AEF BRIGHTENING THE FUTURE OF AUSD STUDENTS!

Although Arcadia's public schools have a great reputation and high academic standards, the greatest challenge now faced by the Arcadia Unified School District (AUSD) is funding. AUSD is one of the lowest funded districts in all of Los Angeles County. Federal and state education funding for Arcadia schools does not cover the cost of the nationally recognized curriculum and programs that AUSD students have been accustomed to. Ongoing parent and community contributions of money and time are necessary to maintain this educational excellence.

AEF’s financial contributions to the district supports:

- AUSD's classroom mini-grants program to enrich the curriculum and student learning.
- AUSD’s counseling services that include transitional/AVID/college and career counselors, and Naviance, a comprehensive college and career readiness solution that helps the district align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals, improving student outcomes and connecting learning to life.
- AUSD’s emergency and communication system that helps district convey critical information and important announcements to parents and community members.
- AUSD student organizations.

AEF currently accomplishes this with the participation of only 15% of the families in the district. Imagine what we could do with the consistent participation of more families! With increased and sustained funding, AEF could not only maintain and preserve vital educational programs that AUSD schools and students benefit from, but also bridge the funding gap due to substantially reduced state and federal allocations for California public schools and meet the district's goals of broadening educational programs. We hope you will take this opportunity to partner with AEF in our mission to support 11 AUSD schools and our students. Our goal is $600 per student, but contributions of ANY AMOUNT are accepted HERE. Your donation will help to keep our students thriving in one of the best school districts in the nation.

AEF SCRIP - SUMMER RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to all of the AUSD families who continued to purchase scrip during the summer.

We have 4 winners from our raffle drawing:

- Pam Harrison/Beth Gerber @ Lightext, Inc. – supporting Foothills MS & AHS
- Lori Gamez – supporting Highland Oaks
- Johnny Pang/Irene Chiu – supporting AHS
- Yo Tsao – supporting Highland Oaks

Scrip is available for all your back to school needs. Kick off the new school year with a scrip purchase to support your favorite AUSD school at no additional cost to you.

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THINGS GET SOLVED IF YOU GET INVOLVED

- BECOME a donor, sponsor, or trustee.
- DONATE online or by mail.
- SET-UP a one-time or recurring gift.
- ENROLL in your employer’s matching program.
- PURCHASE Scrip.
- SHOP at Amazon through Smile.Amazon.com choose AEF.
- ATTEND our board meetings on the third Tuesday of every month.

DID YOU KNOW?

California state funding for public schools is 44th in the nation. AUSD schools need your investment to maintain high quality public education and meet the needs of all students. Lend your support here!

Learn more about AEF’s mission and helping AUSD schools by visiting www.ArcadiaEdFoundation.org or (626) 447-2165.
GIVE A RECURRING GIFT

- Visit the AEF website, choose an amount you would like to give, and select a frequency for your recurring gift - monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually.
- A year-end summary donation receipt will be provided at the end of each calendar year.
- For questions please contact us at info@ArcadiaEdFoundation.org or (626) 447-2165.

ATTEND AEF BOARD MEETINGS

AEF board meetings are open to all.

They take place on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the AEC Staff Development Room, Arcadia Education Center, 150 S Third Ave, Arcadia.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:
Aug 20, 2019; Sep 17, 2019; Oct 15, 2019; Nov 19, 2019; Dec 17, 2019; Jan 21, 2019; Feb 18, 2019; Mar 17, 2019; Apr 21, 2019; May 19, 2019; Jun 16, 2019.

BECOME AN AEF TRUSTEE

Trustee expectations:

- Attend majority of the monthly meetings.
- Donate at a personally meaningful level.
- Serve on two committees or chair one.
- Attend PTSA/Chamber meetings.
- Provide a biography for publication on the AEF website.

Trustee benefits:

- Gain nonprofit board experience.
- Learn how AUSD administration works with funding.
- Involvement in new funding opportunities.
- Stay informed of school and district news.
- Help the foundation grow.

AEF MEMBER PROFILE – RANDY MCDONALD, FORMER PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE

I am currently a Senior IT Leader with Trader Joe’s Company. Growing up in nearby Whittier, I am a true Southern California native. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from San Diego State University. I am also a member of the Project Management Institute (PMI).

Attracted by the excellent schools, we moved to Arcadia in 2002. My children attended Hugo Reid, Foothills Middle School and Arcadia High School. I have been active in AEF for more than 15 years, in addition to being a past President. Although I no longer have children in the District, I also continue to actively support the Arcadia Music Club (Go Percussion!).

My parents were both public school teachers, who together gave over 60 years of service to students and their families in the Whittier Union School District. In my youth, I spent many summers helping my parents to develop and assemble materials for their classrooms. Continuing the family tradition, my youngest daughter is beginning her Fifth year of teaching (4th grade).