AEF FUNDS THE SCHOOL MESSENGER SYSTEM

THANK YOU AEF DONORS! YOUR donations made School Messenger possible yet again this year. AEF made a donation to AUSD in the amount of $15,345.00 to fund the School Messenger System at the AEF board meeting on 9/17/2019. School Messenger is a vital communication system that helps the district convey critical information and important announcements to AUSD parents and community. AEF has been funding the School Messenger System for over 10 years now.

When YOU donate to AEF, your donated funds are used to financially support the district with valuable educational programs that are not funded by the state and federal education funding and budgetary challenges. Please visit www.ArcadiaEdFoundation.org to support and learn more about AEF.

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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!

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 gift program
- Purchase Scrip
- Shop at Amazon through smile.amazon.com and choose AEF as your charity
- Attend our board meetings on the third Tuesday of every month

Learn more about AEF’s mission and helping AUSD schools by visiting www.ArcadiaEdFoundation.org or contact us at (626) 447-2165.

2019-2020 AEF MINI-GRANTS UPDATE

Stay tuned…

The application period for our 2019 – 2020 mini-grants closed on October 1, 2019. AUSD and our committee are busily reviewing the applications which have been anonymized in order to minimize any bias. For over 21 years, AEF has supported the teachers and staff of our district with grants to enrich their curriculum and provide innovation and/or collaboration in learning. WE couldn’t do it without YOU, our donors! So thank you for partnering with us in supporting these incredible teachers. Winners of this year’s grants will be announced by November 15, 2019.

Middle school students using 3D glasses obtained from a 2018 AEF Mini-Grant!
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. Join us to learn about AEF and how you can get involved in the foundation’s efforts.

When: Third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm

Where: AEC Staff Development Room, Arcadia Education Center, 150 S Third Ave, Arcadia.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

BECOME AN AEF TRUSTEE

Trustee expectations:
- Attend majority of the monthly AEF board meetings
- Represent an AUSD school as a liaison
- 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 SUMMER SCHOOL

Looking for information on the AEF Summer School Program in 2020?

We are currently reviewing our 25th year and will begin planning for the 26th AEF Summer School Program soon.

Information for AEF 2020 Summer Programs will be available towards the end of this year.

Contact us at: AEFsummer@ArcadiaEdFoundation.org

AEF SCRIP

Look at all the different ways you can support your school with Scrip purchases

- Buy cards directly from the Scrip volunteer at your school or the school office.
- Scrip Club – This is a monthly mail subscription that is mailed to your home on the 5th or the 20th of the month.
- Shop With Scrip – Set up your Mobile account with Great Lakes Scrip Center to make electronic scrip gift card purchases on the go or reload your AEF scrip gift card you have registered at shopwithscrip.com. Link your checking account (0.15 fee) or pay with credit card (2.6% fee)
- Benefit-Mobile – This is an App you download on your smart phone to purchase electronic gift cards. Pay with your checking account or credit card.
- Ralph’s Community Contribution – Register your Ralph’s Rewards card through their website and swipe your Rewards card with each purchase to support your school.

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AEF MEMBER PROFILE – JANET ZHANG, TRUSTEE

My name is Janet Zhang. Both my daughter and son attend Arcadia High School. I learned about AEF through a friend from Dana PTSA a year and a half ago. During my two years serving on the executive board at Dana PTSA, I also learned about how public schools are funded in California using the Local Control Funding Formula. After going to Sacramento to attend the CA PTA Legislation Conference in March 2017, it came to my realization that our school district simply does not receive sufficient funding from the State and there is no obvious path to get more public funding. Therefore, we, the parents, need to do what we can to help bridge the funding gap in order to better support our teachers and students. I feel that AEF plays an important role in bringing the parents and community together to stand behind our schools. Recently, I accepted President Allan Cheng’s invitation to join AEF so that I can do my fair share supporting AUSD and hopefully also bring the awareness to more parents. I am currently a stay-at-home mom. I have both my undergraduate and Master degrees from MIT in electrical engineering and computer science. I worked at Texas Instruments and Lenovo (Beijing) for a number of years. I am bilingual in English and Chinese. I like playing tennis and participated in the San Gabriel Valley USTA tournaments with my tennis group this past Spring for the very first time.