

Ione Schools receive \$2000 grant from General Mills

Ione Schools' High Flyers program received a \$2000 Parent Involvement in Education grant (PIE) through the General Mills' Box Tops for Education program. The High Flyers program is run with parent volunteers who work to make fun and creative ways for children in grades K-5 to enjoy math and reading.

The Box Tops Parental Involvement in Education grant program is an extension of General Mills highly successful Box Tops for Education loyalty program. The program further encourages parents' involvement in their child's educational endeavors.

Ten \$2000 grants were distributed to schools across the country. Grant applicants communicated how they would use a \$2000 grant in their school to establish a program or enhance an existing program that encourages parental involvement in an innovative and creative way.

The grassroots program underscores Box Tops' commitment to helping parents develop unique and simple ways to be involved in their child's education. The Parental Involvement in Education grant program is not a

retroactive program that recognizes past examples of parental involvement in education, but instead encourages new and innovative ways to increase parent's participation in schools.

The Box Tops for Education program began in 1996, as more and more schools struggled to make ends meet. Each year, all enrolled schools receive a complete program kit (written in English and Spanish) to help them build their own comprehensive fundraising campaign. Most schools designate a program coordinator to develop ways to encourage students, parents, school staff and community members to clip Box Tops from participating products and bring them to school.

After the collected Box Tops are sent in to General Mills, the school receives a check, equivalent to 10 cents for every Box Top redeemed. Schools can earn up to \$60,000 per year, up to \$20,000 respectively from the Clip, Shop and Charge program components, to spend on anything they choose. Thousands of schools have used the money from Box

Tops for Education to purchase items such as computers and computer software, library books, art supplies and playground equipment.

Box Tops for Education is open to any accredited public, private or parochial schools for grades K-8 in the United States that have a 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1) tax-exempt designation and to any United States military schools, for grades K-8, worldwide. The program is also available to accredited home school associations, K-8, in the United States that have a 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1) tax-exempt designation and have 15 or more students.

Participating products include General Mills cereals, some Betty Crocker products and Betty Crocker fruit snacks, Yoplait Yogurt Multi-Packs, Yoplait Go-Gurt, some General Mills snack products and General Mills food service products.

For more information on how to donate to the Box Tops for Education program at Ione Schools, contact the school at 422-7131.

Community entrepreneurship grants offered

Up to six Oregon communities will receive grants of \$12,500 to explore and initiate a new approach to supporting entrepreneurship.

Orbis Group, a business and economic development consulting firm based in Baker City, has issued a statewide Request For Proposals for communities to consider Enterprise Facilitation® as an approach to community-based job creation by working with existing entrepreneurs in Oregon.

Enterprise Facilitation has been developed and established by Dr. Ernesto Sirolli of the Sirolli Institute that has facilitated the establishment of 300 Enterprise Facilitation programs worldwide since 1985.

Brian Cole, President of Orbis Group, has received funding from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department to conduct a four-day Enterprise Facilitation Observatory session in Baker City. The event will take place at the Geiser Grand Hotel in Baker City on August 1-4.

There are currently two Enterprise Facilitation programs operating in the State of Oregon. The first program was established in Baker County in June of 2000. The program has assisted in the creation of 58 businesses supporting 141 jobs.

The second such program was established in January of 2001 serving Wallowa County. That program has assisted the start up or expansion of 46

businesses supporting 103 jobs.

"Through years of understanding the motivations of entrepreneurs, Dr. Sirolli has established a community-based program that really works," said Cole. "I hope that we can increase the number of such programs from two to as many as eight."

As many as six communities may attend the four-day Enterprise Facilitation session. The Observatory is designed to accommodate between three and six community leaders from each attending community. By the end of the session, these community leaders will understand the principals, practices and benefits of Enterprise Facilitation and then work within their respective communities to establish such programs.

Ernesto Sirolli of the Sirolli Institute and Ruth Townsend of the BEGIN program will deliver the four-day training session. Orbis Group will coordinate the event.

The Sirolli Institute offers the Observatory sessions worldwide at a cost of \$20,000. Oregon communities will have a limited opportunity to offset their cost with the \$12,500 grant offered by Orbis Group through grant funding provided by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department.

"The state has wisely determined that it is an effective use of their funds to inspire the establishment of Enterprise Facilitation programs," said Cole. "For

a relatively small investment, communities can have lasting results for many years."

Oakridge has already made a commitment to be the third Enterprise Facilitation program in Oregon.

"We are excited to have this program coming to Oakridge," said Sue Bond, Mayor. "It is an invaluable tool in the fight for the growth and revitalization of every community facing a crisis in economic development."

"The Sirolli Institute uses a proven model to empower individuals with a passion for their product or service to become successful entrepreneurs," adds Patricia Gainsforth, Vice Chairman of the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District, who takes an active interest in the establishment of one or more such programs in Central Oregon.

More information on Enterprise Facilitation, the Request For Proposals, and the opportunity for grant funding can be found by visiting www.sirolli.com/oregon or by contacting Brian Cole at (541) 523-0400 or bc@orbisgroup.org.

Ione Schools to hold kindergarten visitation

Visitation for children entering kindergarten at Ione Elementary School next fall will be on May 24, from 9:45-11 a.m. Those children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1 are encouraged to attend school that morning and learn what will be happening in their classroom when they start school. The

children may stay for lunch, which costs \$1.50.

Parents should bring their child's social security card, birth certificate and immunization record to a short meeting at 9:45 a.m. in the faculty room in the elementary school.

Any questions may be answered by calling 422-7131.

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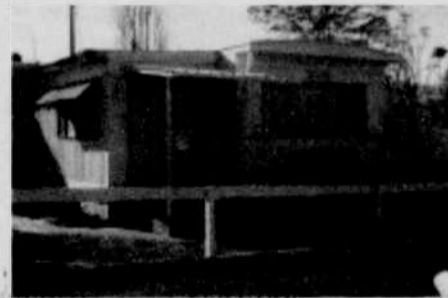
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