

News Release

Klamath Cares, Klamath Reads receives \$5,000 grant to help support literacy event for first grade children

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. – Klamath Cares, Klamath Reads is a program designed to instill in students the desire to read, and the \$5,000 grant from the Pacific Power Foundation will help provide the students with their own personal hard-cover book and backpack.

Klamath Cares, Klamath Reads is an annual literacy event for all first grade students in Klamath County and neighboring schools in northern California. It is a day to celebrate reading. The students are provided lunch, and participate in a small group reading session.

The Klamath Co. Rotary Club organizes Klamath Cares, Klamath Reads and others organizations including, the Sunrise Rotary, Tulelake Rotary, Klamath Union High School Key Club and KUHS Cheer Leaders participate in the program.

“When children can have new, positive experiences, it benefits them as a whole and influences other parts of their lives,” said Toby Freeman, Pacific Power regional community manager. “When they spend time with an adult who cares about them and reads to them, these children will add to their own personal data bank, which in turn supports their growth as students, citizens and individuals.”

The 11th annual event will take place at the Ross Ragland Theater in early June. Anyone willing to help read to a small group of first graders during the program should contact Amy Boivin or Ces Amuchastegui at 541-883-1030.

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