



# Foundation News!

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## President's Message from Mike Fillat

Since our last newsletter, some great things have happened for the Foundation and for Sundance. We found a Hewlett-Packard parent here at the school. We would like to thank Carlos and Cathy Garcia for their generous donation. The Garcias and HP donated the twenty-one brand new laser printers. You can now see one in each classroom. The goals of the Foundation this year were to put a printer and a document camera in each classroom. Thanks to the Garcia family we will be able to meet that goal. We currently have supplied all the fifth grade classrooms with the document cameras. Thank you to all of our donors for helping us towards our goals this year.

Moving forward we are looking for volunteers for our board for the coming year. It is a great way to be involved in your child(ren)'s education. The Board meets in the computer lab the first Monday of the month at 6:30. We are also searching for donations for our annual auction in the spring. If you have any goods and/or services or know somebody who does please donate as the spring dinner/auction is our biggest fundraiser. You can e-mail me directly with any questions at [otldoc@gmail.com](mailto:otldoc@gmail.com). Thank you and have a wonderful rest of the school year.



Cathy and Carlos Garcia, with Mike Fillat, Foundation President, presenting Sundance with their donation of HP printers and becoming Platinum Circle donors.

## SAVE THE DATE

THE SPRING GALA/AUCTION IS FAST APPROACHING AND THIS IS ONE EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008

NEW VENUE, LIVE BAND  
EXCITING ITEMS TO BID ON!  
AND IT ALL HELPS THE KIDS!

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR YOUR INVITATION DURING FEBRUARY!

## Principal's Update from Sal Embry

Over the past three years, I have had the privilege of sharing with you all of the great things the Twin Trails Foundation has done for our kids. This month, I am sharing a few comments from our teachers who are using the new technology the Foundation has purchased for them.

*The Foundation has truly been a valuable asset to our Sundance children. Thanks to our wonderful new computer lab, my kindergarten students are learning to read, write, and create their own Power Point Presentations on the computer. It's awesome!*

~ Ms. Christine Buenaventura, Kindergarten/First Grade Teacher

*The projector has been so useful in my classroom! The students and I love how it can help to expand our classroom walls. We use it to watch everything from social studies videos to live Math problem solving demonstrations.*

~ Mrs. Rebecca Traverso, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

With all of the talk of coming shortfalls in the state budget and the education budget, I am truly grateful that we have such a committed group of parents supporting our school and helping the Sundance staff provide a 21st century education for our children.



## "Passport to Paradise" Update from Sandra Escobedo

We are busy preparing for the Twin Trails Education Foundation's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction & Dinner. "Passport to Paradise" will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at the Miramar Officer's Club. It promises to be a fun and exhilarating event. This is an opportunity to get a great deal on some fabulous and unique auction items as well as support your child(ren)'s school. I hope you can all attend.

We are looking forward to having some exciting wares for the silent and live auctions. So far we've acquired hotel stays at **Westin Horton Plaza, SpringHill Suites, and Doubletree Dana Point**, just to name a few of the items.

We will be collecting for the grade baskets for the silent auction from each class as we've done in the past. Look for request letters to come home any day now.

If anyone has an item or services they would like to donate to our silent or live auction please contact the event chair, Sandra Escobedo at (858) 484-2126 or e-mail to [Sandra\\_Escobedo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Sandra_Escobedo@sbcglobal.net).

Please make an effort to attend this event. It's an excellent way to support our school and have a wonderful evening out.

"Aloha and mahalo"

### From the Desk of Karen Bosco, 5th Grade Teacher...

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Twin Trails Foundation and the generosity of the Sundance community, Room 19 now boasts a Samsung docucam, an LCD projector, and an oversized projection screen. To say that these acquisitions have been a life-changing experience is a stretch; but having a docucam is definitely a liberating experience! In my daily world, a docucam translates into no more overhead transparencies at \$20.00 a box, no more overhead pens that crush and blur under students' eager fingers, no more spray bottles of water and multicolored rags and paper towels to clean overhead glass, and no more overhead pen stains – 'teacher tattoos' – on my hands!

But beyond these minor conveniences, having a docucam as a teaching instrument has greatly enhanced my classroom. When the novelty of our new equipment subsided . . . and by that I mean our experiments with turning the camera on my students, zooming in and out of material, wowing over color displays and the fast-forward aging of my hands now magnified, etc. . . . the applications of the docucam emerged almost hourly. Read-alouds became read-alongs as I froze the book's pages, student work became instant visible examples – and an immeasurable source of pride to the author – displayed on the big screen, text books and math pages became an instant visual that my students could follow. When a student showed me her mastery of a string construction, I encouraged her to stand in front of the class and show it; my students instead prompted her to demonstrate it under the docucam, where it was clearly visible to all.

Technology does not the teacher make. However, the docucam facilitates learning by enhancing my instructional delivery, captures my students' attention, and introduces them to one of the many wonders of the technological world. My students' words of praise include "cool, awesome, quick and easy, crystal clear, fantabulous, better view, less noise and less work!" Thank-you, Twin Trails Foundation, for your continued efforts to provide essential tools for a quality education for our Sundance students!

### DO YOU HAVE EMPTY BASKETS?

WE NEED BASKETS OF ALL SIZES FOR THE SILENT AUCTION!  
PLEASE DROP THEM IN THE OFFICE OR GIVE THEM TO  
SANDRA ESCOBEDO OR CHRISTINE FILLAT.



## DONATE TO YOUR GRADE LEVEL BASKET!

Help your child's grade donate an amazing basket to the silent auction. Please consider contributing at least \$5, but more will help to build a better basket which means more money for the school! Donation envelopes will go home shortly. If you have any questions, contact your Grade Level Coordinator today!

**1st-** Tamara Wanless/Dawn Comer/  
Pam Contreras

**4TH-** Suzanne Brooks/Cathi Bartel

**2nd-** Shelly Langley/Jill McMahon

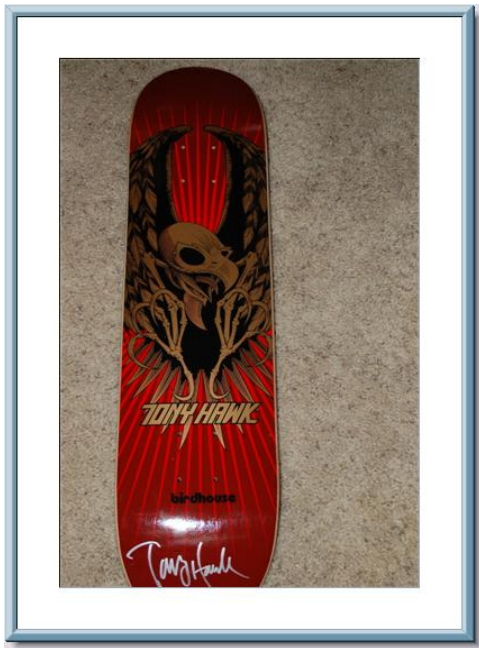
**5th-** Karen Burns/Julie Kvarnstrom

**3rd-** Aimee Mabe/Laura Kishaba

**Kindergarten/  
PEPP-**

Annalisa Chavez/Julia Lopresti

**Special Day Classes-** *Still looking for someone to coordinate basket! Please call Cathi Bartel at 484-8905 if you are willing to help.*



**Leave a Legacy**  
*leave a legacy*

All contributions of \$500 or more will be recognized with your name on a permanent tile wall at Sundance. Check it out to see who has already left their legacy!

**Check out our newest  
auction item...**

**A top-of-the-line skateboard deck signed by**

**Tony Hawk!**

**Want to see it in color? Log onto our website at  
[www.twintrailsfoundation.org](http://www.twintrailsfoundation.org)**

**Check Out the TEF Website**

Coming in mid-February, our website will be featuring some new changes. Interested in our year-to-date earnings? Curious to see Mrs. Hatch and Mrs. Pahlke on video talking about their docucams? Ready to start checking out our auction items?

You can find it all at:

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

Contact the Foundation Board

Do you have questions or comments? Feel free to contact the Foundation at [twintrailsfoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:twintrailsfoundation@yahoo.com) or 858-484-2905 ext. 3137. Or speak to any one of the Board Members directly. We would love to hear your thoughts!

# The Twin Trails Education Foundation thanks our generous donors!

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Hewlett Packard Corporation

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Julia & Russell Watson  
Weiguang Zhu

## Teacher's Pet \$25+

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## Other

Alvin & Diana Bananal  
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Florentino & Martha Jimenez  
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-All donations received through 1/31/08 are listed. Later donations will appear in the next newsletter and on the Foundation website.

\*Sundance Staff and Alumni

