

The Programs

Classroom Enrichment Grants - Provide funds for teachers to implement new and innovative programs in the classroom that promote advanced approaches to teaching and that enrich the learning experience for students and teachers.

Employee Development Grants - Assist employees of the school district to develop the personal skill sets needed to give our children the best possible education, through continuing education, seminars, workshops and/or conferences.

Campus or District Enhancement Grants - Provide funds to a campus or the district to upgrade or implement tools, activities, or projects which would enhance or advance educational achievement.

Investment Options

General Donation - General donations are used to fund programs set forth by the foundation. These donations are distributed directly as grants.

Endowment Donation - General Endowment Donor - If you're interested in a long term solution, PAEF is growing an endowment fund that will support PAISD programs year after year. Contributions may be designated specifically for the endowment fund. Full Endowment Donor - An endowment donation of \$50,000 or more ensures the perpetuity of an annual award and may be donor directed with the donor selecting a specific program, subject or area. The donation can also be established in the name of the donor or in the memory of a loved one. This gift can be made as a one-time donation or a multi-year pledge.

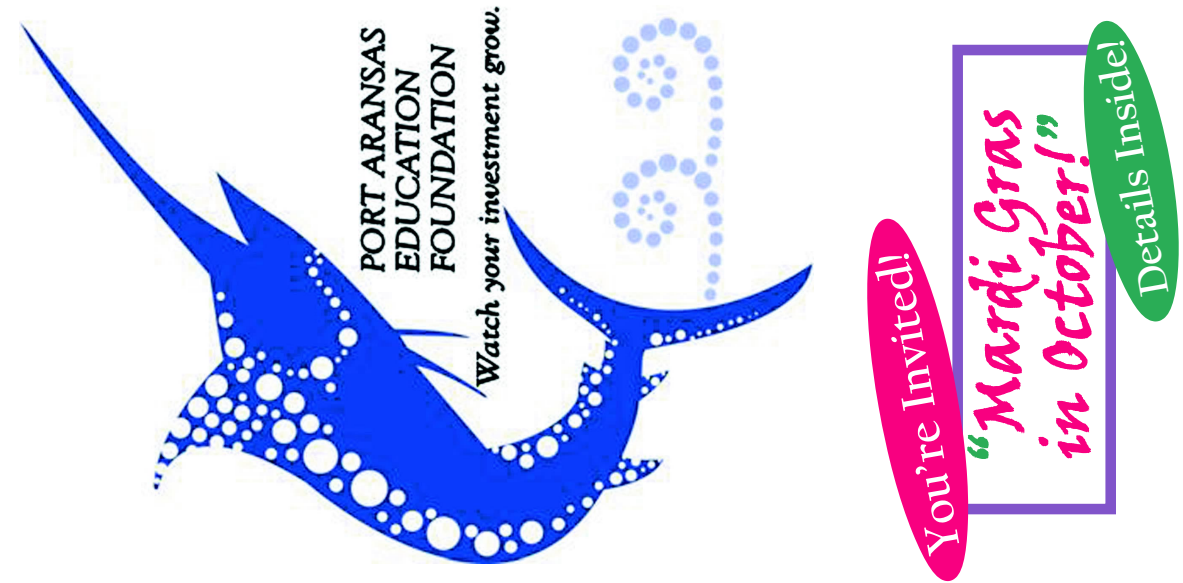
Planned Giving - Individuals interested in planned giving may consider bequests, charitable trusts, life insurance, and other options recommended by an estate planner or tax professional.

Matched Giving - A number of businesses match charitable gifts that their employees make. Please check with your employer's human resource department to see if you can turn one dollar into two or even three.

Levels of Contribution

- Grand Slam \$50,000
- Blue Marlin \$25,000
- White Marlin \$10,000
- Sailfish \$5,000
- Dorado \$2,500
- Yellowfin \$1,000
- Wahoo \$500
- Kingfish \$100

Patron's Pledge \$1,000/year, every year
Any donation amount will be accepted and appreciated



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Our Mission

The Port Aransas Education Foundation is committed to actively seeking community support to promote educational excellence within the Port Aransas Independent School District

Our Goals

- To foster innovative approaches to teaching and learning within the Port Aransas Independent School District
- To empower the PAISD staff to continually learn, apply their knowledge, share their expertise, and lead their profession
- To give the community an opportunity to invest in the future of Port Aransas through the development and encouragement of our children
- To create a source of funding for the PAISD not currently available through traditional local, state or federal resources



PORT ARANSAS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Watch your investment grow.

In celebration of National Education Month AND a FABULOUS first year for the Port Aransas Education Foundation, get ready to party at

"Mardi Gras in October!"

Cajun Dinner, Silent Auction, Raffle, Live Music
Friday, October 5th, 2007 7-10 pm
Port Aransas Civic Center
\$25/person \$500/table

Tickets can be purchased from any board member, at First American Title (200 S. Alister St., next to American Bank), at Whitten Real Estate on Cut Off Rd., or at the door, if there's still room!



WHO WE ARE

If you haven't heard of us by now, we would like to formally introduce ourselves as the Port Aransas Education Foundation (PAEF). We are a local non-profit group established last fall to provide funds for supplies, education and functions not traditionally funded by school budgets. Just like a wave builds strength, this foundation has grown very quickly in the last year.

PAEF obtained official non-profit status and put together a board of directors in August 2006. The board consists of Janice Roberts, president; Vanessa Brundrett, vice president; Jana Snow, secretary; Wendy Moore, treasurer; and board members Michelle Sowers, Beth Owens, Mike Hall, Rob Clark, Greg Villasana, Addie Belcher, Kim Fon, Julie Shodrok, Jay Kenigsberg, Michele Lorette, and Mike Garlough.

WEBSITE

Leif Johnson graciously accepted the responsibility of anchoring a website for our group...you can find out more about us and keep up with foundation events by visiting www.PAISDFoundation.org Leif has been a Spanish teacher with PAISD for 26 years and is the District Technology Coordinator. Thanks, Leif!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

The first thing to do is start talking - spread the word! The Port Aransas Education Foundation needs community advocacy. Bring the foundation up next time you're at lunch with friends, display some of our brochures in your business (just call, we'll deliver 'em), join our mailing list, or make a donation, and don't forget to come to the annual event in October.

Want to make a bigger impact? Contact us for volunteer opportunities; we always need help with something. If you have a special skill, let us know and we'll put you to work!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

We owe our early success to the generous support of our initial donors: Bob & Sandy Clark, Rob & Robin Clark, Doug & Margaret Daniell, Mark & Carolyn Grosse, Paul & Mimi Snow, Rick & Michelle Sowers, and Gregg & Lezlie Turicchi. These monies provided the "seed money" for filing as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. We also owe a BIG thanks to Richard Millan, CPA, a part-time Port "A" resident for preparing and handling the filings. To our community members, teachers, parents, students and friends who have showed this foundation support, thanks for believing we could make a difference. We have, and will continue to do so, with your support.

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

Foundation forms

August, 2006 - A group of Port Aransans formed the Port Aransas Education Foundation to benefit the Port Aransas Independent School District

Kick-off reception "a huge success"

October 13th, 2006 - The PAEF reception had roughly 150 in attendance and raised nearly \$15,000 through donations, raffle and silent auction items from members of the community and local businesses.

Foundation receives anonymous donation

November 2, 2006 - An anonymous donor made a contribution of \$5,000 to PAEF

Foundation awards "mini-grant" for fifth-grade symphony trip

December 8, 2006 - PAEF board members and fifth graders surprise Gay DeMontel, art and music teacher at H.G. Olsen Elementary, with grant to fund a trip to the Corpus Christi Symphony, as well as a meal of fine dining. All of the students expressed gratitude for a wonderful evening of fine dining and an "awesome performance" that many of these students wouldn't have been able to experience otherwise.

Grant applications are distributed

January 15th, 2007 - The first-ever round of grant applications was distributed. PAISD staff had until March 1st to return completed applications.

Foundation awards over \$20,000 in grants to PAISD associates

April 20th, 2007 - PAEF board members, superintendent Billy Wiggins, and school board member, Margaret Price, walked from classroom to classroom carrying jumbo checks adorned with balloons to surprise teachers and their students with grant awards. Grant awards and recipients include:

- Peter Barello, teacher, PAHS, \$2,500 to help purchase Quizdom Interactive Learning System
- Claudia Locher, teacher, PAHS, \$1,537.98 to provide sewing equipment and supplies
- Leif Johnson, PAHS teacher, \$1206.75 to buy a Scantron
- Jill B. Smith, PAHS teacher, \$960 to get students involved in iEARN

- Monica Sonnier, PAHS teacher, \$895.97 for a digital camera for yearbook production
- Coleen Gartman, director of district cafeteria services, \$1,850 to increase offerings of fresh fruit and vegetables and expand nutrition education

- Gay de Montel, music teacher, H.G. Olsen Elementary School, \$2,205 to buy 16 percussion instruments
- Marilyn Cook, teacher, Olsen Elementary, \$1,500 for tuition to attend a week-long course at The Learning Center in Austin
- Julie Findley, teacher, Olsen Elementary, \$1,213.94 to help buy high quality binoculars
- Rhonda Burger, teacher, Olsen Elementary, \$2,167.98 to buy the 2 Elmo TT-02 Teachers Tool

- Clare L. Adams, teacher, Olsen Elementary, \$1,557 trip to the Alamo in San Antonio for fourth grade
- Ginny Shaw, pre-kindergarten teacher, Olsen Elementary, \$1,700 for a 77-inch interactive whiteboard
- Ginny Shaw also received \$1,200 for online technical training



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