



Montclair Excels on the Strength of Its Families

2009 has proven to be a challenging budget year for education in the State of California. We all watched last spring as the state cut \$4 billion from education, trickling down to an average reduction of \$250,000 per school in the Cupertino District. School districts around the state have had to make the tough decisions to lay teachers off, increase class sizes and cut essential programs.

But, not at Montclair! Thanks to your generous contributions each year, the Montclair Educational Foundation (MEF) is able to keep your children's educational experience strong. It is up to all of us in the parent community to pull together and provide the additional funds to give your children the education they need to succeed. All of the money MEF raises goes directly to benefitting your children.

Your contributions have helped MEF fund additional teachers, aides, and

programs (art, music, and P.E.) for our kids. Your contributions also help MEF fund new programs that will bring technology into your children's classroom every day.

Last year, you showed the strength of our community despite the economic downturn. You gave your money, helping us raise \$367,000. You gave your leadership skills, helping achieve another record-setting WATSA. You gave your perseverance, helping pass Measure B to backfill funding holes left by state budget cuts. Montclair excels because of you.

To keep this momentum going, it takes money. We still need your help!! Our 2009-10 goal is to raise \$375,000, a slight increase over last year.

This level of funding will allow Montclair to fund not only our traditional

programs but also maintain the small class sizes that we value so much.

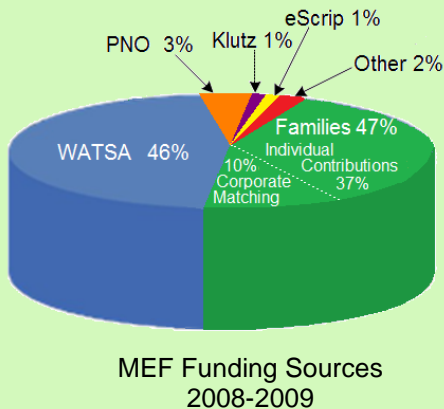
To reach this goal, we're asking all families to contribute \$600 for one student and at least \$200 for each additional student. However, we do understand that not everyone has the ability to make this commitment all at once or every year. As you will see on the donation form, we offer a variety of ways for you to contribute. The important thing is that you give what you can because it's the strength of this community that has made us succeed.

We ask that you please complete the enclosed contribution form and return it to Montclair as soon as you can.

Thank you in advance for supporting your children's education.

Terri Ettinger
Montclair Educational Foundation President

Where Does the Money Come From?



Where Does It Go?

MEF Funded Programs 2008-2009

Program	% of Total
Resource Teachers	45%
Instructional Aides & Library	36%
Enrichment Programs (PE, Art, Music for Minors)	19%



Corporate Matching: A Zero Cost Way to Donate

Each year, corporate matching donations are an important source of funds for MEF. In 2008-09, you raised \$36,500 in donations for MEF from your companies. That's 10% of our total sources of funds. That is amazing when you consider the tough business environment we have been in.

Please check with your company to see if they offer any matching funds. Many of the companies have put their donation processes online so it's paperless and easy. You fill out the online request at work, MEF and your company does the rest.

Some tips for successful corporate matching:

- **Submit early:** The process can take up to 8 months from the time you submit the request until MEF receives the check.
- **Submit early for a 2nd reason:** Some companies have cut corporate matching budgets back and fund requests on a first come, first served basis.
- **Complete an MEF Contribution form:** Completing the form, even if you make your individual contribution through the company, helps MEF track the matching contribution and ensure receipt of the funds.

eScrip at Montclair


There are over 800 merchants that will give money to Montclair! Go to www.escrip.com (click on the eScrip Online Mall link), choose a merchant, make your purchase, pay with your credit/debit card that you have registered with eScrip, and Montclair will get a percentage of your purchase. What are some of the stores that participate? Macys, Nordstrom, Coldwater Creek, Sports Authority, Apple Store, Apple iTunes, eBay, Oriental Trading Company, Gap, Toys R US, Old Navy, etc.

The eScrip Online Mall is easy and convenient. You do not pay any additional charges when you go through the eScrip Online Mall. Support Montclair by registering and shopping at www.escrip.com.

Montclair's group ID number is 138055819. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Cox at kimberlykcox@yahoo.com.



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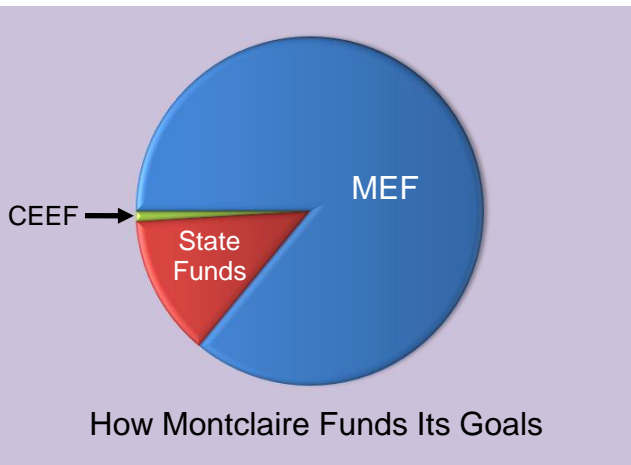
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<http://www.cupertino.k12.ca.us/Montclair/www/mef.html>

you will receive a 4-6% discount and money will go directly to the MEF at the same time. That is a win, win.

MEF Supports School Site Council

The School Site Council (SSC) is an elected body made up of parents, teachers and the principal at Montclair. Each year, the SSC sets goals for the school that are used to determine discretionary funding. The SSC decides what positions and programs, over and above what is paid for by the Cupertino School District, will be funded each school year. The MEF funds the vast majority of these goals.



Mark Your Calendars:

Parents Night Out
Friday, October 16, 2009

Walkathon & Silent Auction
Saturday, March 27, 2010

Klutz Sale
May 2010 (Date TBD)



MEF Teachers at Montclair Elementary School 2009-2010

Early Intervention Teacher
Sherri Tanner-Durston

Resource Teacher
Janny Hung

Instructional Assistants
Rose Chiamonte, Lorraine Herald,
Sylvia Jones, Jayna Lloyd,
Sandya Iyers, Vivian Wong

Primary PE Coaches
Donna Verna and Lynn Ivester

Library Media Specialist
Debbie Fryer

Arts in Action (CSMA)
Alexis Grant

Music for Minors Program

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