

# Breast Cancer Awareness Month prompts fundraisers

Pink is the color of choice this week, as North Valley High School's Future Business Leaders of America host Pink Week, in honor of October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month. There will be various fundraising activities throughout the week at the school, with proceeds going to the Connie Fiske Memorial Fund, which provides mammograms and other services to local under-insured women.

One highlight of the week will be Friday's North Valley football game. In addition to donating 20 percent of the gate fees to the Connie Fiske Memorial Fund from that game and the school's Tuesday volleyball game, breast cancer survivors will be honored during the football game's halftime and asked to come onto the field for a moment of silence for those "who are no longer with us but continue to inspire us to be strong," according to Deborah Acosta, business education instructor and FBLA adviser at North Valley High School.

Local cancer survivors are invited to attend the football game and be honored at halftime. Acosta suggests those folks contact her in advance in order to be admitted free to the event. To do so, contact Acosta by email at [deborah.acosta@three-rivers.k12.or.us](mailto:deborah.acosta@three-rivers.k12.or.us).

During the week and at the football game, students will sell T-shirts for \$15. Pink biodegradable balloons also will be sold for \$3 each, which purchasers can attach a message to and have released at the halftime event.

**LOCAL DENTIST DONATES BACKPACKS.** Dr. John Waschak



Students at North Valley High School get ready for Pink Week to honor breast cancer survivors. Pictured, from left, are Joel Crawford, Aaron McLittle, Nikki Dutrow, Tyler Church, Ha'aheo Ordonez, Tyler Grider and Cheyenne Dodge.

and his office, Grants Pass Pediatric Dentistry, recently donated backpacks and school supplies to local students. Schools in the Three Rivers School District distributed the supplies last week. The donations came about after Kaylin Noblin, a surgery coordinator for Waschak's office, suggested doing something for the many low-income families in the area. Noblin organized the effort.

Karreen Ghena, an administrative assistant in the Three Rivers School District, said, "The district is extremely appreciative of GP Pediatric Dentistry's exceptional generosity and kindness towards our students. The donation will help many at-risk students to receive the supplies they need to help them have a successful,

productive school year."

**HELP SUPPORT LOCAL TEACHERS.** Oct. 5 is World Teacher's Day, a day set aside since 1994 to honor and support educators. Helping to meet the classroom needs of teachers is a great way to give support, so here's a few options:

The classroom needs of about a dozen local teachers are outlined on a national crowdsourcing website. Those teachers, from Madrona, Redwood and Allen Dale elementary schools and South Middle School, each posted an item from their wish list to the website where donors can select items they'd like to help fund.

If you want to help, it's pretty simple: Go to the site: [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org), put the zip code of the area you want to

help, select a project need and make a donation. Once each project reaches its goal, [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org) ships the materials to the school. For projects that don't reach their goal, the funds are given back to the donor in a credit form, which can either help fund another project on the site or be given as a gift card to the teacher for the project that didn't meet its goal.

Both Grants Pass and Three Rivers teachers are listed with classroom needs.

Kalynn Naulty, a fourth-grade teacher at Madrona Elementary School, posted the need for a bookcase in her classroom. Naulty explained she is a new teacher in the Three Rivers School District and she'd like to share her passion for reading with her students. However, in her classroom, reading materials are kept in tubs, and there's not a lot of storage in her classroom.

"The new bookcase would help students find a book they are looking for more easily," she wrote. "The bookcase will also keep our books in good condition. If we don't get the bookcase the books will be on the floor. If they are on the floor they most likely will be knocked over, get bent and dirty and who wants to read a dirty book?"

Over at South Middle School, there is a big need for "new, working microscopes," accord-

ing to a post from a teacher. Four South Middle science teachers posted similar needs, asking for microscopes to help students explore nature and science and "see life on a fundamental level."

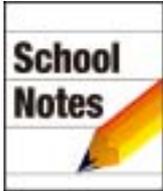
Redwood Elementary School needs were more in the technology world with requests for Chromebooks, iPads, and laptops, for students in kindergarten on up the levels.

Kim DeYoung, a fifth grade teacher at Allen Dale Elementary, also posted a need for Chromebooks for her students.

This next option doesn't even require dipping into your pocket-book.

This month, Sonic restaurant is holding its annual Limeades for Learning program. Here's a way to get some of those dollars headed to local schools.

Between now and Oct. 18, at: [www.limeadesforlearning.com](http://www.limeadesforlearning.com) you can select the DonorsChoose project you'd like to support. You don't have to purchase anything, just vote — up to once a day. At the end of each week, through Oct. 18, the votes will be tallied and Sonic will fund one project each week, based on votes received.



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