



# Foundation News!

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## President's Message from Mike Fillat

Thank you to all those who attended the auction. We set a record for money raised! A big thank you goes out to Sandra Escobedo, Dana Jankuska and the auction committee. With the teacher's and Mr. Embry's input, we will soon be deciding where to spend the money in the coming year. If you have any ideas, **please attend one of our next couple board meetings**. We meet the **first Monday of each month at 6:30** in the computer lab.

We also will be having a **joint PTA/Foundation meeting on Monday, May 12 at 6:30** in the computer lab. The primary reason for the joint meeting is to discuss the potential budget shortfall next year and how we all can best support our kids at Sundance. Hope to see you there. If you have any interest in being more involved in your children's education the foundation is a great way to do it. Ask a board member how you can help or come to one of our meetings.

**SHARE YOUR OPINIONS!**  
**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**  
*BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!*

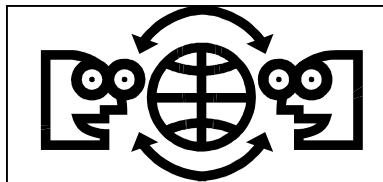
Come to the rest of this year's Board meetings!

**Monday May 5th**

Joint PTA/Foundation Meeting **Monday May 12th**

**Monday June 2nd**

*MEETINGS AT 6:30 IN THE COMPUTER LAB*



## Principal's Update

Our recent auction night, hosted by the Twin Trails Education Foundation, was a huge success and raised an incredible amount of money to help Sundance Elementary as we face large budget cuts from the state. In addition to the traditional auction items at our event, we started a new tradition called "Fund a Need". I had the opportunity to speak to the audience about our difficult budget situation and asked if parents could step up and donate money for our classroom teachers. At the end of about 15 minutes our parents pledged \$5,000 to the Sundance teachers for classroom supplies!

While much about the upcoming budget crisis is unknown to us, it is certain that we will be continuing to provide a first-rate education for our students with drastically fewer funds. Sundance has established a reputation in the district for having student achievement that rivals any school in the state. As we enter into the final months of the school year, I will be working with the teaching staff and the members of the Twin Trails Education Foundation to come up with a plan to use the money raised to preserve vital educational programs at our school and continue our tradition of excellence.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who made this great event possible and to thank those of you who continue to contribute to our school to make it a great place for kids to learn.

Sal Embry, Principal

Sundance Elementary - Where Students are College-Bound!

# Thank You

I want to thank everyone who attended and helped to fund this year's dinner and auction "Passport to Paradise". Thanks to your support,

**we raised over \$27,000!**

Your generous donations will go directly back to Sundance Elementary to benefit all of our children. Your efforts are to be applauded! I hope everyone had a fabulous time and will plan to attend next year's event. Thank you.

Sandra Escobedo, Event Chair

## 2008-2009 Foundation Board Wants You!

Next year's board promises to be another wonderful group of parents and faculty looking to make a big impact on the education of all Sundance students. We have many positions that may be available. If you're interested, or even just curious, contact a board member or attend our *meeting on May 5th from 6:30-8:00 in the Computer Lab.*

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Vice-President

Secretary

Directors (voting board members)

Teacher Representative

PTA Representative

Auction Chair

Co-Chair

Members, Auction Committee

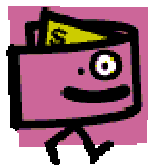
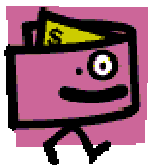
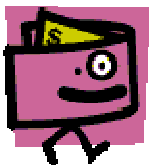
Chair, Capital Campaign

Vice-chair, Membership

Vice-chair, Business Partners

Chair, Public Relations

Chair, Programs



## Document Camera Update

On Friday, April 25th, the last First Grade classroom will have their document camera installed. All First through Fifth grade classrooms have received their updated technology. That is 17 document cameras that the Foundation has supplied and installed this year. This leaves only the Kindergarten classes and a Special Day class yet to be outfitted.

Tom Fazekas has been diligently working on this project all year and expects to purchase and install the last three docucams during the month of May. If you haven't yet had a chance to check out one of these state of the art cameras, feel free to stop in your child's class and see how they enhance your child's learning and why our teachers love them so much!

### Check Out the TEF Website

*Curious about our past years efforts at Sundance?*

*Want to get involved, but aren't sure how?*

**Have something to contact the Board about?**

You can find it all at:

[www.twintrailsfoundation.org](http://www.twintrailsfoundation.org)

## In appreciation...

of the many people who came to the auction and bid on items. It would not have been a success without you! But also to those who met the challenge when faced with the opportunity to make a contribution to our Fund-a-Need program that is ear-marked for classroom supplies in an effort to offset the effect the budget cuts will have on Sundance. And to those who could not attend but made a donation anyway. Our newest donors are:

Karen Bosco

Alfonso & Pam Contreras

Subhash Gowda

Jeff & Aimee Mabe

Norman & Laura Pokorny

Laura Brenner-Mikoly

John & Christine Cowart

Alex & Kim Hernandez

Lara Marino

Ruben Ramirez

David & Suzanne Brooks

Helene Dorian

Tom & Dana Jankuska

Richard & Romy Mason

Jay & Trina Scovie

Greg & Gina Brown

Sal & Christy Embry

Steven & Leslie Jester

Steve & Linda Mauch

Ame Stargensky

Janice Buonassisi

Julian & Sandra Escobedo

Wendell & Laura Kishaba

Mark McDonough, Ph.D.

Kevin & Dana Sutton

Pete & Carol Burgert

Cyndy & Yuval Estrov

Ken & Susan Knopman

Dale & Jennifer Mosby

Scott Taylor & Mary Nuesca

Annalisa Chavez

Mike & Christine Fillat

Bill & Julie Kvarnstrom

Bruce & Kay Overson

John & Mary Ellen Teotico

Paul & Jennifer Clay

Robert & Sally Gonzales

Doug & Sandie Lechner

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