

Fullerton Technology Foundation

Newsletter



The mission of the Fullerton Technology Foundation is to provide funding and support for the advancement of 21st Century Learning in our Fullerton School District.

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Events for 2011/2012

November 5, 2011

eWaste Event
@ Ladera Vista
9am to 3pm

November 27 to December 5, 2011

On-Line Auction

December 12, 2011

Grants given to Teachers

June 2, 2012

Auction Event

For questions or to volunteer some time or materials; call Loretta Biaz 714-447-7405

iPods at Valencia Park

"But I've never even owned an iPod."

"I don't know anything about technology."

"I'm not sure I'll be able to help my students."

These were a common reaction when Valencia Park purchased 600 iPod Touch units and teachers were asked to be part of the iPods in Education learning Project. Emy Flores, Principal at Valencia Park, announced the goal was to increase student engagement, learning and achievement and assured them that the only requirement for participation was a genuine commitment to this goal, as well as a willingness to learn and work together.



One year later, the iPod Touch has become like the modern pencil and is used as a powerful tool in every academic area. At any time of the day, one can find students practicing math and reading skills, responding to literature, completing journal entries, taking notes, researching, editing, taking quizzes, working individually or in teams ...the list goes on. Teacher collaboration

has also increased, as teachers constantly research and learn from each other.

Students have responded with great excitement, often surpassing their teacher's technology expectations and even providing support to new fellow students. Parents have toured classrooms to see their children in action and expressed amazement at the level of student engagement. Additionally, Valencia Park has gathered data to show increased student achievement through its iPod Reading Fluency Program, which developed the reading fluency of students. The iPod helps each student listen to the story, record and listen to him/herself read and reread the text, then chart and monitor their own progress. In

a short period of 36 days, participating students increased their reading fluency six times the rate of students who did not participate in the iPod Reading Fluency Program!

Teachers found that by increasing student reading fluency, they are better able to complete all assignments.

The next chapter for Valencia Park is to continue to use the iPod Touch for everyday learning and integrate its newly purchased iPads. These efforts



are transforming teaching and learning in a school that was once in program improvement.

A message from FTF President

Welcome to the fall edition of our FTF Newsletter. Notice the changes going on to enrich the learning of Fullerton students. Thank you for your support!
Hilda Sugarman

Did you know?

Fullerton School District
13,858 students + 528
Classroom teachers = 7,000
Computers of which 5197 are
laptops

194 interactive boards
566 LCD Projectors
476 document cameras

eWaste Event

Again the community has an opportunity to support technology with the efforts of the children in a local e-Waste event. Last year's event was a tremendous success. An eWaste event is simply the collection of used electronic devices for the purpose of recycling them in exchange for money. It's as simple as that.

The eWaste event is at Ladera Vista Junior High on Saturday, November 5th, from 9am to 3pm. All that is required from the community is to bring their unwanted electronic items for donation to Ladera Vista on November 5th. They don't even have to get out of their car. The students do the rest.



Fall 2010 Event

Did you know?

FSD students use:
357 iPods,
164 iPads,
287 Digital Cameras,
115 Digital Video Cameras,
91 Digital Microscopes.

Wine Auction 2011 Nets \$85,000

Exuberant donors waved their auction paddles, outbidding each other to raise \$85,000 at this year's Fullerton Technology Foundation's annual "Toast to Learning" fundraiser.

The sold-out June 4 event was attended by about 300 educators, elected officials, community members and parents who value



Fullerton School District's best practice, standards-based, 21st century education for our students," FTF President Hilda Sugarman. "The programs use proven technologies to enrich academic success." FTF has supported families and staff to continue to be a beacon for the high performance use of technology in classrooms.

"I became a huge supporter because my two children benefitted from technology in the classroom; both at Hermosa Drive and Ladera Vista." says event chair, Luz Howchin.



the importance of a high-tech education in the district's schools.

"Most nonprofit organizations are down significantly year over year in this tough economic climate," said John Straser, senior vice president of Fullerton Community Bank and FTF treasurer. "Staying steady is a testament to the ongoing commitment of our donors to our schools."

The money raised "Will support the



Salon Raises \$2,500 for school technology

On a recent Sunday, when Joshua Christopher Salon is usually closed, hair was flying as clients took advantage of discounted haircuts and eyebrow shaping treatments, among other services, to help the Fullerton Technology Foundation raise funds for Fullerton School District's classroom technology programs. The owners of the salon, Joshua Nuñez and his father, Christopher Nuñez, and the stylists who work there donated their services for the day. They raised more than \$2,500, and all the proceeds went to the Fullerton Technology Foundation. "All the money raised by Joshua Christopher Salon is going to support our kids," said Hilda Sugarman, Fullerton School Board trustee and president of the Fullerton Technology Foundation. "This event is a true example of our wonderful community working to support our students, and we are so grateful." She said the funds will support 21st Century learning programs.

The programs, she said, "infuse proven technologies to enhance the academic success of Fullerton's students."

