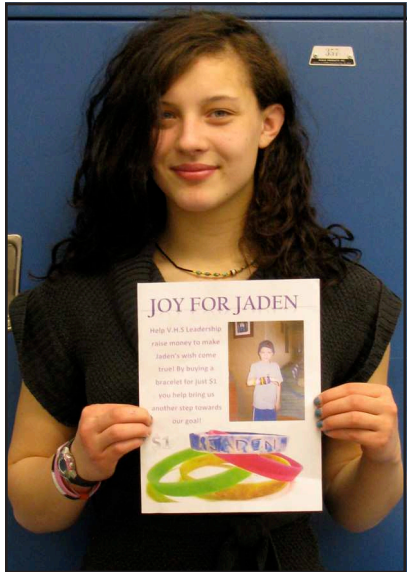


VHS Leadership Class Raises Funds For "Joy For Jaden"

The Vernonia High School Leadership Class is raising funds for "Joy for Jaden," a campaign they started to help a local boy in need fulfill a wish.



Crystal-Ann Carreon is Chair of the "Joy for Jaden" fundraising campaign that has been undertaken by the VHS Leadership Class.

Jaden Krieger is a nine-year-old boy who lives in Banks. "Last June, Jaden starting having seizures," explains Crystal-Ann Carreon, a member of the Vernonia Leadership Class. "His parents took him to the hospital and they found cancerous tumors in his brain."

According to Carreon, Jaden was immediately rushed into surgery where the tumors were removed. Since then, Jaden has been receiving three days of chemotherapy treatments in the hospital every two weeks. Jaden is expected to be finished with his chemotherapy treatments in April; so far, tests have shown that the cancer has not returned.

The VHS Leadership Class was looking for a service project for someone in need, and was considering looking for someone in another country. But, according to Carreon, the students really wanted to stay local and help someone near their community. One student in the class, who had lost a brother to cancer, suggested "The Make a Wish Foundation," which Carreon researched. Carreon's mother told her about Jaden-- she had seen a fundraising jar in Jim's Thriftway in Banks.

Crystal-Ann wrote a letter to Jaden's family asking if the Leadership Class could help Jaden in some way. The family contacted Crystal Ann and, because of the expense and paperwork involved in working with "Make A Wish," the Leadership Class instead choose to raise funds and grant a wish for Jaden themselves.

The Leadership Class asked Jaden what he would like and he decided he would like to go with his family to "Great Wolf Lodge," an indoor water park resort in Washington state. The Leadership Class intends to raise the money for the entire four-day and three-night trip-- lodging, gas and food for Jaden, his three older siblings, and Mom and Dad. They are hoping Jaden will make his trip in May, after he has completed his chemotherapy and had some time to recover.

Crystal-Ann Carreon is the chairperson of the Leadership Class committee which, with the help of

the entire class, has begun raising funds for Jaden's trip. They are selling colored bracelets with "Jaden's Friends" inscribed on them. The class is also selling raffle tickets to students-- the winner will spend a day being driven from class to class in a golf cart by a faculty member of their choice. They are also planning a spaghetti feed and bingo night in Banks on March 19th and a community talent show in Vernonia on April 2nd.

According to Carreon, any extra money the class raises beyond expenses for the trip to Great Wolf will be donated to Jaden's family to help with medical and personal expenses.

The Leadership Class introduced Jaden to the entire high school during an assembly with a PowerPoint presentation. They immediately sold 100 bracelets.

Carreon says the Leadership Class has received two large donations from community businesses to kick off their campaign-- \$500 from KLS Surveying and \$279 from the Vernonia Free Wheelers. Hopefully, the class will raise all the funds they need, and give some joy to a boy who deserves it.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the "Joy for Jaden" campaign or participate in the community talent show can contact any Leadership Student or the Leadership Instructor, Teri Willard, at the school.



Jaden Kreiger with his two brothers and sister.

Family Reading Night

Thursday, February 24, 6:30-8:00 PM will be this year's Family Reading Night at Washington Grade School. We will have booths set up with different reading activities. A few of the activities offered are learning how to knit, making gag, and making bookcovers for your FREE books.

Barnes & Noble will also be offering activities and book sales in the gym. If you would like to support WGS by buying a book but cannot make it to Family Reading Night, then you can purchase books at the Barnes & Noble store (be sure to tell them you're from WGS!) or online with code #10391100. Proceeds will go towards purchasing books for WGS.

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Sat. March 12th 6:00PM

Boys & Girls Varsity vs. Alumni

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*Chandra
Future Social Worker*

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