they designed their garden space, prepared the soil, germinated seeds and planted the garden.



Middle school students planting lupin. Photograph courtesy of Sean Bagshaw.

"I can't tell you how excited the kids were. Every day, they just couldn't wait to go outside to work on the garden!"

# Dear Ashland Schools Foundation

## SPOTLIGHT ON A DONOR

One of the lovelier aspects of my job is getting to read the wonderful things our donors have to say about the Ashland Schools. I received the nicest letter today and I just wanted to pass it on to all of you. The donor expresses my feelings exactly. Thank you for all you do - every single one of you.

—Susan Bacon, ASF Executive Director

April 7, 2006

Dear Sirs,

I am enclosing a small donation to your Foundation. My grandson is a fourth grader in one of your elementary schools and I have been tremendously impressed by the quality of Ashland's schools and teachers since he started with you as a kindergartener.

I am a retired teacher, having worked in California schools for sixteen years, so I have a basis for comparison. Not even in the best of times could we offer what is routine in Ashland. A caring community, and money, make all the difference. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Eve McCulloh

## ASF Funding

### FUND DRIVE PROGRESS



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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Ashland Schools Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit public benefit corporation, organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes. Your tax-deductible donation made through December 2006 will be used in support of educational programs this coming school year.

I'd like to contribute:

- \$50     \$25     Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 My check payable to ASF is enclosed.

I'd like to contribute by:

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 One time contribution  
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of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ months

CC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- I'd like to make a gift of stocks and/or wish to include ASF in my will. Please call.  
 I'm interested in making a donation to the ASF Endowment Fund. Please call.

## 2005-06 Buy-In for Books

Donor support from these businesses provided books for the high school and middle school this year. Thank you to the many Buy-In for Books businesses for your partnership in school literacy.

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Middle school students get to enjoy Hamlet literature books thanks to our business sponsors. Photograph courtesy of Liz Ellingson.

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