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Donor Recognition Event – July 26, 2017: AEF’s Donor Recognition Event – “Coffee with the Superintendent” was held on July 26th at the AEC Staff Development Room in appreciation of the donors who gave generous gifts and donations during the 2016-17 school year.

Dr. Vannasdall, AUSD Superintendent, the keynote speaker at the event delivered an inspiring speech to the donors and guests about the changing landscape of education and how AEF has been instrumental in enhancing students’ educational experiences. Allan Cheng, AEF President, recognized the donors and the sponsors and thanked them for their generous support and contributions. AEF trustee, Kate Guo welcomed the guests and AEF trustees Miguel Cea and Aaron Rose engaged the donors during the “Idea Share”. All the school principals, AEF staff, and many of the AUSD staff were in attendance.

School Site Registration Days - Aug 4 – Aug 14, 2017: AEF’s presence at the School Site Registration Days gained good momentum this year. AEF trustees, staff, and volunteers were present at each school site, greeting parents and cheering students as they came in for the registration days.
AEF received nearly $20,000.00 in donations at the School Site Registration Days. We are grateful for all the parents for their continued support of AEF. It is because of the generous help and contributions from our donors and sponsors we are able to provide much needed support to our schools.

**AEF’s $234,748.00 Donation to AUSD – August 22, 2017:** AEF donated $234,748.00 to AUSD on August 22, to fund the Naviance Program, the District Messaging System, and School Transitional Counselors. Allan Cheng, AEF President and Sheldon Wright, the 1st Vice President of AEF presented a giant check to AUSD at the school board meeting.

**AEF at Back to School Nights – August 2017:** AEF was given an opportunity to speak at the Back to School Nights at various school sites. AEF’s 1st Vice President, Sheldon Wright addressed the parents at the AHS Back to School Night and Annie Rai, Director of Administration at AEF, addressed the gathering at First Ave Middle School.

**AEF Donor Survey – Sep-Oct 2017:** AEF’s Donor Survey was sent out to all the AUSD parents via phone and email. Thank you to all the parents who participated in the survey and shared feedback.
AEF values parents’ feedback. The foundation is taking measures to address the interests and concerns that parents shared, and to enhance students’ educational experiences.

**AEF Mini-Grant Program – Nov 15, 2017 - Mar 15, 2018:** For almost 20 years, AEF has awarded inspirational AUSD teachers and staff with grants that help take their innovative ideas from idea to reality. We are excited to announce that 2017-18 AEF Mini-Grant application forms and guidelines are available now through January 17, 2018, on our website and through school sites. Any non-administrative AUSD staff may apply. All applications are due on January 17, 2018. AEF Mini-Grant Award winners will be announced on March 15, 2018 after the assessment and evaluation process by AUSD administration and the AEF Mini-Grant Committee. To access the application and learn more, please visit: [https://www.arcadiaedfoundation.org/2017/11/15/2017-18-aef-mini-grant-applications-are-available-now-through-january-17-2018/](https://www.arcadiaedfoundation.org/2017/11/15/2017-18-aef-mini-grant-applications-are-available-now-through-january-17-2018/). Also, we are pleased to share that AEF received a grant in the amount of $1,500.00 from State Farm to be used for our Mini-Grant Program. To read more follow the link: [https://www.arcadiaedfoundation.org/2017/11/03/state-farm-partners-with-aef/](https://www.arcadiaedfoundation.org/2017/11/03/state-farm-partners-with-aef/). Stay tuned to see what great ideas the AUSD teachers and staff come up with.

**AEF Annual Appeal Campaign 2017-18:** AEF’s Annual Appeal Campaign is a year-round donation drive that extends from July 2017 – June 2018. So far, we have received nearly $115,000.00 in gifts and donations and we hope to raise more funds to support AEF Programs such as the Mini-Grant Program, the Naviance Program, the District Messaging System, and other AUSD Programs like the school counselors. We are thankful for the generous gifts and donations we received from AUSD parents, residents, and sponsors. Your contributions help us make a difference in our schools.

**AEF Summer School:** We are grateful for all our families and AEF staff who participated in our 23rd annual summer school program. About 2,000 students in first through twelfth grade attended our academic, enrichment, and some classes that were just for fun!

At the high school, students were able to take initiatory credit to accelerate student progress toward graduation and college entrance requirements and ease the stress on student scheduling during the regular school year. Incoming freshman were able to get a preview of the efforts that will be required in the fall to be successful in the high school environment.
At the elementary and middle school summer programs, students enjoyed taking a variety of academic and enrichment courses. Many of the classes are designed to support English Language Arts and mathematics skills learned during the school year and challenge students to continue to develop those skills over the summer to be ready for their fall classes. Other summer classes engage students in courses or subjects that may not be offered during the regular school year. Either way, students are engaged in active learning and can do so while still having fun in the summer.

As we look forward to 2018, we are already preparing for another exciting summer of academic and enrichment classes. We have recently announced our summer school dates. The high school will be six weeks, meeting Monday through Friday and will begin on Monday, June 11th and end on Thursday, July 19th. Elementary and middle school will be five weeks meeting Monday through Thursday and will begin on Monday, June 18th and end on Thursday, July 19th. Here is a “link” for specifics on the summer school dates: https://www.arcadiaedfoundation.org/aef-summer-school-2018/.

Please check our website for further details in the upcoming months regarding summer school sites and registration information. We will continue to post information when it is available. You can reach us at AEFSummer@ArcadiaEdFoundation.org or (626) 821-6606. In addition to our website, you can find summer school information on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram account.

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**AEF Scrip Program:** Be sure to stock up with Scrip for all your holiday shopping! Scrip is a program that lets you donate to your Arcadia school each time you shop by using Scrip gift cards for your everyday purchases or for gift giving. Use the Benefit-Mobile App on your smart phone to buy electronic gift cards and use the app when you shop to pay for your purchases. Visit www.benefit-mobile.com for more information and to download the app. For more information please email scrip@arcadiaedfoundation.org

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Upcoming Events:

- **Giving Tuesday Drive – November 28th**: All donations support AEF Programs such as The Mini-Grant Program, the Scrip Program, the Naviance Program, the District Messaging System, and other AUSD Programs.
- **Fireside Chat with the Superintendent – December 5th**: Join us for holiday treats and conversation about the changing landscape of education and how you can help your student achieve standards in today’s competitive world.
- **Year-End Giving Drive – December**: All donations support AEF Programs such as The Mini-Grant Program, the Scrip Program, the Naviance Program, the District Messaging System, and other AUSD Programs.
- **Online Auction Fundraiser– Early next year**: AEF plans to hold an online auction via eBay for Charity. Over the coming days we will be publishing all the details on our website. Be sure to visit www.ArcadiaEdFoundation.org.

Ways you can support:

- **Become a Donor**: Give towards our ongoing annual appeal or endowment fund (a one-time annual gift or monthly recurring gift, employee matching gifts, and in-kind gifts). You can donate online or by mail. Take advantage of AEF’s online automatic deduction feature which makes giving easy and efficient. Please visit our website for all the details.
- **Become a Sponsor and be listed on our website**: When your business gives a gift of $1000 or more, you can be listed as a sponsor on our website. To learn more, please contact us.
- **Become a Trustee**: If you are looking for a meaningful involvement in your child’s education, please consider joining the AEF Board. AEF meetings are held once every month, which makes it easier for parents to attend and participate. You will get an insight into the changes at the state and local level funding that affect our school district and its impact on curriculum and staffing.
- **Become a Volunteer**: Give back to your community and impact your child’s educational experience and opportunities by volunteering your time and sharing your resources.

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The Arcadia Educational Foundation (AEF) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1981 in response to substantially reduced federal and state funding for California public schools. The foundation’s purpose is to raise funds for the Arcadia Unified School District. AEF is administered by parent and community member trustees who represent the interests of Arcadia’s 10 public schools.

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