



Auburn Education Foundation

"Making Dreams Come True"

Fall Newsletter

We are the Auburn Education Foundation *Our Mission... Support our Schools!*

The Auburn Education Foundation (AEF) is a non-profit community based organization whose main purpose is to secure and distribute contributions from individuals, businesses, corporations and foundations for the benefit and enrichment of students in the Auburn Union School District (AUSD).

How are funds distributed?

- AUSD staff members apply for grants up to \$1,000 to enrich the instructional program and learning environment.
- The grant applications are evaluated to meet the comprehensive criteria set forth by the AEF.
- When approved, the staff member purchases the materials and is reimbursed.
- Additional grants of \$1,000 are also given to each school for a school-wide project such as funding a School Librarian or Computer Lab.

How you can help!

The schools need our help more than ever. Please volunteer your time for fund-raising activities and be generous with your contribution to the Auburn Education Foundation and the children in our District!

A Message from the AEF President

Susan Fox

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year. My name is Susan Fox and I am the parent of a 5th grade student at Rock Elementary. I am truly enjoying working with the members of the Auburn Education Foundation as we continue in our effort to raise critical funds for grants supporting the schools of the AUSD. You are receiving this newsletter because you somehow in the past have helped AEF, and as such, the children of

our district, by donating your time, money or goods. You may be a teacher or parent of a student. We like to keep our members and donors informed as to what is happening with the Foundation. Last year we were successful in fulfilling the grant requests submitted by the teachers and schools and we hope, that with your ongoing support, we can continue to make a difference for the students and teachers of the AUSD.

For AEF activity updates, please check our website,

<http://auburneducationfoundation.nittler.us>.

Sincerely,

Susan Fox, AEF President

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News from the Auburn Union School District

Michele Schuetz, AUSD Superintendent

Auburn Union School District (AUSD) is excited to highlight some of the valuable AUSD programs and plans for the 2010-2011 school year.

- ***EV Cain AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)***

This elective class at E. V. Cain S.T.E.M. Charter School is geared to students with average proficiency to help them with study skills and other strategies to be successful in school. In partnership with Placer County of Education (PCOE), A “Better to Best” class, modeled after AVID, is offered for English learners and at-risk students.

- ***EV Cain CARE Program***

In partnership with PCOE, a 6-8th grade program is housed at EV Cain to provide a self-contained classroom of 18-20 students needing an alternative type of educational program.

- ***Skyridge Transitional Pre-K Program***

This program is geared toward students who may need a two year kindergarten program, to ensure school success. The program will help make transition for the new state-regulated Kindergarten enrollment date being phased in over a three year span. The program may expand to Rock Creek for the 2011-2012 school year.

- ***Alta Vista Education Center***

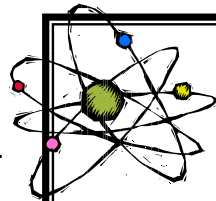
Alta Vista Education Center houses many programs including a preschool Special Day Class, a Language Intensive Service and a community garden in the Life Lab. In partnership with Headstart, AUSD offers a program for children ages 0 – 5. AUSD also partners with the Native American Alliance. A private preschool and a computer lab will be added.

- ***Academic Performance Index (API) Targets***

Three of our schools made growth with their API targets. The Auburn Union School District score of 815 is up 5 points from last year. Auburn Elementary increased 4 points with a score of 826, Skyridge is up 4 points at 826, and EV Cain’s score of 818 is a 6 point increase. Rock Creek School and the District have been identified as Program Improvement Year I in the areas of English Learners and Socio-economically disadvantaged. We are working with PCOE to provide schools strategies to ensure growth in all of educational areas.

- ***Staff Development***

The training and development of becoming Professional Learning Communities is the focus of teacher training. Teachers will work with other grade-level or department teachers to study student data and discuss strategies to improve student achievement.



EV Cain Becomes a Charter School

EV Cain S.T.E.M. Charter School Science, Technology, Engineering, Math Enrichment Program

The new EV Cain S.T.E.M. Charter School, a combination of a school-based (in-seat) and independent study program, focuses on the 21st Century Skills of critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration, creativity, and innovation. Besides an in-class focus, extension activities with a STEM focus will run throughout the year.

District Budget Update

Auburn Union continues to face challenging budget issues. Why? Challenges are mostly due to the State’s cuts to district revenue of approximately 2.7 million dollars. That averages to \$32,000 per classroom. Secondly, Auburn Union continues to drop in enrollment (a loss of 110 students this year, which negatively impacts our financial condition. *However, there is good news!* AUSD and the community of Auburn are fortunate to have a staff that continues to focus on the academic and social well-being of all students. We are also fortunate to have the Auburn Education Foundation with their continual support of school and district programs.

A Memorable Evening Hosted by Rock Creek School

A big thank you to the parents and teachers who hosted the Hispanic Dinner at Rock Creek School It was fun! It was colorful! The food was delicious! It was an enjoyable and memorable success! We hope this will be the only the first of many future Hispanic dinners to benefit the AEF.



Rock Creek Family Wins the Grand Raffle Prize

Congratulations to Celin and Denise Chavez. As the winners of the grand raffle prize, they enjoy watching television on their Best Buy 42 inch Flat Screen Plasma set. Their son, Adrian (not pictured), is a second grader at Rock Creek School.

Sugar Plump Fairies Support the AEF Hispanic Dinner

If you've been to any community event in Auburn, the Harvest Festival, the Festival of Lights Parade, KinderKonzert, AEF events, and more, you've seen the Sugar Plump Fairies. Fun-loving and community-spirited, these women dress in colorful and often outlandish costumes to the delight of an appreciative audience. The AEF has benefited from their generous spirit. The Sugar Plump Fairies have volunteered to help at every AEF fund-raiser since they were formed. Pictured are: Rita Piaz, a former district office employee, Sequoia Rue, a student at EV Cain, and Raenel Sciarra an employee of the District Office. Thank you for sharing your happy spirit with the AEF.



Harrison Family Matches Your ALS Donation with a Membership Donation to AEF

Gary Harrison and his "Hoofin' it for Harrison" Family will match your donation to the ALS Association by sending a like amount to the Auburn Education Foundation. By making your check out to the ALS Assoc., you also become a 2010-11 member of AEF! Such a deal! The Harrison Family does this in memory of Judy Harrison, one of the outstanding teachers in Auburn Union School District, who passed away from Lou Gehrig Disease.

AEF Grants Awarded

SPRING and FALL 2010

Raising funds to benefit the education of Auburn Union's students is the mission of AEF. The funds pass through the Foundation in the form of AEF Grant to AUSD staff to enrich the instructional program and school environment. To share information about a project, recipients submit a Project Report at the end of the project duration which is filed at each school. AEF is proud to announce that it approved \$29,610 in grants for the Spring, 2010 (\$12,995), and Fall, 2010 (\$16,615), cycle of grant applications. The approved grants are briefly described. Please go to <http://auburneducationfoundation.nittler.us/grants.htm> for further information. The AEF wants to thank all contributors who help to make these grants possible. The AEF also wants to thank the Grant Committee who worked so diligently to review each of the applications and make recommendations to the AEF Board.

SKYRIDGE SCHOOL

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| <p>Maria Dietler
<i>School-wide</i></p> <p>Sue Quail
<i>Grade 1</i></p> <p>Lynn Beckler
<i>Grade 2</i></p> <p>Nan Jacobson
Doris Feenstra
Heather Watkins-Koolhof
<i>Grade 3</i></p> | <p>Walkie Talkies for Safety and Communication
To improve safety, walkie-talkies were purchased for playground supervisors and the P.E. teacher to improve playground to office communication.</p> <p>Bitty-Bottoms-Cushions-OT
To help children stay focused on their work, round, specially designed seat cushions were purchased.</p> <p>Math Enrichment
New Math resource materials that all 2nd grade teachers can access were purchased.</p> <p>Technology Upgrade-Document Camera and Multi-Media Projector
A document camera and multi-media projector replaces an outdated overhead projector. Teachers will have easier access to the vast wealth of educational information on the internet that can be shared with this valuable teaching tool. This teaching tool enhances instruction in all aspects of the curriculum.</p> |
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**AEF
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Members**

Heather Watkins-Koolhoff
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Audrey Mueller
Shirley Paris
Sarah Pressler
Suzanne Scotten
Claudia Wilson

E. V. CAIN SCHOOL

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| <p>Thomas Serradet
<i>Grade 6 – 8</i></p> <p>Jim Kepfer
<i>Grade 6 – 8
Band</i></p> <p>Karen Enghusen
Pam Magginetti
<i>Grades 6 – 8</i></p> <p>Kelly Bennett
Karen Enghusen
<i>Grade 6</i></p> <p>Suzanne Scotten
<i>Grades 7 – 8</i></p> <p>Olivia Conn
<i>Grades 7 – 8</i></p> <p>C. Pierce
<i>Grade 6</i></p> | <p>Printmaking
To align a 7th grade art activity with 7th grade social studies, students will make "safe" linocuts using the intaglio style of printmaking. Student materials were purchased to complete the process.</p> <p>New Tenor Saxophone
A new Yamaha Tenor saxophone was purchased for use by students who are interested in switching from the alto saxophone to the tenor sax.</p> <p>Discovery Education Media Library:
Staff and students have access to a high quality, standards based media library delivered via computer.</p> <p>Book Restock
Replacement of classroom sets of paperback novels read in class that are unusable due to years of wear and tear, was funded.</p> <p>Through Your Eyes
Students are given the opportunity to learn media skills and express their knowledge in a contemporary format.</p> <p>21st Century Learning With Multi-Media
Students will create multi-media presentations using Memory Camcorders and Windows Movie Maker Software Programs.</p> <p>Physical Education
Due to increased size of physical education classes, additional equipment was purchased.</p> |
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Nancy Koring <i>Grade 3</i>	CD/Tape Players Equipment that operates both a tape and a CD was purchased.
Lisa McBroom Karen Essig Melina Massetti <i>Kindergarten</i>	Self- Space Carpet A rectangle "fun-with-phonics" rug was purchased to help children stay in their personal space. The carpet is also a tool for teaching games to recall, colors, letter names, and letter sounds.
Leslye Vodden Lori Teitscheid <i>Grades 1 – 5</i>	Phonemic Awareness Intervention A systematic reading program that teaches phonemic awareness, spelling patterns, consonants, and short vowel sounds was purchased.
Janet Dufour Sue Larkins <i>School-wide</i>	Safety & Communication Walkie Talkies for Safety and Communication To improve safety, walkie-talkies were purchased for office staff, playground supervisors, P.E. and Special Education teachers to provide communication with the office.
Carol Wright <i>Grade 3</i>	Math Intervention Resources Marcy Cook Math Intervention Materials were purchased to support children who need more math assistance.

ROCK CREEK SCHOOL

Gloria Lucas <i>Grade 4 – 5</i>	Epson Multi-Media Projector A multi-media projector was purchased to be used in the classroom. It displays images onto a screen that all students may see.
Gail Burch <i>Grade 4 – 5</i>	Great Science for rock Creek and Auburn Elementary Schools. Items to replenish the science kits and new materials that are useful as "hands-on" activities were purchased.
Debra Peterson Lysa Sassman <i>Grade 1</i>	Take-Home Reading Program Materials to make home reading booklets that support the new language arts program were funded.
Claudia Wilson <i>Grades 1 –</i>	5 Teaching Elmo An Elmo document camera was purchased to be used in the classroom in conjunction with the Epson classroom projector.
Mary Grady <i>Grade 3</i>	Language Development Project An "electronic Speaking Language Master and California Card Readers" were purchased to develop oral and reading skills in primary grade classrooms.
Elizabeth Sutami <i>Grade K –</i>	5 Listening Center Bean bag chairs, a CD player, books, and CDs for students create a classroom listening center.
Suzanne Flint <i>School-wide</i>	Rock Creek Sound System Funding was provided to repair a broken sound system speaker. It was repaired at Encore Music in Auburn.
Barbara Fralick <i>Grades 1 – 2</i>	Story Book Creator "Storybook Creator" is used to create calendars that will be printed for students to use.
Susan Spence <i>Grade 2</i>	Listening Center Materials and supplies for creating a classroom listening center were purchased.

District-Wide

AUSD Principals Audrey Mueller <i>Grades K – 6</i>	The Symphony Goes to School The Auburn Symphony each school's music program and a child's musical experience, by bringing a mini-orchestra of professional musicians to perform a concert of symphonic music of light classical music, to demonstrate the instruments of the orchestra, and to interact with the children in an assembly setting.
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School-Wide Sustaining Grants

Auburn Elementary E. V. Cain Rock Creek Skyridge	A Part-time Librarian for Every School Funding was provided to hire a part-time librarian for each campus. This allowed school libraries to reopen. To increase literacy and scholarship at all levels, students may use the libraries to develop research skills and read for school assignments.
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Thank You AEF



To All AEF Donors, You are Appreciated!

Donations are made in many different ways. Some supporters have donated money. Some have contributed raffle items for fund-raisers. Some businesses have given significant discounts for needed purchases. Many volunteer their time for AEF events. Listed are many of the businesses and individuals that have given support to the Auburn Education Foundation. We thank everyone who has made a contribution including:

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**“Memorial” and
 “In Honor of”
 Gifts to the
 AEF Grant
 Program**

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 Maureen Gilligan
 Judy Harrison
 Sandra Houser
 Dorcas Kokila
 Pam Patrick
 Marjorie Snyder

In Honor of

Anne S. Brown
The Retirement of
 Joy Hauser



We are very sorry if your name has been omitted. Please know that you are appreciated.

**Thank You to
 All
 Who Help to**

2011

February - March

The Symphony Goes to School

AEF sponsored School Symphony Concerts

Friends of AEF may attend a school concert.

All visitors must first check into the school office.

The AUSD schedule will be published in each school's newsletter and on the AEF website at

www.auburneducationfoundation.org

Then, don't miss this opportunity

Saturday, February 5, 11:00

Placer High School Auditorium

Auburn Symphony

KinderKonzert and

AUSD Adopt-a-School

Students and chaperones at

Auburn Elementary, Rock Creek,

and Skyridge Schools are invited to

participate in the Auburn Symphony

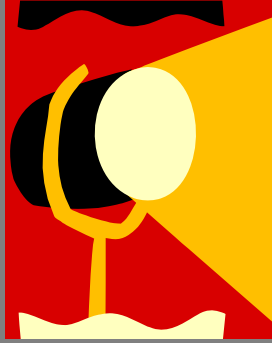
sponsored Adopt-a-School

program. Free busing and tickets are provided for participating families. This

gift to AUSD children is a result of special community and business grants and

donations. Look for information in each

school's newsletter and on the AEF website



**THE
SPOTLIGHT'S on**

2011

AEF

EVENTS

TOO GOOD

TO MISS

2011

Monday

February 7, 6:30

Auburn Elementary School

Grant Award Recipients

Donor Recognition

RECEPTION

Thursday

March 17

Skyridge School

AEF Annual

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Monday

May 2

E. V. Cain School

Annual AEF

Membership Meeting

One Event You Don't Want to Miss.....

JOIN THE AUBURN EDUCATION FOUNDATION TODAY

Please register my name in the following membership category:

____ Contributor (\$10) ____ Bronze Star(\$30) ____ Silver Star(50) ____ Gold Star(\$100)

____ Grant Sponsor (\$250 or more)____ (Grant given in the name of the sponsor)

I would like to help the AEF by volunteering to work in various ways.

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Address_____ City/State/Zip_____

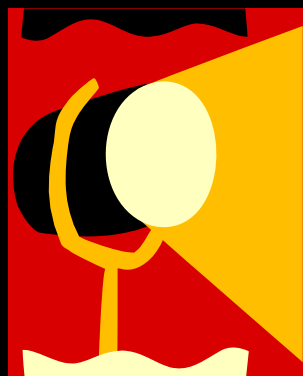
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RAGTIME PIANO CONCERT

Bob Milne

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