



## FESDEF

The Franklin Elementary School District Education Foundation (FESDEF) is a non-profit corporation working with parents and the community to strengthen public education. FESDEF is committed to generating funds to help support the programs and projects of the Franklin Elementary School by receiving contributions from the public and making donations to the school.

## Newsletter

Winter 2010

### Mini-Grant Program 2009-2010

FESDEF is pleased to announce the Mini-Grant recipients. Grants were awarded in November to 12 applicants for a total of \$5,750. The funding criteria for grants are for programs, field trips or equipment which enrich curriculum, develop creative programs in new areas, foster school/community relationships and/or encourage professional growth.

*Here is a big thank you to FESDEF for providing our students new band music. We performed two brand-new arrangements for the entire student body at our Winter Concert. "Hot Chocolate" from the Movie Polar Express and "Deck The Halls With Chips and Salsa" were jazzy, upbeat, and enjoyed by all. We are currently working on the challenging "Star Wars Saga" and preparing a new arrangement of "The Star-Spangled Banner" for our performance at graduation. Having new, engaging songs to rehearse has been a big plus for the band. Thank you! Obie Leff*

*I want to thank the foundation again on behalf of my students for the pedometers. Students kept track of their steps during the first trimester and recorded them daily. I think it made them very aware of how much activity they were doing, or more importantly, not doing. We used an accompanying website that showed their progress compared to the recommended amount of activity for students their age. Erick Dahl*

#### Mini Grant Recipients

- P. Ohland—Computer Lab—Headphones for Students
- B. Wiggins—Technology—Refurbished Desktop Computers
- O. Leff—Music—New Band Music
- D. Tooke—1st Grade—Publish a Class Book
- S. Carothers—1st Grade—Handheld Microscope
- D. Siller & D. Barbaccia—2nd Grade—Discovery Museum Outreach Program
- C. Krause & S. Messick—3rd Grade—Sutter Buttes Hike
- C. Eggers—5th Grade—Map Program
- L. Martinez—5th Grade—Art Supplies
- K. Kuykendall—6th Grade—Shady Creek
- L. Ahlers—7th/8th Grade—Projection Microscope
- E. Dahl—7th/8th Grade—Fitness Class Materials

### Bulldog Boutique—

#### March 6

The Bulldog Boutique is a fun shopping extravaganza for the whole family. Retailers from the Yuba-Sutter area will be selling their goods while you enjoy an entire morning of entertainment from Obie Leff, the Franklin band, local dance, martial arts, and gymnastics studios.

### CLUB 180

Thanks to your generosity we have raised \$4,700 from Club 180 with 50 families contributing. FESDEF will soon begin applying for grants. Grants will afford us the opportunity to fund additional programs and staff positions. It is important in the grant application process that we have financial contributions from **parents, faculty, school board, businesses and individuals** who have a vested interest in our children and their futures. We encourage you to donate **any** amount to FESDEF. Our mission this year is to help save jobs at Franklin. We will work closely with Mr. Reeder and the school board to determine where our funds would be most useful. A sampling of our options include classroom aides, computer lab, library, sports programs, and field trips. Please stop by our meetings for more information or contact us through our website.

### Save the Date

- Scrip Program—Orders will be placed on Feb. 1 and Mar. 1
- FESDEF Meetings—Feb 2—7pm & March 2—7pm meet at school gym
- Bulldog Boutique... A Spring Craft Fair— March 6—9am-1pm
- Jog-a-thon—A joint venture with Parents Club—May 14

FESDEF Board of Directors - Athena Bravos, Nindya Burhan, Tania Cervantes, Cindy Crother, Julie Del Pero, Denise Green, Heather Parker, Sandra Santana, and Emily Spears

Our school year began with our CLUB 180 Campaign, which asked parents, community members and local businesses to donate \$180.00 (which is \$1 per school day) to the Foundation. We thank the generosity of all who have donated thus far. We will continue to accept donations and update our list throughout the year.

### DONOR LIST

#### GOLDEN APPLE—\$181 and up

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#### CLUB 180—\$180

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### Club 180 Donor Card

YES! I am pleased to support FESDEF and the future of our children.

\$180 CLUB 180 family donation.

At this time I prefer to make a special gift.

\$300  \$200  \$100  \$50  \$20  \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer my time to help.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please inform me about FESDEF's monthly meetings and events.

Please return this card along with your check payable to FESDEF  
 PO Box 1625, Yuba City, CA 95992.

**Thank you very much for playing your part in supporting public education at Franklin School. We are now accepting donations on our website through PayPal.**



### SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Order your gift cards from local and nationwide retailers and a percentage will be donated to FESDEF. For more information go to [www.fesdef.com](http://www.fesdef.com) and click on Fund Raising Events. You may drop off your order form and check in the school office. Your gift cards will be ready for pick-up in 10 days from due date.

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