



To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Roosevelt School PTA. Our school has over 600 students and our PTA provides money for field trips, art classes, educational assemblies, class room supplies and other educational materials to enhance our children's education. We hold several events and fundraisers throughout the year to raise funds for these activities and supplies.

Our PTA's three most expensive programs include our school's art program, a week of Outdoor Education in Jones Gulch for our 5th grade classes, and a week at the Yosemite Institute for our 6th grade classes.

Roosevelt's art program, Art4Schools, brings an art teacher into every classroom to give ten lessons each year to each student. In previous years, our school had to rely on parent or outside volunteers to teach art - with little success. Our PTA believes that art instruction is a vital piece of our children's education. Studies show that involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skills. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork. The cost of this art program for the 2013/2014 school year is \$19,000, or just over \$30 per student.

While in Jones Gulch for Outdoor Education, the 5th grade students learn about the natural world, explore the forest and beach ecosystems, and learn to work together as a community. The 6th graders spend their week in Yosemite exploring the geological history of the Sierra Nevada and engaging in field research projects. Both programs are invaluable opportunities for our 5th and 6th graders, many of whom have never traveled to the sierras or coastline in the past.

The cost for each 5th grader to attend Outdoor Education is \$260, or \$31,000 for the three 5th grade classes, and the cost for each student in our two 6th grade classes to attend Yosemite is \$525 or \$31,500 total. We are a Title 1 school with just over 70% of students qualifying for lunch assistance. For some parents, the expense of these programs is out of their reach.

We would greatly appreciate any donation that you can offer to help us reach our \$81,500 goal to offer these three programs to the students of Roosevelt.

In acknowledgement of your generous donation, we will recognize your contribution on our Roosevelt School PTA website and in a newsletter which will reach the families of all students enrolled in our school. Our organization's tax exempt 501(c) 3 number is 94-6173875.

On behalf of the students, parents, and faculty of Roosevelt School, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Trish Reilly Taylor
Communications Director
Roosevelt School PTA

Roosevelt PTA Contribution



Company/Donor Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Please return this form and your contribution to

Roosevelt PTA c/o Roosevelt School, 2223 Vera Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061.

All contributions are tax deductible.

Questions? Please call our school office at (650)369-5597

This form, when signed below by an officer of the Roosevelt PTA, will serve as your receipt. The Roosevelt PTA is a nonprofit section 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. We have not provided you with any goods or services in exchange for your donation.

PTA Officer Signature: _____ Date: _____

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We thank you for your generosity!

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