

Helix Middle School Art students have been given the opportunity to give back to the community. Students will be using their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) skills to create larger than life puppets. These puppets will be given to Cason's Place: Grief Support for Children and Families of Eastern Oregon. The puppets will appear in parades, festivals and fundraisers.

Mrs. Peterson-Terjeson taught in Helix in 1985-88 and has become a regular substitute teacher the past two years at Helix. In 2007, during harvest, her son, Cason died when he lost control of the fully loaded wheat truck outside of Helix. His sister, Lydia was able to attend grief support groups in Portland for five years Her participation in peer support groups offered her a place to connect with others who were also dealing with death of a loved one, gave her confidence to move forward and ways to honor her brother, Cason.

Cason's Place will be offering unique peer support to children and teens who have had a parent, sibling or friend die. The children are grouped by ages and will participate in group sessions twice a month led by highly trained facilitators. For more background information please check out the website: casonspplace.org or contact Mrs. PT 503 780 5553.

Participants in peer groups will meet in Pendleton beginning in the fall of 2017. Check out Cason's Place website casonspplace.org and their Facebook page: Cason's place grief support for children and families of Eastern Oregon are a great source of information.

In order to create these large puppets we are looking to the community for their donations of supplies or monetary contributions.

List of supplies:

5 -- Backpack with a METAL FRAME not a school backpack

24 -- Fun Noodles

Nylon Rope

10 -- 1" or 1.5" pvc pipe in 2 ft lengths or longer

15 -- 1" or 1.5" pvc pipe 4 ft lengths or longer

180" Webbing 2" wide or 5 --old seatbelts webbing and buckle

T-shirts that are ready for "the rag bag"

6 -- Mops made from yarn (can be used)

Wire 19 gauge (pliable) not less than 10" pieces

6 -- Chicken Wire scraps minimum size:18" wide x 36"

Foam padding 1" thick scraps

2 -- rolls Duct Tape

5 -- 1 liter soda bottle empty

Glue Sticks for hot glue gun

Fabric or bed sheets

Funds for purchasing Pavopal hardening medium 5 --1000grams at \$38 per container \$190.

Tools to Borrow. Please label your tools so we may return them to you.

Saw

Wire Cutter

Pliers

Leather work gloves

Drill with 1/4 drill bit