
Pacific School Foundation / Parents' Club

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

Dear Pacific School Parents,

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You are part of something special. The students at Pacific School thrive in a setting with small class sizes and a student-to-instructor ratio 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 know you value Pacific School's educational experience because of these programs — programs that are not fully funded by the school. Parents like you, alumni, and the local community make up the difference between state funding and the actual cost of a Pacific School education.

We need to raise about \$400 per student to support all of our programs.

What exactly does your contribution directly to Parents' Club fund?

- ★ Life Lab – Along with FoodLab, this school garden program 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 – Parents' Club pays for staff, books, and supplies for the school library.
- ★ Classroom Aides – Parents' Club has taken on part of the cost of classroom aides to secure their positions.
- ★ Classroom Grants – Every teacher can apply to Parents' Club for classroom grants for special supplies or projects.

You can also make contributions directly to these areas that are not a part of the Parents' Club general fund:

- ★ FoodLab – Seen as a national model, FoodLab teaches life skills, culinary arts, and reinforces the core curriculum. *FoodLab has its own fund, so if you would like your donation to go directly to FoodLab, please make that clear on your check. All proceeds from the Farm to Table event go directly to FoodLab.*
- ★ Fifth-Sixth Grade Field Trips – The fifth-sixth grade field trips, including the trip to the Balclutha and the Environmental Living Program (ELP), are funded by the independent fundraising efforts of the fifth and sixth graders, both 5-day and Independent Study.

Please complete the other side of this form to express your commitment to helping support the programs we all 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 excellence we expect. All families are expected to volunteer in some way for Parents' Club and/or FoodLab fundraising events, as we can only succeed with your help. We are a small (but mighty!) community. Your effort matters!

Doing Your Part to Support Your Child's 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.

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

- _____ Annual Pledge Drive (annual mailing and fundraising appeal, Fall & Spring)
- _____ Art & Wine Fundraising Event (Jan-Feb)
- _____ Bingo Night (May-June)
- _____ Drive for Schools (Pacific sells lottery tickets as part of county-wide fundraiser; Sept-Oct)
- _____ Farm to Table event on October 7th to fund FoodLab
- _____ Grandparents Tea (Apr)
- _____ Human Race (May)
- _____ Library (book shelving, thematic displays, and library organization; all year)
- _____ Life Lab/School Garden (different tasks needed all year including teaching, weeding, etc.)
- _____ Potato Night (family potato-themed potluck and fun night; Nov)
- _____ Sell spirit gear (all year)
- _____ 4th of July Picnic (June-July)

Please list any special skills you may have that can be shared with Parents' Club:

Parents' Club: Parents' Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, alternating locations between the West Side of Santa Cruz and the school multipurpose room (schedule listed on school website). Parents' Club needs to fill the following positions:

- Parent Liaison/Classroom parents (PreSchool, K, Lower IS, 1/2, 5/6)
- Co-Lead for Drive For Schools (contact Monica Hettenhausen, teacher 3rd/4th)
- Treasurer for 2019-2020 (would be trained for position this year)

I want to start donating now!

- I will **write a check** to Pacific School Foundation (501c3) and bring it to the office.
- I will go to www.pacificesd.org, click on "**Donate Now**" on the home page, and make a monthly or one-time donation to Parents' Club.
- I **shop at New Leaf Market** and want information about the New Leaf Gift Card fundraiser.
- I will select Pacific School as my charity when I shop at **smile.amazon.com**. Amazon will donate back 0.5%! Find us at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0279872> under "**Ps The Foundation For Our Future**"