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**South Central Public Health District Announces Action for Healthy Kids Grant Winners**

TWIN FALLS-South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) is pleased to announce the three winners of Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK) mini-grants. Action for Healthy Kids is the nation's leading nonprofit and largest volunteer network fighting childhood obesity and undernourishment by working with schools to improve nutrition and physical activity. These grants, focused on physical activity, are provided through a partnership between SCPHD and the Idaho AFHK team.

- Hazelton's Valley Elementary School is receiving \$650 to install four new tether ball poles and paint hopscotch and four square templates on the pavement. Valley Elementary has about 315 students.
- Perrine and Morningside Elementary schools in Twin Falls submitted a joint application, and will receive \$400 to buy new physical education equipment, including playground balls, tether balls, basketballs, soccer balls, and jump ropes. These schools serve about 1000 students.
- White Pine Intermediate School in Burley will receive \$400 to buy pedometers to pilot a new walking program with about 45 fourth graders. Using the pedometers, the fourth graders will "Walk the Oregon Trail" which integrates physical education with Idaho history.

The South Central Idaho AFHK consists of teachers, school food- service directors, school nurses, principals, Boys and Girls Club, College of Southern Idaho, and Girl Scouts. AFHK is currently recruiting new members, especially teachers, parents, and students. For more

information on AFHK or if you are interested in joining, contact Susie Beem at South Central Public Health District at 737-5946.

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