

SMART TIMES

Excellence
in Education

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COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS HELPING STUDENTS REACH NEW HEIGHTS

Excellence in Education Fills Gap in Technology Funding with \$59,000 Grant

The Excellence in Education Foundation recently voted to award the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District a grant for \$59,000 to be used to complete Tier 1 of the district's newly implemented technology plan.

Earlier this year, the school district approved a technology plan, which seeks to standardize the technology equipment in all classrooms across the district.

The first phase, or "Tier 1," of the technology plan is \$319,000 and is funded mainly by \$260,000 from the district's Measure A budget. Measure A is a parcel tax adopted in 2000 that supports arts, technology and other programs. The \$59,000 grant from

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"We have been working closely with the technology committee," explained Ann Holmes Delforge, Excellence

in Education's Allocations Chair. "The Foundation is incredibly impressed with the comprehensive and detailed plan the school district presented," she added.

Tier 1 of the district plan ensures a lap-top computer, projector, sound system and wireless pointer for each classroom throughout the district as well as a pilot program using Netbooks at Sierra High School.

Excellence in Education awards \$19,790 in Mini Grants

The Excellence in Education Foundation has awarded \$19,790 in mini grants to teachers and classrooms in the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District.

Mini grants were added to the Foundation's giving program last year in response to a growing need in the district for classroom supplies. These mini grants allow individual teachers to apply for grants up to \$400 and can include consumable items, which are not normally funded by the Foundation.

This year, the Foundation received 125 grant requests and was pleased to award funds to 67 applicants. Most grants provided for classroom materials including art supplies, science materials, food for culinary classes, and supplies for Living History Days. The Foundation also funded rock and mineral kits for elementary science, math enhancement tools, games for building motor-skills and digital cameras.

The combined funding for fall and mini grants, in addition to \$59,000 for district technology, brings the total money awarded by Excellence in Education to \$165,155 this school year.

Spring grants are due to the school offices April 16. For more information about the Excellence in Education grant program please call 530-550-7984 or visit www.ExinEd.org.

Skiing for Schools

- Sugar Bowl—Sat., 3/20
- Homewood*—Sun., 3/21
- Squaw Valley USA—Sun., 4/11
- Alpine Meadows*—Sun., 4/18

*\$25 lift tickets are available at Homewood and Alpine Meadows on these days. Proceeds will benefit Excellence in Education and other local organizations. Sugar Bowl and Squaw Skiing for Schools days offer a limited number of tickets for purchase (\$25) at Porters Sports locations (Truckee and Tahoe City). See ExinEd.org for more details.

2010 Golfing for Schools

Cards go on sale Sat., 4/24 at the Truckee Porters Sports location, or purchase online at ExinEd.org.

2010 Home Tour

Martis Camp Sat., 8/7. Ask about advertising opportunities!

Friends of Education

The Tahoe Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation is asking for your support by becoming a "Friend of Education." Becoming a "Friend of Education" is an easy way for you to invest in the future of our educational community.

With your annual membership gift, Excellence in Education can continue to increase its fund-raising efforts that provide needed support for the TTUSD in the form of educational grants and teacher awards and training.

To join, please see the insert or visit www.ExinEd.org.

PROGRAM NEWS + UPDATES

Dining for Schools

The 2009-2010 Dining for Schools program is underway and cards are still available!

Each Dining Card purchased entitles the bearer to 50% off an individual dinner entrée at participating restaurants during the designated times. Visit Exined.org for a list of this year's participating restaurants and details.

Thank you to the 43 fine restaurants in the Truckee and North Tahoe area that make this program possible! Next year's cards go on sale in early September.

Skiing for Schools

Thanks to our resort partners —Alpine Meadows, Boreal,

Homewood Mountain Resort, Northstar-at-Tahoe, Royal Gorge, Squaw Valley USA and Sugar Bowl—community members are given the opportunity to ski or ride for a reduced price on designated days during the winter season.

See the 2010 Skiing for Schools Dates on the front page of this newsletter, or ExinEd.org for more details and updates. Dates subject to change.

Golfing for Schools

Golfing for Schools cards go on sale April 24 at the Truckee Porters location, or online at ExinEd.org. Log on for program updates and details.

“Measure A” Renewal Approaching



Our community has time and time again voted to continue a parcel tax, at present \$98 per parcel, to insure that TTUSD students have more than a bare-bones education. Currently our district receives \$4 million annually to be spent on our children's behalf.

Measure A has been passed.

The time for renewing Measure A is quickly approaching and a committee is forming for an election to be held in February of 2011. If you are interested in joining this effort or learning more about Measure A, please come to the next meeting, April 13 at Truckee High School at 3:30pm or email [Johanna Monforte](mailto:Johanna.Monforte@aol.com) at dnkjibe@aol.com.

Measure A provides funding for personnel, materials, supplies and equipment at every grade level throughout the district. We are able to provide music, technology, PE, science and library materials, counseling, Vocational and Advanced Placement (AP) classes. These may have been staples when we went to school, but the reality in today's world is that they are almost unbelievable luxuries. They are truly gifts given to

*Did you know?
Measure A adds
an average of
\$3.7 million per year
to our district.*

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Measure A expenditures are overseen by a Citizen's Review Committee, consisting of parents, principals, teachers, the superintendent, board members and community members.

—Submitted by *Johanna Monforte, Chairperson Measure A - Citizen's Review Committee*



Special Thanks

Thank you to Laura Partridge of Creative Concepts for generously funding portable CD or iPod players for the staff of Glenshire Elementary through a donor directed gift to Excellence in Education.

THANK YOU FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

Support the Excellence in Education Foundation's mission by joining the Friends of Education annual membership; you can proudly display a decal at your place of business or on your vehicle! For details, visit www.exined.org.

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Fall Grants Funded: \$86,365

The Foundation's Allocations Committee met in November to review requests from TTUSD teachers for funding. Forty-three grants were fully or partially funded for a total of \$86,365. Congratulations to all grant recipients! We appreciate your hard work and dedication to the children of our community. The deadline for the spring grant cycle is Friday, April 16.

District Wide Grants: \$11,599

Avenues Supplementary Materials – Nancy Shaeffer
Fully Fund \$11,559

Tahoe Lake Elementary: \$3,385

Cooking Cart – Gay Thomas
Fully Fund \$1,510

Looms for Weaving – Kim Krengel
Fully Fund \$1,375

Ellison Die Cuts – Gay Thomas
Partially Fund \$500 of \$1,044

Lakeside Elementary Schools (TLE, NTE and KBE): \$12,120

Science Fair Program – Syd Early and Pricilla Mills
Partially Fund \$2,120 of \$2,350

Houghton Mifflin Leveled Readers – Sydney Dion
Partially Fund \$10,000 of \$26,745

North Tahoe Elementary: \$13,347

New Library for Fourth and Fifth Graders – Deed Verutti and Jason House
Fully Fund \$5,102

Portable Sound System – Emily Hart
Fully Fund \$1,118

Music Equipment – Jackie Thomas
Partially Fund \$3,000 of \$11,289

Second Step – Jodie Jones Schuster
Fully Fund \$855

Math Games – Dawn Rye, Allison Plapp and Amy Meierotto
Partially Fund \$500 of \$1,059

Math Flash Masters – Tara House
Partially Fund \$1,480 of \$2,175

Beginning and Intermediate Spanish – Tara House
Partially Fund \$700 of \$1,071

Discover Electricity and Magnets – Amy Meierotto
Fully Fund \$592

Truckee Elementary: \$5,533

Leveled Reading Library – Kim Warren and Sherry Burns Sullivan
Partially Fund \$3,214 of \$4,820

Readiness Support for At-Risk Preschoolers – Bobbe Holt and Annamarie Cohen
Partially Fund \$1,000 of \$2,000

Storytelling Kits – Sandy Hines
Fully Fund \$794

Reading Group Books – Judith Cox
Fully Fund \$525

Glenshire Elementary: \$6,079

Write Source – Suzie Dailey
Fully Fund \$4,241

Historical Non-Fiction – Stephanie Bacon
Fully Fund \$4,147

Kings Beach Elementary: \$3,458

Light Box Optical Sets – Jean Wernette
Fully Fund \$1,117

Multiple Intelligence Manipulatives – Julie Gutstadt Otis
Fully Fund \$403

Kinder-Science Centers – Abbie Stewart
Fully Fund \$221

Magnifying Glass Thermometers, Wind Meters – K. Muonio
Fully Fund \$235

Root Vue Farm & Sprout and Grow – V. Ortega, K. Muonio
Fully Fund \$240

Bounce, Swing, Kick – Molly Holliday
Fully Fund \$679

Zoo Spanish Books – Abbie Stewart
Fully Fund \$226

Speech Improvement Groups – Jan Ganong
Fully Fund \$337

Alder Creek Middle School: \$6,968

In Zone Books – Sandie Leatherman
Fully Fund \$2,914

Spanish Reading Books for ELD – Maribeth Kehoe
Fully Fund \$1,077

Math Supplements – Becky Schnaffit
Partially Fund \$1,890 of \$4,146

A.C.E. Reading – Teresa Eppolito
Fully Fund \$1,087

North Tahoe High School: \$5,160

Let's Make Mov-eez - Peggy Heidelberger-Smith
Fully Fund \$2,160

Spanish Supplements – Kristina McCart
Partially Fund \$2,000 of \$4,105

Fun Facts: Find Your Own Answers – Jennifer Jurosky
Partially Fund \$1,000 of \$2,251

Truckee High School: \$16,716

Student Business Enterprise – Charlotte Bohlman
Partially Fund \$1,151 of \$1,401

Reaching for Success in Student Reading – Nancy Gordon
Fully Fund \$2,750

Truckee High School Band – Dave Green
Partially Fund \$4,500 of \$7,556

Spanish Reading Supplements – Jack Ahern
Fully Fund \$2,065

Literature in Spanish and AP Spanish – Karen Hutchinson
Fully Fund \$1,250

Ninth through Twelfth Grade Science Upgrade - Paul Smith, Trent Kirschner, Kirby Reed
Partially Fund \$4,000 of \$8,502

Anatomy and Physiology – Paul Smith and Trent Kirschner
Partially Fund \$1,000 of \$3,640

Sierra High School: \$2,000

Teen Parenting Life Skills – Cindy Maciel
Fully Fund \$2,000

Silver Medalist Julia Mancuso Pays it Forward

Alpine ski racer Julia Mancuso is paying it forward to her hometown with a \$10,000 donation to TTUSD's physical education programs. At the Vancouver Olympics, Procter & Gamble presented a check to Squaw Valley native Mancuso, who was fresh from winning one silver medal in the women's downhill and another in the women's Olympic combined. At her request, these funds will go to physi-

cal education and health programs in our school district. There will be careful consideration of how the money is used, but right now TTUSD is basking in the glow of this young woman's generous contribution! She, along with all the Tahoe/Truckee world-class athletes, are wonderful role models for all our youth—a unique aspect of our community. She has certainly made us proud!





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Foundation Honors 2009-2010 Fellows and Star Recipients



Do you remember a teacher or school staff person who had a great impact on your life? Fortunately, most of us have experienced a teacher or school staff person that left a lasting impression on the soul! Each year the Excellence in Education Foundation gives the community the opportunity to recognize those individuals for their efforts.

The Linda Brown Fellows Awards recognize teachers who demonstrate originality, innovation and dedication to the teaching profession that is above and beyond the normally high standards of TTUSD. Excellence in Education is proud of the Fellows and Star programs and feels they are a great way for our community—parents, students and fellow teachers—to acknowledge the tremendous work being done in our schools.

The 2009-2010 Linda Brown Fellows recipients are: Shauna Gilberti, North Tahoe Middle School; Dana Hurt, Kings Beach Elementary; Reina Markheim, Glenshire Elementary; Debbie Spohr, District Counselor and Abbie Stewart, Kings Beach Elementary. Recipients each received \$2,000 for educational purposes within the district and \$1,000 for their personal use.

The Star Award is given to recognize classified employees who positively impact the lives of the students by providing outstanding support in their positions.

The 2009-2010 Star Award recipients are: Humberto (Bert) Alcares-Ochoa, North Tahoe High School; Patty Cardoza, Truckee High School; Sue Salas, Special Education and Nestor Valdivia, Alder Creek Middle School. Each received \$1,000 for personal use.

The deadline for this year's Fellows and Star Award nominations is Thursday, May 6, 2010. Applications are available online at ExinEd.org.

Payroll Deduction Participants

Many TTUSD employees participate in a payroll deduction program to benefit Excellence in Education. The Foundation appreciates this direct support from these employees!

Mary Berelson	Erin LeFevers
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Thank you!