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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 choose AEF
• 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.

AEF AT SCHOOL SITES FOR REGISTRATION DAYS

AEF trustees, liaisons, and parent volunteers were honored to meet and greet parents at every school site and bring much needed awareness about AEF and further the foundation’s efforts to raise funds to financially support the Arcadia Unified School District and students. A BIG thank you to all who donated. If you haven’t had a chance to donate yet, please consider a donation via the AEF website or send us a check to help uphold the world class education in 11 Arcadia public schools and expand learning opportunities for the nearly 10,000 students. Your support makes all the difference!

**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:
- Sep 17, 2019
- Oct 15, 2019
- Nov 19, 2019
- Dec 17, 2019
- Jan 21, 2020
- Feb 18, 2020
- Mar 17, 2020
- Apr 21, 2020
- May 19, 2020
- Jun 16, 2020

**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

**2019-2020 AEF MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Applications are NOW available. The 2019-2020 Mini-Grant Program encourages AUSD educators to expand beyond standard practice and enhance student learning. Our grant program provides an opportunity for teachers, staff, and coaches to DREAM BIG and exercise their passion for teaching, to develop programs and collaborate with their colleagues by providing our students with programs/materials above and beyond what state funding provides. We are proud to have supported this program for over twenty one years. Thank you to our donors for supporting these dreams. Last year, we awarded grants to 29 applications totaling over $21,000! We encourage all teachers, staff and coaches to apply! Applications are due by October 1, 2019. Visit the AEF website to access the application. For questions, contact minigrants@arcadiaedfoundation.org

**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**

As we start a new school year, consider starting the Scrip habit. AEF offers the Scrip fundraising program for the Arcadia Unified Schools.

Scrip is the same as buying a gift card at your favorite store, but even better as you are helping your favorite AUSD School earn money at no extra cost to you. When you buy Scrip you are buying gift cards at face value that AEF has purchased at a discount. The schools receive that discounted percentage when you purchase the cards at your school site or the AEF office.

If you're putting gas in the car, buying groceries, stopping for a cup of coffee, or eating out, consider doing this with Scrip. Stop by your school office or send an email to scrip@arcadiaedfoundation.org to see the cards we have available or find out how to buy electronic gift cards using an app on your phone.

**AEF MEMBER PROFILE – KATE GUO, TRUSTEE AND FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT**

I have been living in Arcadia since 1988 and joined the AEF Board in 2014. I served as the Past Vice President and I am current Trustee of the Board.

I believe that helping AEF to support AUSD’s financial needs will promote the quality of education for our children and will also ensure that Arcadia remains a desirable community to live in.

In terms of my career, I am a life insurance broker in Arcadia, and I am devoted to helping families and children to be financially protected and insured no matter what happens in their life.

I am very happy to see more parents participate AEF’s annual fundraising drive, which helps maintain AUSD's education excellence and keeps Arcadia a pleasant community to raise families.

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