



Oak Avenue School



Great Stuff & Great Staff

PTA and LAEF Funding Demystified

Los Altos School District Relies on **Both** Organizations to Enhance Your Child's Education

Together, the [Oak Parent Teacher Association \(PTA\)](#) and the [Los Altos Educational Foundation \(LAEF\)](#) provide support for enrichment programs that are essential to a **well-rounded education** at Oak School.

Please give generously to both PTA and LAEF every year.

They Pay For Different Things

PTA = Great Stuff

PTA funds site-specific needs, such as equipment and supplies.

Ex: classroom and art materials, computers and technology, library supplies, school equipment, facilities enhancements and staff support.

Oak PTA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that funds enrichment programs, equipment & supplies, and school improvements.

LAEF = Great Staff

LAEF's annual grant to LASD pays for staff expenses, such as teacher salaries.

Ex: teachers, aides, and specialists who conduct the music, physical education, art, technology, and science programs not otherwise supported by state funding.

LAEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit supporting organization that primarily funds teacher and staff salaries.

2009-2010 PTA and LAEF Programs

PTA Supports

Short-Term Operational Support (during the district budget crisis)

- Text books, curriculum, office and classroom supplies
- Scholarships for supplemental teacher training

LAEF Supports

Class Size Reduction

- Oak's small K-3 classes (no more than 24 students/class) are possible due to LAEF grants to the District for additional teacher salaries.
- LAEF provides much-needed planning and prep time each day for Oak's classroom teachers.

Ongoing Programs

- Updated technology (PCs & media carts)
- Student enrichment programs and events such as: Assemblies, Science Fair, Junior Olympics, Geography Bee, Noontime Activities.
- Community enrichment programs and events such as Parent Education, Walk to School Day, Back to School Picnic.
- Emergency preparedness and child safety

Materials & Supplies

- Classroom supplies, playground activities & toys, library books
- Art materials for Art Docent curriculum

Facilities Improvements & Beautification

- Gardens & landscaping
- Playground equipment & eating areas

Technology & Science Specialists

- Technology Specialists who teach the Read, Write & Type program and provide tech support for curriculum and maintenance of Oak's computers and labs
- Science Aides who help with classroom setup and instruction delivery of the hands-on science and Living Classroom programs.

Arts & Music Instruction

- Art Docent program (K-6)
- Instrumental music instruction and vocal music (Grades 4-6)
- Instructors for the Fine Arts Block (Grades 4-6)

Physical Education Specialist

- PE Specialists supplement Teacher PE programs with weekly PE for Grades 1-6 and Junior Olympics training (Grades 4-6).

Sources of Funding

PTA raises funds from many sources:

- PTA membership
- eScrip/Schoolpop
- Hot Lunch
- Book Fair
- Walk-a-Thon
- Spring Auction
- Birthday Books

LAEF raises more than 90% of its annual funds from Los Altos School District (LASD) parents.

- Suggested annual family donation = \$800/child
- Donations in any amount are appreciated and make a difference

LAEF also receives corporate matching grants and donations from non-parent community members.

To donate online now [click here](#).

For more info about corporate matching [click here](#).

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www.oakpta.org

www.laefonline.org

The programs and teachers we love rely on your support!