

## **A Message from the Superintendent – Sandra Pommerening for Kellogg Joint School District #391**

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### **Thanks to Hecla Foundation**

We would like to thank Phil Baker, CEO of the HECLA Foundation and Mike Dexter, Lucky Friday Mine General Manager for bringing the donation to the school board for our dictionary project. The \$10,000 donation from the Foundation has furnished 490 dictionaries for kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms. The dictionaries are a necessary part of the instruction in Language Arts and to meet the Idaho State Standards. The students will benefit directly by having current dictionaries readily available in their classrooms. Our sincere thanks to the HECLA Foundation Board.

### **Canyon Students Get Involved – from Sue Hansen-Barber**

Canyon students are showing their caring for their school and world community through a number of student-led projects. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student, Clayton Pickles, brought the idea of collecting money for the people of Haiti to the attention of his class, and from that idea, Canyon Coins for Haiti was born. Students have been collecting coins since January, and will continue until Spring break. The money raised will be given to Cody Lemieux, a Kellogg High School graduate and volunteer in Haiti, for funding the building of homes. Closer to home, the Canyon Student Council, led by President Rebekah Zufelt, has focused on improving the school environment through two projects – all-school recycling, and playground improvement.

Students are recycling their used paper and plastic each week, and tracking the progress on a chart created by students. They hope to recycle 400 pounds of paper and plastic during the remainder of the school year.

Improving and adding to the playground has been a goal of the Student Council during this year. Students recently held a special fundraiser for the purchase of new playground equipment, and they will be partnering with the Canyon School Organization to make this happen.

All these ideas and projects have come from the students. Have faith in our youth; they care about their school, their community and their world, and they are willing to work to make it better.

### **Board Sets levy**

At a meeting of the Kellogg Board of Trustees held on February 10, 2010, the board members received input on the supplemental levy from the Financial Advisory Committee's report on questions and answers from the forums along with the results and comments from the survey. After review of these and other financial comparison materials (see copies on the website at <http://www.ksd391.org/budgetcomm.htm>) plus discussion at the meeting, the board of trustees approved to run a two- year supplemental levy in the amount of \$3,260,000.00 for 2010-11 and \$3,260,000 for 2011-12. The levy election will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 from Noon until 7:00 PM. More

voting and financial information will be published in the newspaper and on the website during March and prior to the levy election.

Thanks to the Shoshone News Press for this opportunity to share information about our school district. Remember to visit our website at <http://www.ksd391.org/> .