

## Press Release:

Title: **Healdsburg Active 20 30 Club Awards HEF \$4,000 for HES Enrichment Program**

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The Healdsburg Active 20-30 Club, #205 awarded the Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF) \$4,000 for the Elementary School Enrichment Program at their December Officer Induction Ceremonies. The 20-30 Club raised these funds from their Annual Bottle Shots event which was held last August at Seghesio Winery.



Pictured left to right: David Bartels, Board Member, Whitney Opperman, Vice-President, Pamela Swan, Director, HEF, Jennifer Waddington, President, and Dan Chapin, Past President.

The **Enrichment Program** provides Kindergarten through fifth grade students with in-class instruction in key subjects that have been drastically reduced by most school districts due to funding restrictions. The Enrichment Program provides elementary students with classes in the: art, drama, garden/nutrition, music, fitness, science, computers, Lego-Robotics, and chess. The school day was extended twenty minutes each day to allow time for these classes. The time students spend with enrichment teachers allows homeroom teachers to engage in shared planning time, enabling them to engage in needed curriculum coordination, review best teaching practices, and engage in professional development.

Amber Stringfellow, the Principal at the Fitch Mountain Campus, which includes the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes of Healdsburg Elementary School claims, “Students look forward to their enrichment day and are excited about what they are doing in class. This program has sparked interests and creative projects outside of the classroom. We have students that have auditioned for local plays as well as students that have created their own poetry journals and continue to write at home. Most importantly, they are having a great time and learning” HEF is still in the fundraising phase for this program, and still needs \$70,000 to complete this year’s funding pledge of \$130,000.

Established in 1985, the **Healdsburg Education Foundation** has raised to date over \$3 million for the Healdsburg area public school districts. Funding priorities are established with the school districts each year and focus on projects that have a major impact on student learning, but lack public funding. Funding priorities also focus on areas that increase graduation rates and decrease the achievement gap, including: the HES Enrichment Program, libraries, technology, arts and music, science, agriculture, athletics, career and college counseling, vocational/technical training, and scholarships.

**If you would like to learn more or make a donation to support the HES Enrichment Program, you can donate on-line at [hefschools.com](http://hefschools.com) or contact Pamela Swan, HEF Director at P.O. Box 1668, Healdsburg, CA 95448, (707) 433-1223.**

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