

Brand New Marimbas for White Bluff Elementary School

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White Bluffs Elementary Music teacher Walt Hampton was awarded a \$2,606 grant from the Richland Education Foundation for three alto marimbas. The instruments are constantly being used to improve the lives of White Bluffs students.

The school was in the middle of raising money, but they were still short of what was needed to buy the alto marimbas. He decided to apply for the grant at the suggestion of his principal, Paul Chartrand. Hampton is thankful that the Richland Education Foundation grant covered the difference.

Hampton says, "It's very nice to be playing marimbas that sound good, stay in tune, and don't fall apart when played. Thank you to the Richland Education Foundation."

Hampton is using the grant to give students in the marimba bands and other White Bluffs students a chance to play the instruments. The marimba bands perform at other schools and public events over the course of the year.

The new marimbas are beneficial because the elementary students are getting a lot of musical experience by playing age-appropriate instruments. They are learning musical concepts that they would never learn without the marimbas in the classroom.

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About the Foundation

The Richland Education Foundation supports Richland schools and the students in the district. They help schools get grants for much needed supplies in classrooms. However, the foundation's main function is awarding scholarships to deserving students.