

About the Redwood City Education Foundation

- We have been supporting the students of the Redwood City School District since 1983.
- In the 2008/09 school year we are helping to fund:
 - o Music for Learning, music instruction for all 2nd through 4th graders.
 - o Outdoor Education, a one-week, residential science program for all 5th graders.
 - o Wellness Coordinator to increase nutrition and fitness opportunities for all students.
 - o SMART grants to bring teaching innovation in science, math, art, and technology into the classroom.
- In 2007/08, we raised \$320,000 with contributions from major corporations and foundations, local businesses, community members, and school parents.
 - o Around \$32 per student in program funds
 - o Compares with average of \$425 per student raised by neighboring foundations
- Our fund-raising goal for 2008/09 is \$400,000.
- We plan in the future to extend music program to more grades, support PE at all schools, and increase SMART grants, among other possibilities.
- We have launched a Local Business Program to partner with our business community.
- We hold the for Benefit for a Brighter Future 2009 annually and welcome sponsors and volunteers.
- We are a 501 (c) non-profit organization with a 14 member all-volunteer Board of Directors made up of parent and community members.
- We are one of more than 600 education foundations in California.

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- Serves kindergarten through 8th grade students from all of Redwood City and areas of San Carlos, Atherton, and San Mateo County.
- 2nd largest elementary district, after San Mateo-Foster City, in the region between San Francisco and Cupertino; 3rd largest in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties combined
- In 2008/09, the total student population is 8,644: 58% of students are socio-economically disadvantaged, and 47% are English learners
- Since state testing began in 1998, test scores have risen steadily. In 2007/08, 4 schools exceeded the state API target of 800; 4 schools were above 770; and 7 schools increased their API scores by 12 to 21 points over 2006/07.



10 Reasons to Give to the RCEF

1. You understand that good schools don't just happen — communities decide to make education a priority! The highest-achieving districts in our area — Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and San Carlos — all have successful education foundations.
2. You want to say thanks! You are happy with the education your child has received — or you received — and you want to contribute to that legacy.
3. You know that Redwood City is a great place to live, and you want the quality of the schools to reflect the high quality of life here.
4. You believe that good schools result in higher property values, lower crime rates, and a stronger community.
5. You support your local school and now you want to make a contribution that supports programs like Music for Learning, Outdoor Education and our SMART grants that serve the entire school district.
6. You want to ensure that all public school children have programs like music, art, and PE, which were once standard, but are no longer funded by the state.
7. You want to invest in the future. Wouldn't it be nice if many of the doctors, dentists, small business owners and service professionals 20 years from now were home-grown kids?
8. You believe that all kids deserve a good education!
9. You know it is the right thing to do. You want to make a difference in the life of a child who has fewer educational opportunities.
10. You are worried that budget cuts under discussion in Sacramento will result in drastic cuts to the programs that give our children the well-rounded, high-quality education they need to succeed.

Please make your donation today!

To make an online gift to the RCEF, please go to www.rcef.org. By mail, please send your check to:

RCEF
PO Box 3046
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The RCEF has been working hard since 1983 to provide our public elementary and middle school children with the education they need to succeed in high school, college, work, and life.

For more information about the RCEF, email us at: info@rcef.org or call us at: (650) 568-0233.