

Ruby Valley Hospital Donates to Support School Science Education

Every fall, the healthcare providers at the Ruby Valley Medical Clinic offer low-cost sports physicals for athletes at Twin Bridges and Sheridan Schools. For the past three years, the money collected from those physicals has been donated back to the schools in the Ruby Valley. The schools can use the funds as they wish to purchase books or equipment in support of science education! Last week, Dr. Roman Hendrickson on behalf of Ruby Valley Hospital, presented Sheridan School Superintendent, Kim Harding, with a check for \$400 and Twin Bridges School Librarian, Jamie Reynolds, with a check for \$1,150.

The Ruby Valley Hospital's Board of Directors has graciously allowed that the funds be used by the school libraries for science education. "Our science teacher is already shopping the science book catalogs," said Superintendent Harding. Mrs. Reynolds has coordinated a plan for Twin Bridges School to use their funds to purchase several iPad tablets which will be filled with science application and digital books to compliment the K-12 science curriculum. The library will work with the teachers to coordinate and supervise group projects with the students. While accepting the donation, Mrs. Reynolds said, "We are excited for the students to experience these iPads as powerful learning tools in the classroom."

Only funds collected during the on-campus sports physicals are used for the donations. The Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioner who perform the Sports Physicals enjoy the opportunity to contribute to the safety and health of our young athletes. Dr. Hendrickson expects that this program will continue indefinitely. He adds that, "It's great to see these funds circle back to our schools."



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