
Pacific School Foundation / Parents' Club

P.O. Box 358, 50 Ocean Street, Davenport, CA 95017

**** Parents Need to Raise \$300 Per Student, All Programs, Preschool through Grade 6****

Dear Pacific School Parent,

August 2016

We are part of something special. Students at Pacific Elementary School thrive in a setting with high adult to student ratios rarely seen in public schools in California. They thrive on a food and garden program that is seen as a model across the country – and one that feeds their bodies, minds, and hearts. They thrive with the proven benefits of instruction in music, theater, and art.

We value, and many of us have chosen, Pacific Elementary School's educational experience because of these programs. But, **these programs are not funded by the school**. Instead, we rely on parents and the school community to make up the difference between state funding and the actual cost of a Pacific Elementary School education. This school year, we need to raise \$37,924 (or about \$300 per student, including preschool, 5-day, and independent studies) to fund these programs at expected levels.

What exactly does Parents' Club Fund?

- Life Lab – The school garden program which teaches students life science and raises food used in the cafeteria.
- Music, Theater, and Visual Art – Parents' Club pays for all of the costs to perform a school play every other year, and almost all of the costs of Orff music, instrumental music, and visual arts instruction. Pacific is one of few elementary schools in the county still maintaining an instrumental music program.
- School Library – When funding is available, Parents' Club pays for staff, books, and supplies for the school library.
- Classroom Aides – Although the main school budget pays for most of the classroom aide salaries, in order to avoid staffing hours cuts, Parents' Club has taken on part of the cost of classroom aides.
- Classroom Grants – When funding is available, teachers can apply to Parents' Club for classroom grants for special supplies or projects.

What does Parents' Club NOT Fund? The activities below have their own budgets and fundraising goals, so supporting these programs, while greatly appreciated, does not help support Life Lab, music, theater, aides, or the library.

- FoodLab – FoodLab is NOT funded by Parents' Club. It is funded by a combination of Pacific School general funds and the efforts of Friends of FoodLab, a separate volunteer organization which hosts an annual Farm-to-Table dinner each October.
- Fifth-Sixth Field Trips – The fifth-sixth field trips, including the environmental living program (ELP), is funded by the independent fundraising efforts of the fifth-sixth graders, both 5-day and independent studies, generally including pancake breakfasts and pumpkin pie sales.

Please complete the other side of this form to show how you can help raise the money we need to fund the programs we love.

Thank You!

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Please complete the following form and mail or return it to the school office. The information you provide will help match your interests to the many volunteer opportunities at school. Pacific School depends on parent volunteers and donations to fund the educational experience we expect. All families are expected to volunteer in some way for various Parents' Club fundraising events, and we can only succeed with your help. We are small community. Every volunteer matters.

Doing Your Part to help our Kids' Education

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Student Name(s): _____ Student Grade Level(s): _____

Best Phone(s): _____

Best Email(s): _____

Please check off the activities you'd like to help with (if you'd like to team up with another parent that's great). If more than one family member is interested, **use initials** to indicate which family member is interested in which activities. We will help connect you to the right people and information to make this happen.

Parents' Club Positions: Parents' Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, usually at a restaurant on the West Side of Santa Cruz. Parents' Club needs to fill the following positions (if you'd like to team up with another parent that's great):

- Co-Treasurer
- On-Line Communications Officer
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Donations/Auction Coordinator(s)

Fundraisers and Activities: Check or initial the activities you might be willing to help organize or participate in.

- Library (book shelving, thematic displays, and library organization)
- Life Lab/School Garden (different tasks needed including teaching, weeding, etc.)
- Potato Night (family potato-themed potluck and fun night – hasn't happened for a few years)
- FoodLab (not part of Parents' Club): Emelia Miguel can use help with Farm-to-Table on October 15.
- Annual Pledge Drive (annual mailing and fundraising appeal)
- Spring Dinner/Auction/Bingo Night
- Drive for Schools (Pacific sells lottery tickets as part of county-wide fundraiser)
- Human Race
- 4th of July Swanton Picnic
- Please list any special skills you may have that can be shared with Parents' Club below:

I want to start donating now!

- I shop at New Leaf and want information about the New Leaf Gift Card fundraiser.
- I will go to smile.amazon.com, select "Ps The Foundation For Our Future" as my charity, and use smile.amazon.com for all my Amazon shopping. Amazon will donate 0.5%!
- I will go to <http://www.pacificesd.org/parents-club.html>, click on "Donate Now" and make a monthly or one-time donation to Parents' Club. THANK YOU!!!