
Pacific School Foundation / Parents' Club

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

[Http://www.pacificschoolfoundation.org](http://www.pacificschoolfoundation.org)

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Dear Parents of Pacific School,

We hope you are all staying well and healthy. During this unprecedented time, we feel privileged to have you as a part of our Pacific School community. As we are all in an uncertain time together; we hope we can come together even if virtually or socially distanced to support each other. The Pacific School Foundation is a nonprofit run by volunteer parents of current students. It supports the school by raising vital funds to cover the difference between the students' education and the amount the state gives to the school. We rely on the kind support of all Pacific School parents in any way that is possible. Fundraising this coming school year will be a challenge for us as we are unable to all come together for our typical fundraising events. We hope that classes are able to come together to raise the necessary funds to support the school. This will take leadership from each class. Each class will need a parent liaison to lead other parents in their student's class in fundraising efforts.

Creativity is what we will need this year! With the music program cancelled for the 2020-2021 school year, the amount of fundraising needed to cover school costs is greatly reduced. **With current enrollment as of July 20, 2020, we need to raise \$130 per student or about \$15 per month.**

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 unique 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 \$130 per student to support all of our programs. Some families are unable to raise this amount so the contribution needed is closer to \$260, or \$29 per month.

What exactly does your contribution made directly to Pacific School Foundation Parents actually 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 the 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 Grants – Every teacher can apply to Parents' Club for classroom grants that fund 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! Take care and stay safe.

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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: These are our typical fundraising and school supporting activities. In person events are not available due to Covid this year.

- Farm to Table event fund FoodLab (Help make food, serve food or be a guest at event)
- Drive for Schools (Pacific sells lottery tickets as part of county-wide fundraiser; Sept-Oct)
- Potato Night (family potato-themed potluck and fun night; Nov.)
- Art & Wine Fundraising Event (November. / Online event)
- Bingo Night (May)
- Grandparents Tea (May)
- Library (book shelving, thematic displays, and library organization; all year)

For **2020-2021, our fundraising events will be limited.**

Please check or initial the activities you might be willing to participate in or help organize.

_____ **Online Art Fundraiser** [Due to our cancelled Art and Wine event in 2020, we are hosting an online art fundraiser. Help with posting on eBay pages, etc.]

_____ **SquareOne Art** (Students create artwork. Parents can order one of a kind pieces for gifts or keepsakes with their child's artwork on it. We need a lead on this fundraiser)

_____ **Annual Pledge Drive** (Annual mailing and fundraising appeal, Fall & Spring. Help printing, folding and mailing our pledge drive letters.)

_____ **Readathon** (Need help organizing this event. Fall.)

_____ **Virtual Walkathon** (Need help organizing this event. Spring)

_____ **Life Lab/School Garden** (different tasks needed all year including teaching, weeding, etc.)

_____ **Sell school spirit gear** (Make purchases of clothing apparel in the office all year)

____ **Yearbook** (collect photos from teacher if you are class liaison, collect photos from events throughout the year. Help to organize photos in yearbook)

Also please list any special skills you may have that can be shared with Pacific School Foundation Parents:

Pacific School Foundation Parents: In a typical year, the Pacific School Foundation Parents meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, alternating locations between Rosie McCann's in Santa Cruz and the school multipurpose room (schedule listed on school website). We are meeting virtually this school year. It will be scheduled the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. Please keep an eye out for the link on the Pacific School page. Pacific School Parents club needs to fill the following positions:

- **Parent Liaison/Classroom parents** (communicate with other parents about fundraising events, and collect photos with the help of teacher for the yearbook)
- **Lead** for SquareOne Art, New Leaf Gift cards

I want to start donating now!

- I will **write a check** to PS The Foundation for Our Future and bring it to the office. PSF is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.
- I will go to www.pacificesd.org, click on “**Donate Now**” on the home page, and make a monthly or one-time donation to Pacific School Foundation, PS The Foundation For Our Future. Monthly donations of \$11 per student will help bridge the fundraising gap.
- I **shop at New Leaf Market** and want information about the New Leaf Gift Card fundraiser.
- For Amazon purchases, I will visit <http://www.pacificschoolfoundation.org> and **click on the Amazon link**. Amazon will give PSF around 4% of your purchase to PSF at no additional cost to you!
- 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**”