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IPSF Summer 2008 Newsletter

Welcome to a New School Year!

The Irvine Public Schools Foundation provides community and corporate funding in support of public education and manages educational and child development programs in partnership with the Irvine Unified School District.

What we accomplished last year:

- Our **Afterschool Classroom Enrichment** program (ACE) served over 4,000 IUSD students at 21 schools. We added online registration to our ACEwise website.
- Our award winning **Instrument Rental Program** rented out over 1,000 instruments and provided 100 instruments to students in need. Proceeds from this program will support Instructional Assistants in the elementary music program.
- The first ever **Walk To School Day** was a huge success, with more than 6,000 students making a commitment to a healthy activity.
- The **PATS Program (Parents Appreciating Teachers and Staff)** raised over \$50,000, and distributed over 3,000 certificates of gratitude to our deserving teachers and staff.
- **Innovative Teaching Awards**, funded in part by the PATS Program, were granted to 29 teachers and counselors in 18 IUSD schools, totaling over \$35,000.
- We sponsored the **Parent Volunteer of the Year Awards**, recognizing 32 outstanding parent volunteers from each IUSD school. **Laura Baden** of Santiago Hills Elementary is the IUSD Parent Volunteer of the Year for 2007-2008!
- IPSF offered two teacher seminars, in Korean and Persian history and culture, to 40 IUSD teachers through our **PACE Program**
- **My College Knowledge** provided 24 college planning classes to students and parents between November and April.
- We conducted our **5Th Annual IPSF House Raffle**, selling nearly 9,000 tickets! Our lucky winner is Irvine mom Donna Johnston!
- We expanded our **Legacy Partners** to 52 members, and added new giving levels to allow more families to participate.

Looking Ahead:

- **Class Size Support Program:** The City of Irvine has generously offered a **\$900,000 matching grant** to reduce the impact of large class sizes. The city has extended the match opportunity for the current school year to allow IPSF to continue to raise funds to support this effort. For information about how you can contribute, visit our website, www.ipsf.net/ donations. Every dollar you give will be matched one to one by this City gift.
- **Other Fundraising:** IPSF will continue to:
 - Raise additional funds to support nurses, health clerks, and The Great Body Shop health curriculum.
 - Raise at least \$2 million through the **SIXTH Annual IPSF House Raffle**.
 - Continue our partnership with IUSD to offer enriched program opportunities for students, including programs like the High School Writing Program.

Should I support IPSF AND my school PTA?

Absolutely! We complement, not compete, with individual school fundraising and programs. We work closely with school sites through our Ambassador Program, and communicate regularly with each PTA. In 2008, our PTAs donated more than \$17,000 to IPSF to support our efforts to reduce the impact of larger class sizes.

Your child belongs to three school "communities": IUSD, the individual school, and the individual classroom. As parents, it is crucial that you support all three of these "communities" to create a successful school experience for your student. At IPSF we believe that time and money should be budgeted to all three important areas.

LEGACY PARTNERS: Building For the Future

It takes a community of concerned parents, dedicated educators, and responsible business and community leaders, all sharing a common vision, to build and sustain a world-class education. **IPSF Legacy Partners** is this exemplary community that shares and supports the effort to benefit our schools and offer our students the world class education they deserve. To learn more about how you can join this unique partnership, please contact Kathy Kim at kkim@ipsf.net or visit our website: www.ipsf.net/about/LegacyPartners.asp

Why don't our schools have enough money?

- Because of an outdated state funding formula, IUSD receives \$100 less per pupil than the state average (\$2.4 million/year less in total) .
- IUSD must provide mandated federal and state programs that are not fully funded by state or federal government, and must be funded from IUSD General Fund revenues.
- IUSD is restricted as to how they spend the dollars they receive. Over 95% of the school district budget goes for salaries and restricted expenses. Money for building/maintenance or textbook purchases cannot be used to run regular school programs.
- California ranked 29th in state spending per pupil in 2005-2006. This is a difference of about \$1000 less per student than the national average.
- For more information on school funding visit the IUSD website Budget Watch at:
http://www.iusd.k12.ca.us/budget_watch/IUSDBudgetWatch-FAQ.html

How Can I Help?

- ⇒ Plan to contribute to IPSF's Annual Campaign. *Thanks to a generous matching grant from the City of Irvine, your contribution will be matched dollar-for-dollar. Donate online through our secure server at www.ipsf.net/donations*
- ⇒ Find out if your employer will match your gift.
- ⇒ Volunteer as an ACE Coordinator, an IPSF Ambassador, A Walk To School Day Coordinator or on an IPSF Committee.
- ⇒ Get involved with your child's classroom and school PTA.

Be Sure to Visit Our Website For Current News and Opportunities:
www.ipsf.net

THE IPSF BOARD

The current IPSF Board has 21 volunteer voting members and 7 ex-officio members. They include parents, business and community leaders, high school students, teachers, school board members, and Dr. Gwen Gross, IUSD Superintendent. *Lita Robinow*, an active community member and school volunteer, is our 2008/09 Board Chair.

IPSF is one of the largest public school foundations in California, with annual revenues of more than \$4 million *thanks to you!* *Jerry Mandel* is our President and Chief Executive Officer. An active and diverse group of Irvine parents and business leaders, as well as IUSD staff, serve as volunteer members of IPSF committees.

To learn more about IPSF, please visit our website at www.ipsf.net or call us at 949.263.8340.

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UPCOMING DATES:

October – December

IPSF Annual Campaign

Watch your mailbox for our appeal and donate to IPSF!

September 13

Instrument Rental Day
Rancho San Joaquin Middle School
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

October 15:

2nd Annual Walk To School Day!
Demonstrate your commitment to a healthy life and health planet and
Walk To School!



SAVE THE DATE!! April 28, 2009!

The 27th **Donald Bren Honors Concert** will be held at the stunning Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall! Plan now to be there!