

Kiddo

Mill Valley Schools Community Foundation



27th Year

www.kiddo.org

Spring 2009

Working Together in Difficult Financial Times

Kiddo! was founded 27 years ago in the midst of a financial crisis spurred by the passage of Proposition 13, which drastically reduced state education spending. Over the ensuing years and economic cycles, Kiddo! has consistently followed through on its mission to provide funding to help Mill Valley students to reach their full potential. **We are committed to deliver on this mission even in the midst of today's turbulent economic times.**

The generosity of over 2,000 school family, community and local business donors enabled Kiddo! to reach its ambitious 2008 fundraising goal of \$1.9 million. This funding preserved our schools' exceptional arts and technology programs and also saved library and classroom aides from budget cuts this school year. Successful PTA fundraising also provided for important individual school needs, such as playground equipment and classroom supplies.

In addition to these key fundraising partners, the Mill Valley School District works with two volunteer financial advisory groups. The Community Financial Advisory Commission (CFAC) was established several years ago to advise the Su-

perintendent and Board on financial matters. The Commission periodically reviews the district's budget, identifies and analyzes long-term trends, makes recommendations to the Superintendent and Board and participates in community outreach efforts. In 2006 the school district formed The Funding Alliance, composed of key fundraising stakeholders such as Kiddo! and the PTAs, to help school fundraising groups work together to optimize fundraising and ensure equality in the programs and services funded by the school community.

Our school district faces unprecedented enrollment growth and a difficult financial environment, making it critically important for the district, its advisory groups, key fundraising organizations and school families to **work together to continue to provide an excellent education to over 2,500 deserving students.** Mill Valley is a wonderful place to live - a town full of beauty and unique character. In these challenging economic times, it is more important than ever to rally around our core values of education, family, and community. We thank you for your continued support.

DONATION DAY - MAY 1, 2009

On May 1, Kiddo! will launch its 2009 Annual Giving Campaign. We ask school district families to help Kiddo! lower fundraising costs by making their annual donations on a single day. Hundreds of families participate in this effort, which helps save valuable volunteer time and significantly decreases the cost of paper, printing and postage for follow-up mailings.

In light of the ongoing budget constraints facing our local schools, it is critically important that we financially support our children's education. **We encourage you to make your annual contribution to Kiddo! on May 1 and help fund this year's arts and technology programs as well as save classroom aides from budget cuts.** Giving is easy - just drop off your donation at school, make your donation online at www.kiddo.org, or mail it in to 409 Sycamore Avenue. Thank you in advance for your participation in Kiddo!'s fundraising efforts this year - together we can protect the quality education our students deserve!



YOUR KIDDO! DON

Thanks to your generous donations to Kiddo!, Mill Valley's 2,500 public school children in Kindergarten. In 2008, your contributions also saved library and classroom aides from budget cuts. Here we proudly

Art



Dan DiPierro
MVMS Art



Julie Leonard
MVMS Art



Kim Tran
MVMS Art



Sheila Campbell
Tam Valley Art



Corinne Masri
Tam Valley Art



Nance Miller
Tam Valley Art



Gwen Perin
Park, Strawberry Point Art



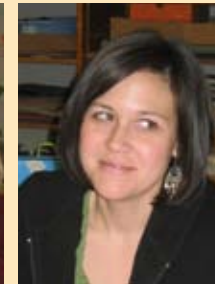
Jackie LaLanne
Edna Maguire, Park, Old Mill Art



Patricia Tarigo Skerrett
Strawberry Point Art



Amy Faulkner
Edna Maguire Art



Katie Mostert
Strawberry Point, Old Mill, Edna Maguire Art

Dance



Alan Scofield
K, 4 & 5 Dance
1st grade Storyteller

Drama



Michael Oakes
6th grade curriculum-based drama



Polly Erion
6th grade Martin Luther King Presentation



Tina Taylor
7th grade Shakespeare



Z Space Studio
8th grade Word for Word

NATIONS AT WORK

en through 8th grade receive arts and technology programs that are vital for a well-rounded education. highlight the wonderful Kiddo!-funded teachers and aides that help our children reach their full potential.

Music



Lori Adessa
K-2 Music (Tam Valley, Park, Old Mill)



Nora Thomas
K-2 Music (Edna Maguire, Strawberry Point) 3-4 Choral Music at all sites



Anna Stearns
3-5 Music



Jessica Stewart
5-8 Choral Music



Cayce Carnahan
5-8 Band



Phoebe Dong
4-8 Orchestra

Poetry



Michelle Rivers
Poet



Karen Benke
Poet



Terri Glass
Poet



Sasha Eakle
Poet



Prartho Sereno
Poet

Library Aides

Ann Graham
Edna Maguire Library Aide

Martha Lewis
Old Mill Library Aide

Leigh Ann Townsend
Park Library Aide

Selina Boatright
Strawberry Point Library Aide

Wendy Zheutlin
Tam Valley Library Aide

Kathleen Savastano
MVMS Library Aide

Classroom Aides

Edna Maguire
Hajara Salehbbhai
Hashim Salehbbhai
Sharon Reading
Kate Hale

Old Mill

Zandra Marulanda
Liza Heath
Shannon McDonell

Strawberry Point

Leni Moore
Gina Friedman
Susan Powers

Judy Cissney
Hawa Hansia
Daria Painter- Chapman
Laura Beatty

Barbara Freeman-Nepil
Heather Miller
Emily Cookson

Anna Spitalny
Collet Easy
Kristin Vogt

Park

Susann Gutschmidt
Adriene Bensco-Lee
Amy Curtis
Elaine Vaughan
Lisa Yee

Tam Valley

Barbara Hopkins
Cynthia Leung
Lynne Henderson
Monica Tasso

Angela Sohn-Lee
Lisa Mackay
Carla McDonald
Heather Clendenin

Marilyn Koschalk
Annamarie Williams
Leslie Miekley
Diane Swartz

What else does Kiddo! fund?

- Technology
- Teacher Mini-Grants
- Art and Music Supplies



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kids reach their full potential
for 27 years!**



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Nowadays, every dollar counts – for families, businesses and our schools. Make your dollars go further by shopping at the many local businesses that support our schools. You will not only be helping our hometown economy, you will be helping our children reach their full potential. Some of the local markets that support Kiddo! through eScrip or ongoing cash rebate programs include: **Mill Valley Market, Safeway, DeLano's IGA Markets, Mollie Stone's, Paradise Market, Woodlands Market and United Market.** For more information on eScrip and a full list of our Kiddo! Business Partners, please visit www.kiddo.org.

