



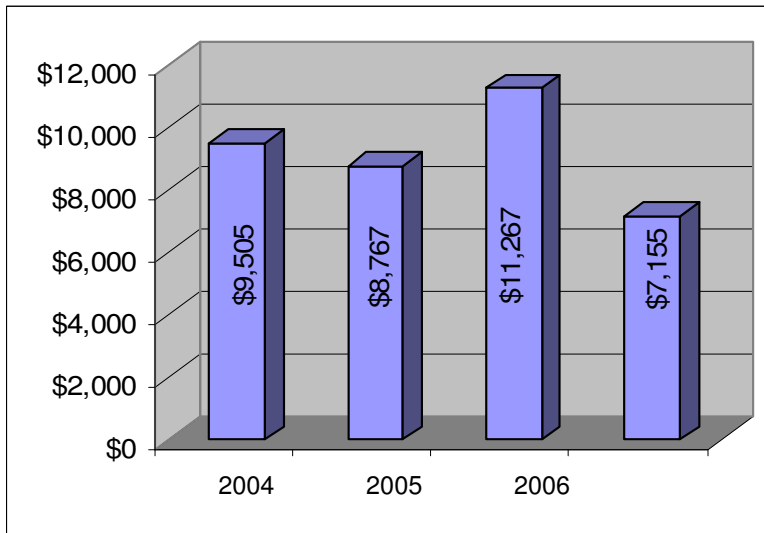
Foundation News!

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President's Message from Mike Fillat

Our goals for this year are to continue to support technology on our campus by purchasing document cameras and laser printers for every classroom. We are also continuing the art program by funding our wonderful art teacher, Sylvia Sana. Sylvia, thank you for all you do for the Sundance community and for the kids. We fell about 35% short of past years in our annual fund drive, so we are going to have to slowly purchase the document cameras. With the funds we did receive, we should be able to get the printers in place soon. Hopefully, the auction will be a success and we can have a document camera in all the classrooms by the end of the school year. To date, we have purchased two document cameras and they have been placed. Your children do appreciate all your donations and the Foundation board will continue to support the school along the guidelines we receive from the teachers and Mr. Embry. If you would like some input, feel free to join us for a board meeting the first Monday of each month in the computer lab at 6:30pm. You can also e-mail me personally at otldoc@gmail.com. Have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy your kids during their time off.

DONATIONS FROM PARENTS/FACULTY AS OF NOVEMBER 16TH EACH YEAR



Each year, our membership donation drive lays the groundwork to reach the goals that the Faculty, Principal and the Foundation set. In our first year, that was the 34-station computer lab. Our second year provided the school with our Art Program and Art Instructor. Our third year resulted in the new track. This year, we would love to meet our goal of providing each student at Sundance with a classroom equipped with a state-of-the-art docucam. Don't put it off any longer. Make your donation today!

Principal's Update from Sal Embry

As we move into December, I am pleased to share with you that the Twin Trails Education Foundation continues to make impressive strides in improving the learning experience for our students.

As technology becomes a bigger part of the daily routine for our students, our school is often challenged by the task of keeping the classrooms up-to-date. Each new advance in technology seems to bring with it the need for new or upgraded technology if we are to meet the challenge of preparing our students to become college-ready.

If The Foundation is able to provide a laser printer for each classroom, it would give our teachers the ability to provide students with necessary print-outs of their academic progress in a variety of areas. The Foundation has been able to start the purchasing process for document cameras for each classroom. These units replace the old-style overhead projectors currently in use. The advantage of these new machines is that they do not require the use of costly transparencies and are capable of projecting any image up on the projector screen instantly.

Through your generous support of our Foundation, you are making a difference for all of our students each and every day.

Keep up the good work and enjoy the holiday season!



Spring Auction & Dinner Update from Sandra Escobedo



Please mark your calendars for the Twin Trails Education Foundation's 4th Annual Auction & Dinner. "Passport to Paradise" will be on **Saturday, March 29, 2008** at the Miramar Officer's Club. We are looking forward to trying out a new venue, new food and new entertainment. I hope you can all attend. Watch the newsletter and e-mail for more information.

We will be collecting for the grade baskets for the silent auction from each class as we've done in the past. 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

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"

FIRST TWO DOCUCAMS IN PLACE

THE FOUNDATION HAS ALREADY PURCHASED TWO STATE OF THE ART DOCUCAMS AND HAS PLACED THEM IN TWO CLASSROOMS AT SUNDANCE. MRS. HATCH, IN ROOM 15, AND MRS. PAHLKE, IN ROOM 10, ARE "TEST DRIVING" THE DOCUCAMS. WANT TO HEAR WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY?

MRS. HATCH:

"My students and I adore our docucam! We use it constantly. Everything is so much easier and clearer. From a teacher's perspective, there are no more overhead transparencies to buy, clean, and then store. The additional benefits for me are the ability to freeze and save the work we have done together, no more overhead pens, and the ability to use the exact same materials that the students are using. The students like the clarity of the images and the ability to zoom in on specific things. They can follow along much easier with the larger images. For art one day, I did a folding activity. Every child was able to see what I was doing as I did it under the docucam.

I don't think I could ever go back to using an overhead projector! Every week, my students and I think of other ways to use the docucam. There are great possibilities to this tool that we are only just beginning to explore. I must commend the Foundation for supplying Sundance students and teachers with this technology."

MRS. PAHLKE:

"I **LOVE** the docucam. It is absolutely wonderful. When showing children work that will be done independently, the children are looking at the exact page in full color. When we are doing work together, they are looking at the exact page on the screen that is on their desk. The screen is very big which is helpful. It is wonderful to not have to make transparencies. I am able to show and do work right out of the student's book. Likewise, it is very easy to work together in reading a selection because I am able to show the selection on the screen.

I use the docucam throughout the day. It has been a wonderful addition to the classroom. I feel honored to be one of the first to have one. I know that the other teachers are anxiously awaiting the arrival of a docucam. Please pass along my heartfelt thanks to the Foundation and to Tom Fazekas for taking the time to hook it up."

Mrs. Bleyle Loves the New Books and Your Child Will Too!

Our Librarian, Mrs. Bleyle, is excited about the books that the **Foundation grant** enabled her to buy for the Library. We all want your children to "check them out". You can see the list of books if you follow these directions:

The direct Website is: <http://destiny.powayusd.com/>

You then select Sundance Elementary. From that page, click on the "Catalog" tab.

Click on "resource lists" from the column on the left.

Click the tab on the right that says "public lists"

There you will see the Twin Trails Foundation list. Click and there they are!

You can also reach the above mentioned website by going to Sundance's homepage, clicking on "Other Links", then clicking on "Sundance Library Homepage".

Check out the titles to find something that you and your child would like to read together! And enjoy!



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!



Important Tax Info: Become a Twin Trails Education Foundation member before December 31st and receive a great tax deduction along with a whole lot of gratitude from very deserving Sundance students and teachers!

Contact the Foundation

Questions or comments? Feel free to contact the Foundation at 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!

Check Out the TTEF Website

Stay up-to-date with all the latest Twin Trails Education Foundation news, programs, and events by logging onto our website at www.twintrailsfoundation.org.

SAVE YOUR BASKETS!

THE FOUNDATION WILL NEED BASKETS FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION & DINNER. PLEASE START SAVING BASKETS OF ALL SIZES AND WATCH FUTURE NEWSLETTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHEN AND WHERE TO DROP THEM OFF.

The Twin Trails Education Foundation thanks our generous donors!

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*Sundance Staff and Alumni

