

Who We Are

The Port Aransas Education Foundation (PAEF) is a local non-profit 501(c)3 entity established in August 2006 to provide funds for educational materials, events, and training not traditionally funded by school budgets. 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, Jay Kenigsberg, Julie Shodrok, Michele Lorette, and Mike Garlough.

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

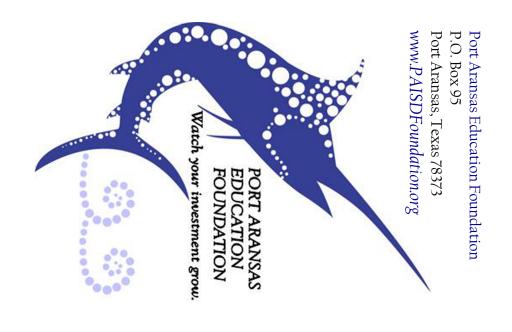
Our Goals

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.

WOW!

What a difference a year makes! Once again, we at the PAEF are happily overwhelmed by the support we have received from the Port A community. We have worked hard since day one to earn your confidence and to be responsible stewards of your donations. We take our mission, our grant applications and our awards process very seriously. We are so proud of the incredible opportunities we've funded in just two years at PAISD. This year, we more than doubled our grant awards from last year! We were able to fund 29 grants totalling \$48,428.82 to 24 different district employees. See the opposite page for details on each grant award and recipient.

DONATE

As awareness of this foundation and it's mission has grown, so have the grant requests. Our sights are set even higher for 2009 & we request your continued support! Please take the enclosed donation form, make copies for friends, and donate what you can! Together, we can continue to make excellence in education a top priority in Port Aransas!



"Teachers who inspire realize there will always be rocks in the road ahead of us. They will be stumbling blocks or stepping stones; it all depends on how we use them." ~Author Unknown

PAEF WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The foundation recently added four new board members: Kim Fon, Julie Shodrok, Jay Kenigsberg Michele Lorette and Mike Garlough. Each offers a unique skill set, already proving to be great assets to our progress. We gratefully welcome each of them and invite you to contact any board member for more information about PAEF.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar for The "Mardi Gras in October", October 3rd, 2008 at the Civic Center. This is more than just a great party; it's our primary fundraising event in which we raise most of the funds we distribute as grants. Come support this wonderful cause - cut out the "save the date" notice - you don't want to miss it!



Photos: Above right, students celebrate with jumbo checks; above, PAEF board members at awards assembly



WOW! \$48,428.82 in Grants Awarded in 2008!



Katy Brennan, kindergarten teacher, \$1,685.00 for interactive whiteboard

-Carly Carlough, kindergarten teacher, \$1,685.00 for interactive whiteboard

-Rhonda Burger, 5th grade teacher, \$3,660.00 for six ELMO TT02-S for the campus

-Heather Collins, 1st grade teacher, \$1,685.00 for interactive whiteboard -Devan Rasnick, 1st grade teacher, \$1,685.00 for interactive whiteboard -Marilyn Cook, District Dyslexia Specialist, \$1,500 to attend "All Kinds of Minds" Training

-Gay deMontel, Music teacher, \$2,500.00 for "Orff" Instruments -Gay deMontel, Music teacher, \$1,300.00 for 5th grade Live Symphony

-Julie Findley, 5th grade teacher, \$534.74 for Student Entries in the Great Texas Birding Classic

Gina McKeever, 4th grade teacher, \$1,722 for student presentation laptops

-Dana Scott, 3rd grade teacher, \$1,001.55 for 3rd grade trip to Natural Bridge Caverns



- -Patt Coeckelenbergh, Library Aide, \$2,500 for new reading materials and shelving for same donated by Lancaster Industries
- -Brian Flack, Social Studies/History teacher, \$265.00 for 7th grade Goliad trip
- -Christine Kreutziger, Math teacher, \$260.00 for 6th grade King Ranch trip
- -Kristi Longanecker, Social Studies/History teacher, \$1,128.00 for classroom map sets
- -Andrea Skloss, Science teacher, \$1,778.00 for interactive classroom technology

District-Wide Grants

-Marilyn Cook, District Dyslexia Specialist, \$1,420.00 to conduct a Community Learning Challenges Study -Cheryl Park, High School Content Mastery, \$4,490.00 for Weatherbug Achieve Program for K-12

Photos: Teachers accepting their awards. Top, Katy Brennan; bottom left, Kristi Longanecker; bottom right, Gary Mott.



- -Laurie Barello, Science Dept. Head, \$2,369.00 to upgrade Physics Lab
- -Peter Barello, Social Studies teacher, \$239.12 for Advanced Placement Study Materials
- -Peter Barello, Social Studies teacher, \$497.79 to expand software selection for Quizdom System
- Peter Barello, Social Studies teacher, \$560.70 for PowerZone Interactive Gaming System
- -Nona Hendricks, Math teacher, \$725.00 for ELMO
- -Leif Johnson, Technology Coordinator, \$1,854.00 for two dedicated PC workstations for Novanet System
- -Claudia Locher, District Special Education/Life Skills teacher, \$1,640.56 to continue Home Ec. Sewing Class -Gary Mott, Theatre Arts teacher, \$6,000 for complete U. I. L. stage set
- -Bill Slingerland, Science teacher, \$1,500.00 for class-room aquariums and trip aboard the "Katy" to collect specimens
- -Monica Sonnier, Yearbook sponsor, \$216.96 for graphics tablets for photo editing
- -Monica Sonnier, Yearbook sponsor, \$2,026.40 for multimedia course software

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

