



Matthew Kline in last year's MCT play

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE TO RETURN IN OCTOBER

The Missoula Children's Theatre will present their adaptation of Johnny Appleseed on Saturday, November 2nd, with auditions beginning October 28th. Last year, Alexander Public School hosted MCT for the first time in many years thanks to funds provided by the APSF. Last year's play titled 'The Secret Garden' was very well received by the community and most importantly, our students loved it! The play will audition students in grades K – 12th grade. Michelle Simonson, when asked how MCT benefits the students said, "These productions benefit the kids by exposing them to the dedication and elements of being in a play and what it takes to pull it together. It exposes them to something they might not otherwise know about without this opportunity. Kids are encouraged to try something new, which may make them try something that is outside of their comfort zone. They gain confidence in the success they have while participating in the play."

2019 SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS & EDUCATIONAL GRANTS AWARDED

With funds raised from the "Night Out" annual event, the APSF has chosen to offer graduating seniors an opportunity to apply for a scholarship to aid with their continued education. Last year, the Foundation was proud to award four graduating seniors a scholarship to apply toward their pursuit of higher education! A total of **\$1500** was given to 2019 APSF Scholarship recipients Jack Heen, Carlton Turnquist, Sarah Hall, and Dayden Rafferty. Congratulations graduates, and best of luck!

The Foundation also awards grants for projects and programs that will enhance our student's learning experience. This year's grant recipients were Nettie Johnson - Laser Engraver, Cathy White - FTC team, Missoula Children's Theatre, Speech Team, and Wrestling Club. The total funds awarded for 2019 APSF educational grants were **\$16,700**.

STEM TEAM GOES TO WASHINGTON D.C. by Cathy White

With the assistance of a grant from the Alexander Public School Foundation, Alexander's FTC Team #9963 went to Washington DC in June of 2019. While there, they were able to explore our nation's capital. The purpose of their trip was to be part of a 2019 FIRST National Advocacy Conference (NAC). FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) describes a worldwide program that celebrates students who excel in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) programs. With their participation in one of the 4 FIRST programs, students can increase their knowledge of the important 21st century skills they will need to be successful in today's ever changing technologically advancing world. NAC is a fairly new program that is built around advocacy for STEM/Robotics in Education with Congress.

While in DC, the team was able to meet with over 280 other participants in the NAC conference. While meeting with NAC our team was able to prepare a presentation to share with Senator Kramer, Senator Hoven and Representative Armstrong. Without the assistance of the Alexander Public School Foundation the experience and memories these team members gained would not have been possible. Thank you to all you contribute to the Foundation in support of our wonderful students and school. You matter!



Alexander FTC Team in Washington D.C.

STATEMENT OF APSF FUNDS

Donations Received Since Inception	\$169,009.12
Funded Projects	(124,070)
Admin Costs (fundraisers, communications, etc)	(21,735.07)
Foundation Cash Balance as of 10/01/18	\$23,204.05



Chairs & Fire Pit made by Shop class for the auction at the Night Out event Nov. 15th

NEW LASER ENGRAVER by Nettie Johnson

This year the Alexander School was fortunate to receive a grant from the APS Foundation to go toward the purchase of a high quality laser engraver. This tool will be utilized in multiple disciplines such as Agriculture Education, Stem/Robotics, Art, FACS, and hopefully other classes as well. Use of the engraver will teach students how lasers work, and also how to use the coordinate plane and understand its real world applications. They will use software to create and personalize projects that they will then be able to manufacture themselves. The students will also be able to use this equipment to enhance other projects that they create, which will leave a larger impression on the learner. We are very excited and fortunate to have the opportunity to be able to purchase and utilize equipment of this high caliber.

NEW COMPETITION MAT FOR WRESTLING CLUB

The Alexander Wrestling Club, with help from community donations including a grant from the Alexander School Foundation, was able to purchase a new competition mat. The mat is a regulation competition mat, and therefore can be used to host wrestling competitions and tournaments at the school. The Alexander Wrestling Club is a growing athletic program, with over 40 wrestlers participating in the 2018-19 season!



Alexander wrestlers who placed at the State Tournament in March 2019

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**John Heinen of the North Dakota Community Foundation can answer any questions at (701)590-4619.*

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You can also donate online at www.NDCF.net. Write "APSF" on the Fund Name line. **Thank you!**

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THANK YOU SPONSORS!

The special projects funded by the Foundation are only possible because of *your* donations. We truly cannot thank our sponsors enough! Listed below are recent individual and business sponsors who have helped to make our Foundation, and our last Night Out fundraiser, a success:

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GET INVOLVED!

There is always something new and exciting happening at Alexander Public School! We encourage you to check out the school website (listed above) to stay in touch with all of the happenings. Come to the sporting events and extracurricular activities, and become involved with the school and our students. It's a win-win for everyone!

ANNUAL NIGHT OUT!

The 6th Annual Alexander Foundation Night Out is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for November 15th and come support your Alexander students at our yearly fundraiser. There is something for everyone — dinner, drinks, dancing and a lot of great items to win at the auctions! The silent auction will include baskets created by the Alexander students. This year's entertainment is Williston native and recording artist, Josh Kehr! The festivities start at 6:30 pm and tickets are \$25 at the door. If you are interested in donating items or talents for the auctions, or becoming a sponsor of the event, please contact LaShell at (701)770-6317. Hope to see you there!



Last year's annual event, a fun Halloween Party, was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who showed your support. Pictured here is the Foundation Committee in their Halloween costumes.

THE FOUNDATION'S MISSION - WHAT WE DO

The Alexander Public School Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the learning opportunities for Alexander students, for today and for many generations to come. This is accomplished by engaging the community in fundraising, and by providing a way for generous supporters to give all types of assets and charitable plans for the benefit of education at Alexander School. It also provides donors with a way to make tax-deductible donations to benefit the Alexander School District. We are partnered with the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF), who provides committee training, gift processing and tax receipting, money management, and marketing and fundraising support. We exist solely to lend our support in keeping Alexander Public School a great place to learn, for today and for the future.

