

IRVINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Principals' Update

March 2010

FIVE WEEK CAMPAIGN

In response to the IUSD Board of Trustees delaying their decisions regarding the cuts, IPSF has extended our 5 Week Campaign deadline to Monday, March 15th.

Dollars raised will impact every school in the district:

This means that each principal will have the discretion to use donated dollars to help mitigate the cuts. Schools can utilize the funds to provide additional staff support such as aides and additional teacher hours. This will help to lessen the effects of having to increase class sizes on your child.

As of today, we have raised \$180,437.00 for our 5 Week Campaign!

Dine Out, Help Out:

Thanks to everyone that helped advertise and support the IPSF Dine Out, Help Out night. It was such a fantastic show of support for education in Irvine and we have heard many awesome stories. The final totals are not in yet, however we estimate that we raised \$7,000.

IRead Event:

With the Dine Out, Help Out night being such a huge success, IPSF has kicked off an IRead event during the weeks of March 8th through March 21st. Shop at Barnes & Noble, mention IPSF at the register when you make a purchase, and IPSF will receive up to 20% of your total purchase. Please help spread the word. (Flyer is attached)

Please visit the IPSF website, www.ipsf.net/donations . You can make a gift of any amount online through the secure sever. Or, consider giving just a dollar a day and join the **IPSF 365 Club**. Donations can also be mailed to IPSF, 18552 MacArthur Blvd, Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92612.

IPSF SPOTLIGHT

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO:

- Established in **1996** as a grassroots effort. Has since grown to a 5 million dollar foundation
- We make it possible for all **27,000 students** to receive the finest education possible, helping to give them optimal advantage and the best chance for future success
- **We do 2 things: 1) provide financial support 2) provide enrichment programs for all 27,000 students of IUSD**
- How much do we raise: \$2 million in 2007-2008, \$3.5 million in 2008-2009
- Instructional and Counseling Support in grades 4-12
- Class size reduction in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 9th grades

Parent Volunteer of the Year

The nomination forms were sent to you via email Friday, February 19th and will be **due back** to me, via email, on **March 25, 2010**. Our PVOY Awards luncheon will be held on **Thursday, June 3rd, 11:30am – 1:15pm** and will be held at the South Coast Chinese Cultural Association. *IPSF is partnering with the Irvine Unified Council of PTA's to provide ONE year end luncheon to recognize IPSF volunteers and PTA award winners. If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact me at cbraun@ipsf.net or (949) 265-6410.*



IPSF is partnering with PCRf at their annual Cinco De Mayo Half Marathon which will be held on **May 2, 2010**. Be sure to sign up under the IPSF Team so Irvine Schools receive the proceeds. Go to www.pcrf-kids.org to register. Each school can have their own team, or several teams. We currently have Oak Creek, Plaza Vista, Springbrook, College Park, Woodbridge High Entertainment Corp, Northwood Elementary, ECLC Cubs, Team Brywood, Friends of Brywood and the Irvine Unified PTA Council teams. **See the attached flyer for directions to register your team.** Contact Cheryl Braun with any questions. 949-265-6410 or cbraun@ipsf.net.

Parents Appreciating Teachers and Staff (PATS)

DEADLINE EXTENDED! In an effort to raise as much money as possible for our teacher grant-making program, ITAP, we have extended the PATS **deadline through APRIL 2!** Give YOUR favorite teacher or staff member a PAT on the back this year for all they do. For a small donation, parents and students can send a message of thanks to a favorite teacher and staff member.

Recognition certificates and a small gift are sent to teachers with YOUR thanks during Teacher Appreciation Week in May. All proceeds go to ITAP, which last year granted over \$35,000 to IUSD teachers. **See the attached form for details.**



The IPSF ACE Program (Afterschool Classroom Enrichment)

The winter ACE program is running at 13 elementary schools and 5 middle schools with some new and exciting programs. Thank you to all of our volunteers for making this program so successful. For more information, or to find out how to have an ACE program at your school, contact Stephanie Bynon, ACE Program director at (949)265-6411 or sbynon@ipsf.net.

SAVE THE DATE!! The 28th Annual Donald Bren Honors Concert

will be held **Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

in the world class Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall at the Orange County Performing Arts Center. This dynamic concert features more than 600 of Irvine Unified School District's outstanding vocal and instrumental students in grades 5-12. This event WILL sell out early so watch for more details in February.



VIP tickets and more are currently available through IPSF; general admission tickets will be available through the Orange County Performing Arts Center beginning on March 14th. Tickets for this event sell out very quickly, so make your purchases as soon as possible!!

More information about IPSF Programs and Activities is available at www.ipsf.net. IPSF staff and board members are available at any time to speak to your staff, or to your PTA about IPSF programs and activities. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need information, or would like to arrange a presentation.

Dates to Remember:

Five week Campaign ~January 26, 2010 to March 15, 2010

Parents Appreciating Teachers and Staff (PATS): Deadline extended to April 2nd

7th Annual Home Raffle Kick-Off ~ March 15, 2010

Parent Volunteer of the Year (PVOY) ~ Nominations are due to IPSF on Thursday, March 25.
Luncheon, Thursday June 3, 2010.

PCRF Cinco de Mayo Half Marathon ~ to benefit PCRF and IPSF ~ May 2, 2010

Please Sign up under the IPSF group and then under your school at www.pcrf-kids.org

Instructions for registering your school's team under the IPSF group are attached.

28th Annual Honors Concert at the Henry and Renee Segerstrom Concert Hall ~ April 27, 2010, 7pm
General admission tickets will be available ONLY through the concert hall box office again this year. For additional information, contact Meryl Segal, msegal@ipsf.net.

Thank you for all you do for students!!

Questions, comments?? Please contact me at any time!

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