



*Mt. Diablo Elementary parents, guardians, faculty, and staff who, through academic enrichment, fund-raising, and family activities promote positive relationships that enhance our children's educational environment*

## Mt. Diablo Elementary School Parent Faculty Club (PFC)

### What is the PFC?

Parent Faculty Club — a group of parents, guardians, teachers, and school staff working together to ensure our children have the best education possible. It is the equivalent of the PTA you may remember from your own school days.

A non-profit organization that raises more than \$100,000 per year, the Mt. Diablo Elementary PFC helps to fund programs and provide supplies that the school could not otherwise afford.

This money supports our computer program and provides teacher/instructional aides, yard duty support, curriculum enhancement, parent educator programs, classroom supplies, playground equipment, capital improvements such as air conditioning and landscaping, enrichment and reading assistance programs, and much more.

**The PFC meets at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month.** See the school calendar online for actual dates. FREE babysitting is provided — there is no need to sign up in advance.

***Get informed and involved, meet great new people, and have a voice!***

### Why should I participate in the PFC?

All parents/guardians have the responsibility to be active and informed about our children's education. Our school has been deeply affected by the millions of dollars cut from our state and local school district funding. We have experienced layoffs of valued teachers and staff, class size increases, reductions in custodial services, and the elimination of music and other programs. The PFC works to reduce the impacts of these cuts so that our children can continue to have the same standards of education.

The rewards of being an active member of the PFC include:

- Assuming a more active role in your children's education by contributing your ideas, talents, and time
- Sending your kids the message that their education matters
- Gaining firsthand information on MDE and district happenings
- Meeting new people and making new friends

We rely on volunteers, and we always need new members to contribute ideas and help plan and put on events. There are volunteer opportunities to match every schedule, every interest.

To learn more, join us at our monthly meetings or visit us on the Web for more information and volunteer opportunities.

## How do I become a member of the PFC?

As an MDE parent or guardian you already are a member — there is no need to sign up or pay dues. You can become involved by attending meetings, signing up to help with or coordinate a school event or fund-raiser, and signing up for the eNews service to receive important updates and reminders.

## Why does the school need fund-raisers?

The money raised by the PFC bridges the gap between what is covered by the district budget and what our children need for their education. The programs and improvements the PFC currently provides are paid for by these fund-raisers.

Money is raised by the following fund-raisers...

### Ongoing

- Eagle Sponsor Program — direct cash donation
- eScrip — donation of a % of what you already spend at a number of different merchants and restaurants
- Gift cards — donation of a % from each card you buy
- Box Tops for Education — money for the library, from vouchers you turn in
- Bricks — purchase a memorial brick

### Other

- Dine and Donate — monthly, donation of a % of what you spend at a participating restaurant
- You're Invited coupon books — Fall, coupons for local vendors, sold and a % goes to PFC
- Spell-a-thon — Spring, money raised by kids, cash donation for number of words spelled correctly
- Benefit auction — Spring, largest fundraiser of the year, online and live auctions of a variety of items; purchase items or donate items for bid

The funds help pay for all of the following (and more!):

### Positions

- Classroom instructional aides
- Yard duties
- Computer lab aide
- Computer lab technician
- Kaleidoscope reading assistance instructors (grades K-5)

### Instruction resources

- Computer/technology resources
- Library supplies
- Classroom supplies
- Paper for staff
- Playground equipment
- Copy room program

## Programs and events

- Parent educator program (PEP)
- Red Ribbon Week
- Science night
- Reading night
- 5th Grade end-of-year activities
- Staff appreciation
- Movie night
- Vendor night
- Parent/child dances
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Parent patrol/school safety/disaster preparedness

## Parent resources

- Directory
- Spirit wear
- Yearbook
- eNews
- Newsletter

If we increase cash donations to the Eagle Sponsor Program and meet our budget goals that way, we may be able to reduce the number of fund-raisers we ask you to support in the future.

## What is the Eagle Sponsor Program?

The Eagle Sponsor Program allows families to give a tax-deductible cash donation to the PFC. 100% of this donation goes to programs that benefit ALL students.

We encourage families to donate \$180 per child (\$1 for each day in a school year) to the Eagle Sponsor Program. This donation offsets some of the negative effects of the recent cuts to programs at the state and district levels.

We encourage you to give what you can. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Or, break your donation down into several smaller payments throughout the year. Just think of what we could provide for our students if we had 100% participation!

## How do I learn more?

The PFC roster is available online. Feel free to contact any board member for more information.