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### Parents Appreciating Teachers & Staff (PATS) Now thru March 2, 2012

IPSF recently launched our 2012 Parents Appreciating Teachers & Staff (PATS) program. Through PATS, parents and community members have an opportunity to recognize the contribution of IUSD staff members who make a difference in their child's life, or their own. Tax deductible contributions benefit IUSD classrooms through the Innovative Teaching Award Program (ITAP), which provides grants to IUSD teachers. Last year, more than \$32,000 in ITAP grants was provided to 22 teachers at 17 school sites as a result of PATS donations.

Teachers and staff receive a personalized Certificate of Recognition along with a small gift expressing your gratitude. These certificates and gifts will be distributed during Teacher Appreciation Week in May 2012. To thank the special teachers or staff members who make a difference to you and your student, go to [www.ipsf.net](http://www.ipsf.net) to download the PATS form today. Forms and donations are due by **March 2, 2012**.

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### Young the Giant Concerts Raise \$30,000 for IPSF

Young the Giant, an alternative rock band made up of former Irvine students, held two sold out benefit concerts in December to help raise funds for IPSF's music programs. As a result of the band's generous spirit, \$30,000 was raised for IPSF, including a donation from the band, matching funds from the City of Irvine and technology equipment from corporate partner VIZIO. "Irvine is a great place to grow up. We know we were fortunate to have a great education and enrichment in the arts and music...and we hope that future generations have the same opportunities," said lead singer Sameer Gadhia from the stage. IPSF is proud to welcome these talented young philanthropists as our newest Legacy Partners.

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### Science Little League Enrolling Now

IPSF is proud to offer Science Little League at 12 IUSD school sites in Winter 2012. This fun and educational program (taught by IUSD teachers) helps students explore scientific concepts in a hands-on environment. [Click here](#) for more information or to enroll in Science Little League.

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### IPSF-ACE Classes Starting Soon

New Afterschool Classroom Enrichment (IPSF-ACE) classes are starting this month at schools throughout IUSD. Classes include Lego Engineering, Mad Science, chess, cartooning, sports, video game design, and more. Taught on IUSD campuses just after dismissal, the IPSF-ACE program frees parents from having to drive to an off-site location. The program is coordinated at each school site by parent volunteers and managed by IPSF staff.

[Click here to enroll](#) in ACE classes. For information on how to bring the IPSF-ACE program to your school, please contact Stephanie Bynon at [sbynon@ipsf.net](mailto:sbynon@ipsf.net).

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DONALD BREN HONORS CONCERT**  
**April 25, 2012!**

***More information about IPSF Programs and Activities can be found at***  
**[www.ipsf.net](http://www.ipsf.net)**