



Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation

NEWS AND VIEWS



October, 2008

Jack Talk

Dear Friends,

The Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization and not connected with School District #117. However, the Foundation supports the educational excellence of the Jacksonville Public Schools.

The Foundation has been proud to provide nearly \$1.5 million to enhance Jacksonville District #117 educational programs and services. This has come about because of caring Alumni and Friends of Education, as well as through fund raisers and bequests. Not one cent from tax money — local, state or federal.

The Foundation is governed by a sixteen member volunteer Board of Directors.

We hope to continue our efforts to help the students in District #117.

Sincerely,

Jack Mathews
Executive Director

2008 Bill Russell Award Winner Announced



Cleta TerHark

Cleta TerHark, Spanish teacher and Chair of the Foreign Language Department at Jacksonville High School received the 2008 Bill Russell Award for Excellence in Education.

Cleta was chosen by a committee of former Russell Award winners for her innovations in the classroom.

President Gary Hutchison, of the Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation presented Cleta an individual plaque and a \$400 check. Cleta's name will also be included on the plaque at the District's Central Office along with former Bill Russell Award winners.



Foundation Board President, Gary Hutchison presenting 2008 Bill Russell Award Winner Cleta TerHark with plaque and check.

Mission Statement

"It shall be the mission of the Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation to acquire, manage and distribute financial and other resources that shall be used for programs and projects which enhance or supplement Jacksonville School District #117 educational programs and provide enriched opportunities for students."

2008 JHS Class Reunions Planned for the Fall

Anniversary	Class	Date	Place	Contact
65th	1943	October 4th	Hamilton's	Walt Meyer and Elizabeth Alquist
60th	1948	October 53rd, 4th	Elk's Club	Robert "Chub" Patterson
55th	1953	October 25th	Hamilton's	Elinor Viera and Gerry Thompson

FOUNDATION ACKNOWLEDGED FOR SUPPORT OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

August 21, 2008

To the Foundation,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Jacksonville Public School's Foundation for the generous gift of four Promethean Boards for our school. I am aware that this gift was through an anonymous donation and hope that this letter will be shared with that person as well as the Foundation Board.

Your continued support of our schools has provided the greatest growth in technology for our children. Without you, our schools would lag behind others in this area. Educating children and impacting them in a positive way is the goal of our school. You are helping us prepare them for success not only in school, but in the work force.

Please accept my thank you on behalf of our faculty and staff. We appreciate what you do for us and your continued effort to make Jacksonville schools, and in particular, South Elementary School, a success.

Sincerely,
David Miller
Principal, South Elementary

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