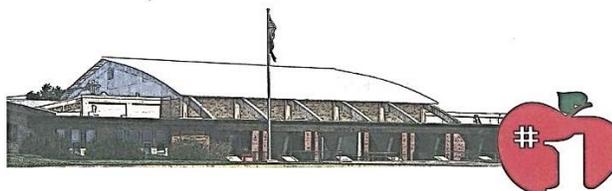


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October 12, 2021

Dear Dufur School Supporters,

As Dufur School completes its first full month of the 21-22 school year several things to update you on.

- The Bond project is complete, as a result Dufur students and staff are safer than they have ever been. The bus turnaround, restructured parking lot and main entryway to Dufur School are functioning well. The new transportation facility is in use and provides a great space for the district's transportation fleet. This project was funded by the 4 million-dollar bond issue that was passed in 2018, and the 4 million-dollar OSCIM Grant from the Oregon Department of Education. Thanks to all for the support of this project that has made Dufur Students and staff safer than ever and made our entire school campus more functional and better equipped to meet the ever-increasing needs of Dufur students.
- Although our traditional **Jerri Walker DePriest Dinner and Auction** was cancelled this year due to Covid challenges, there is an online auction scheduled for homecoming week. Please go to www.dufur.k12.or.us for more information and to participate in this year's event. We look forward to a more traditional event in fall 2022. As a reminder, the JWD Endowment fund has awarded over **\$ 500,000 dollars** in scholarship aid to deserving Dufur Graduates. Total fund balance at this point is **\$ 1.8 million dollars**.
- The **Ranger Pride Education Foundation** continues its work in expanding the scope of the foundation. Current focus is on the development of the **Ranger Tech Program**. This program is greatly expanding career technical education (CTE) opportunities for Dufur Students. We'll provide information on this as the project develops. The foundation currently has **\$ 1.8 million dollars** in the scholarship arm of the fund, and **\$ 200,000 dollars** in the educational enrichment arm of the fund. The RPEF goal is to improve all district educational programs as well as continue to provide significant scholarship aid to Dufur High School graduates.
- Although dealing with Covid is challenging, we feel grateful for the good work that Dufur School staff is undertaking to provide the best education possible for all Dufur School Students. It is a difficult task, but is being dealt with very well both in house and in our close partnership with the North Central Public Health Department. Thank you to all our school community for your patience as we work through the many challenges created by the Covid situation. The Pandemic has divided our nation like no other modern challenge, however once again Dufur families are working together with their school to provide the best program possible for Dufur students.

GO RANGERS!