



Foundation News!

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President's Message from Mike Fillat

Welcome back and welcome to Sundance. Thank you to those that have already joined the Foundation. Our capital campaign is going slowly to begin the year, so please, find a way to donate to the Foundation. As we begin our fifth year here at Sundance, we are excited to be in a position to provide an all important impact teacher. When my oldest son, who is now in sixth grade, began at Sundance, there were four impact teachers. This year, due to the budget cuts, there were not going to be any. We are also providing two new computer programs that the teachers have selected which your child will be able to access from home. And we will be donating \$5000 at least once and maybe twice to the teachers. This is in addition to the \$5000 we were able to provide to the teachers from the Fund-a-Need at the dinner/auction last year. We are able to do all this with only two fundraisers: the donations at the beginning of the year and the dinner/auction in the spring. So please, join the Foundation by making a donation and attend the dinner/auction on April 25th. Additionally, we always welcome new members to our board meeting or to our auction committee meeting. The Foundation Board meets in the teacher's lounge the first Monday of the month and the Auction Committee meets the second Monday of the month. Both meetings are at 6:30. Feel free to pay us a visit anytime. Donate and support those organizations that support your child's education. One day a child will thank you! Have a great school year and we hope to see you soon.

DID YOU MISS IT?

At Back-to-School Night, you had a chance to make your donation to the Foundation.

But, don't worry... we are still accepting donations! Please use the attached envelope and send in your tax-deductible donation today.

Our success at Sundance depends on YOU!

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!

SAVE THE DATE!

CIRCLE THE DATE ON
YOUR CALENDARS NOW
FOR THE
SPRING GALA /AUCTION.
THE ANNUAL EVENT WILL
BE HELD ON
SATURDAY,
APRIL 25TH AT THE
MIRAMAR OFFICER'S CLUB.



A Message from Principal Desiree Aimee Manuel...

Welcome back to another wonderful year at Sundance Elementary! My name is Desiree Aimee Manuel and I am the new principal of Sundance Elementary School. Many of you may have had the opportunity to enjoy the PTA and Twin Trails Foundation's joint Back-to-School Night video presentation and the message I recorded especially for you. During that welcome, I reviewed all the fantastic supports the Foundation has provided for Sundance students and staff. The highlights of those purchases include:

- 34 computer stations
- Math software for classrooms and the lab
- A new running track
- Docucams for our classrooms
- Mini grants for classroom teacher supplies

I want to thank all of you that have been able to support the Twin Trails Foundation and I want to encourage those that haven't joined us to consider this wonderful opportunity. We still need your help! Please join us in our efforts to increase student achievement and provide a first rate educational experience for our students! We still need to broaden our base of support to sustain our efforts. We can not do it without you.

Thank You!

TTEF 2008-2009 : MAKE AN IMPACT

During the 2007-2008 school year, the Foundation made significant contributions to the technology at Sundance. We provided document cameras for all of our teachers. This technology has greatly impacted the learning environment in every classroom. If you are interested, ask your child's teacher to let you know how teaching has changed dramatically due to the Foundation.

In addition, we secured a contribution from one of our Sundance families that, in conjunction with Hewlett-Packard, put a new printer in each classroom. We also continued our Meet the Master Art Program that made a formal art class available to all of our students on a monthly basis.

Our goals and objective this school year are a direct result of the district's budget cuts. Our 2008-2009 goals are:

- Provide funding for an impact teacher
- Establish and implement teacher grant program
- Purchase Brain Pop and V-Math Live computer software programs
- Update classroom technology in the form of three new document cameras for our three new classrooms
- Evaluate school needs due to the severe district budget cuts as the school year progresses

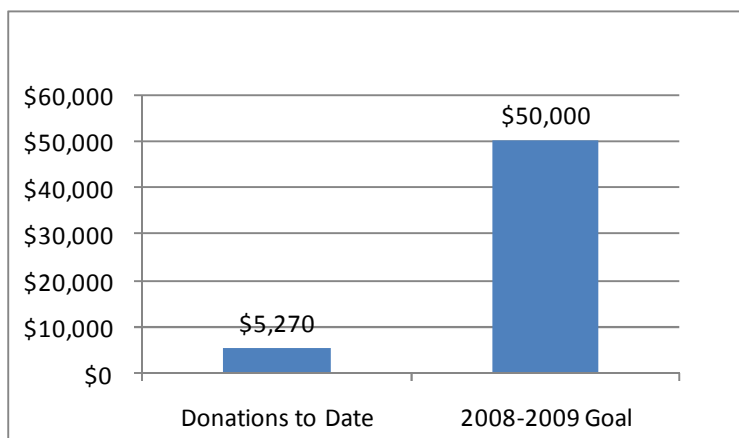
Will you make an impact?

Wanted!

Our Spring Auction/Dinner is the Foundation's biggest fundraiser each year. In order to make it happen, we need volunteers who want to make a difference at Sundance Elementary!

If you want to be part of big changes at our school, contact:

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Matching Gifts Programs Double your Donation

When you send in your donation to the Foundation, be sure to check with your employer. Many companies will match their employees' charitable contributions.

The Twin Trails Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are *tax-deductible*. The following companies are known to have employee matching programs:

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Hewlett-Packard Company
Intel
Markem Corp.
Nokia
Northrop Grumman
Pfizer
Pitney Bowes
Qualcomm Inc.
Raytheon
Union Tribune
Washington Mutual Bank
Wells Fargo



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