



The Livermore Valley Education Foundation is dedicated to restoring and enhancing academic and extracurricular programs within the Livermore Valley School District. Established in 1991.

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What is LVEF?

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation was founded in 1991 by volunteers to help offset school budget cuts resulting from an earlier crisis in state funding for education. Established as a 501 (c)3 non-profit, LVEF directs donations from parents, community members, and businesses to a variety of academic and extracurricular programs. *LVEF listens to its donors* and consults teachers, parents, and administrators to determine where funding is needed. Since its inception, the foundation has donated **over two million dollars** to programs such as Music, Sports, Drama, and Class Size Reduction. In addition, LVEF awards "mini-grants" to school sites that submit applications. **LVEF is volunteer-run and we encourage your participation!** Please attend our meetings on the third Monday of each month (more details on reverse).

Measure D a Great Start

Thanks to overwhelming support of Measure D by Livermore voters, the LVJUSD will be able to restore many important educational programs cut in previous years. In Fall 2005, we will see class sizes reduced (K-3, middle, and high school), library hours increased, high school counselors restored, and the return of elementary science specialists thanks to Measure D! Even so, vital programs including Technology and Elementary PE remain short of funding, which LVEF hopes to provide. *Music (Grades 4-12), Sports (Middle and High Schools), Drama, and other programs that have received funding from LVEF for each of the past 14 years continue to need it.* **LVEF provides critical support for programs and needs your help as much as ever.** Please consider a donation and visit www.lvef.org for more information.

Elementary Goals (2005-06)

PE Tech: \$290K or \$50/ student/year
Technology: \$240K or \$40/ student
Total: \$90/student per year or **50¢ per day**

Middle School Goals (2005-06)

Technology: \$140K or \$45/ student/year
Only **25¢ per school day** per student.

High School Goals (2005-06)

Technology: \$190K or \$45/student/yr.
Only **25¢ per school day** per student.

LVEF Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Phone Number or Email Address: _____

Those who donate at least \$180 annually will receive a Dollar-A-Day license plate holder. To save postage, plates will be delivered to the school site you name above.

Return this form and your check made payable to LVEF to your school site or mail them to: **LVEF**

**PMB #143
849 East Stanley Blvd.
Livermore, CA 94550**

Tax Deductible Gift \$ _____
All size donations welcome

Please direct my gift to the following level(s) and toward the priority (or priorities) I have indicated (technology, PE, etc.).

____ **Elementary School Level**
Priority _____

____ **Middle School Level**
Priority _____

____ **High School Level**
Priority _____

____ **Area of Greatest Need**
Priority _____

Upcoming Events

Summer Concerts at Wente – Exciting auctions of wine bottles autographed by performing artists and other special items raise money for music programs in grades 4-12 district-wide.

Annual Golf Tournament – August 12 at Poppy Ridge. Followed by dinner and auctions. Raises funds for sports at the middle and high school levels as well as other programs. Registration forms can be found on our website and at local businesses. Register ASAP.

Goals for 2005-06

Elementary PE – District funding for PE techs was cut two years ago due to a budget crisis. While students still have PE with their classroom teachers, LVEF hopes to fund 45 minutes per week of instruction by a dedicated PE technician for each elementary school student. To reach that goal, we need to raise about \$50 per student in grades 1-5. PE funds will be distributed to schools on a per student (grades 1-5) basis after each site provides a PE plan for their allocation.

Technology – Each school has various needs: hardware, software, tech hours. While many schools have covered the Computer Tech hours they will need in 2005-06, most schools are unable to add to or upgrade outdated equipment. Using hardware/software over five years old makes it difficult to prepare students for the future. Donations will be collected at all levels, and funds will be allocated to each school based on enrollment.

Your Priorities – Let us know what you would like to see LVEF support by listing your priorities when you donate, by *completing the new survey on our website*, or by expressing yourself in person at our monthly meetings.

Past and Present

From 1991 through 2002, LVEF was most active at the high school level, where LVEF donors provided much needed supplemental funding for music, sports, etc. *LVEF also made numerous grants to schools to purchase equipment for Drama (lights, microphones), Special Ed.(hardware), and other programs.* In 2003, LVEF started “Dollar-a-Day” to help raise awareness of and money for new areas threatened with cuts, including CSR in grades K-3 (saved in 2003-04). In 2004-05, donations to LVEF paid for CSR in 2nd grade, a music teacher, additional sections at the middle and high schools, TOPS science, etc. In 2004-05, LVEF donor dollars will again pay for a music teacher, some “start-up” equipment for elementary science labs, and much more with your help (see Goals for 2005-06).

Many Ways to Give

- **Automatic transfers** from your account wherever you bank to LVEF’s account at UNCLE. *Matched by a grant from the Weyerhaeuser Corp.*
- **Corporate Matching**
Contributions and pre-tax paycheck withdrawals.
- **Dollar-a-Day**
- **eScrip**
- **LLNL HOME and Sandia LEAP** Campaigns
- **Mpower** Residential Phone Service (5% to LVEF)
- **WeCare Wireless Network** (10% residual to LVEF)

Enrollment forms, other options, and more details available at www.lvef.org.

FAQs to Consider

How can my school site apply for an LVEF mini-grant?

Grant applications and information are available on our website: www.lvef.org.

I already donate to my child’s school. Why should I also contribute to LVEF?

While each PTO, PTA, or Booster Club is and should be dedicated to improving its own school site, LVEF works to supplement and enhance programs across the Livermore School District. LVEF collects from the community as a whole to provide district-wide programs and opportunities for all students.

MEETINGS & MORE

LVEF’s meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at **Towns End Deli** in the Vineyard Business Park on Greenville Rd. Our meeting location may change, so check www.lvef.org for updated information. All are welcome!

LVEF’s 2004-05 officers are as follows: Kate Runyon (President), Sheila Cooper (VP), Lisa Payne (Secretary), David Conrad (Treasurer), and Sally Esser (Asst. Treas.) Jennifer Forward is webmaster and Myriam Kadlec chairs Dollar-a-Day. Contact information for 2005-06 board members will be posted on our website soon. Meanwhile, email scesser@comcast.net with questions.

Thanks to **Antrim Engineering** for its donation of office space to LVEF. We look forward to moving very soon. Our new office address and phone number will be posted on the website. LVEF’s mailing address will remain unchanged: PMB#143, 849 East Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550.