

High School Students Making a Difference



"Fancy Nancy & Super Hero" Saturday

SMART in Klamath/Lake Counties began a Youth Advisory Board composed of teen leaders making a demonstrable difference in the lives of children in Klamath and Lake County communities. Their scholarship, leadership and service set a standard of excellence that SMART is proud to align itself with.

Two dozen high school student leaders and four different area high schools are represented on the youth board. Each gets hands-on

experience in the concept, creation and execution of programs and events that promote SMART, is able to help expand our reach and development efforts, and further enhances the SMART brand within the Klamath basin.

Youth board members also have the opportunity to interact with like-minded teen and community leaders who understand and appreciate the infinite capacity they have as a generation, and as individuals,

to foster literacy while making a difference in the lives of children and the SMART organization.

SMART's goal is to give each youth board member the opportunity to play key roles and leave a profound mark, while providing an excellent platform to build their pre-college resume of activities.

Whenever possible the teens participate at SMART events and serve as ambassadors of SMART's message and mission. Some are even able to serve as SMART readers, taking one hour a week from a free part of their school day to read with children in the program. This experience gives them an understanding of, and appreciation for, what SMART does and the children we serve, which is fundamental to their position and leadership role on the Youth Advisory Board.

Holly Stork
SMART Area Manager

2009-10 Site Coordinators

SMART would like to thank these extraordinary individuals for their volunteer service:

Amanda White; Andrea Hunt-oon; Anita Ward; Barbara Fairbank; Bernie Wood; Betsy Honzel; Betsy Neuman; Cathy Shoemaker; Charles Neuen-schwander; Chuck Brandsness; Grover Puckett; Iona Moisa; Junie Stacey; Krista Alexander; Kristin Kinsman; Linda Hadlock; Linda Pederson; Mazie Wolfe; Margaret Adam; Michelle Duran; Marilyn Martins; Martha Mc-Cambrige; Nancy Zarosinski; Pat Phillips; Susan Griggs; Suzanne Cornell; and Vickie Wood.



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SMART readers from many Klamath city and county schools salute the time and talent of SMART volunteers with a special THANK YOU presentation at the annual volunteer appreciation event.

A Doggone Good Time Had by SMART Volunteers

SMART recently hosted a “doggone good time” for more than 375 volunteer readers during an appreciation evening called Best Volunteers in the West. Complete with a Western motif, live entertainment, raffle drawings, WANTED posters drawn for guests, a chuck wagon supper and numerous salutes from community leaders, the event concluded the school year with a big “yee ha” according to Holly Stork, SMART Area Manager.

“Our community volunteers are the lifeblood of SMART,” said Stork. “They are the wonderful role models who make an important impact on students’ lives each half hour they spend reading with them. A volunteer’s contribution is so extraordinary that no amount of thanks seems adequate, but our efforts to make a happy and fun event were very well received.”

Borders’ Express Spring Book Drive

Through Monday, June 21

Friends and fans of SMART can purchase books to donate, make a cash donation, or buy a gift card that SMART can use to expand its giveaway and permanent book collection in the schools they serve. Bookplates are available for people wanting to gift a book in honor or memory of someone special.



Jeff Mortimore

In mid-May the store partnered with SMART to host a “Fancy Nancy & Super Hero” Saturday complete with autographs by favorite characters and a fun craft project of faux jewelery crowns and making super hero emblems for kids t-shirts.

Jeff Mortimore, Borders Express Manager, said, “we are proud to be strong allies with SMART. The book fair successes are a wonderful reflection of the strength of community we have in Klamath Falls and our grassroots generosity and support of literacy.”

Borders Express, 2870 South Sixth Street, Klamath Falls

SMART volunteers, who attended in record numbers, were entertained through engaging and Western-themed performances by SMART students who read a Western tall tale, and Klamath Union’s Chamber Choir masterfully amended lyrics of popular songs to fit the Western theme. Rod Dreyer, a loyal veteran of the

SMART program has read with children at Roosevelt Elementary School for more than a decade. He said, “I appreciate the opportunity to be a positive influence in the lives of these kids. Not only did the kids I read with give me handmade bookmarks that I will treasure, I thought the event’s entertainment was first class!”