



Mesa Verde Middle School Foundation Fall Pledge Drive 2018

***A public education is free. An enriched education is not.
Help our Eagles Soar!***

Dear Mesa Verde Parents,

For over 15 years, the Mesa Verde Middle School Foundation (MVMSF) has been raising funds to enrich the education of all of our students. Funds are used to support our teachers and classrooms, to provide engaging student activities, and to increase access to updated technology throughout the school.

Why the need for funds?

Perhaps you've read recently that per student funding is up across our state and within our district, but wait

California public schools are among the lowest funded in the country, **ranked 41st out of 50 states for per-pupil funding - \$2,500 less per-pupil (\$80,000+ per classroom) than the national average!** This, despite the fact that our state has among the highest population of high-need students and is one of the largest economies in the world.

Since the major CA budget cuts in 2007, inflation has also increased, which makes the funds actually reaching the classrooms barely noticeable.

Even more surprising is that the Poway Unified School District, a nationally-recognized district with award-winning students and staff, is one of the lowest funded districts in all of San Diego County.

Our school has been doing more with less for far too long. Think of where our students could be if our school had MORE. What if we could fund more enrichment activities, offer more student clubs, provide more updated technology, more science lab supplies, smaller class sizes for better student-teacher connections?

How can we help?

We need your help to bridge the gap! To help our school maintain the level of excellence we have come to expect, we are asking for a **suggested donation of \$200 per student – donations of every size are welcomed and appreciated.**

Please know that every dollar is accounted for and any additional funds will be used to expand what we can offer our school community. Your donation to the MVMS Foundation is tax deductible. Corporate matching programs can easily double your gift, so please check with your employer. Increasing your donation can be as simple as filling out a form!

There are many ways to donate. Please visit our website at www.mvmsfoundation.org to donate online securely or send a check with the attached envelope made payable to MVMS Foundation.

We will be able to accept donations at the upcoming Back to School Nights.

Where does our money go?

Since its origins in 2002, the Mesa Verde Foundation has pooled the donations of caring and generous parents like you to fill the gaps in our school's budget. Some examples of what the Foundation has funded in recent years include:

- New sound systems for the Little Theater and Gymnasium
- Impact teachers to reduce teacher:student ratios
- Teacher grants to help with instructional supplies
- Over 250 Chromebooks, including 11 Chromebook Carts, over 20 Apple TVs, 2 Chromebox Labs, LCD projectors for the Little Theater, Docucams for every classroom and several wireless printers
- Music and drama programs, science clubs, and other enrichment programs

Again, just think of where our students could be if they had MORE.

Questions? Contact us at:
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Yes! Our family supports the Mesa Verde Foundation to help our Eagles Soar

\$500 \$250 **\$200*** \$100 \$50 Other \$ _____

*Suggested donation per student, but donations of any size are welcome and greatly appreciated
Make checks payable to MVMS Foundation

Parent's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____