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classroom aides • science • math specialists
This is what PiE funds. Junior Museum and Zoo
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robotics • engineering • guidance
counseling • college and career counseling
video production • teacher grants • electives
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Junior Museum and Zoo • TheaterWorks
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engineering • guidance counseling

The Results

2015 - 16 REVENUES

PAUSD Families including Foundations, Donor Advised Funds	\$ 5,175,526
Corporate Matching Gifts	\$ 810,025
Community Campaign	\$ 82,589
PiE Business Partners	\$ 68,450
Other Income (interest, escrip)	\$ 15,191
Total Revenue	\$ 6,151,781

2015 - 16 EXPENSES

<i>Operating Expenses</i>	
Development	\$ 57,326
Marketing & Communications	\$ 31,900
Events	\$ 8,847
Administrative	\$ 268,301
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 366,374

Grants Distributed

PiE Donations to Schools	\$ 5,700,000
Teacher Grants	\$ 98,788
Total Grants Distributed	\$ 5,798,788



TO OUR COMMUNITY OF SUPPORTERS,

It is with great pride that we share the results of our collective efforts. We thank you—the thousands of volunteers and donors who help make our Palo Alto schools remarkable by supporting PiE.

Each one of the 18 schools in the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) will be better able to educate, inspire and engage every one of our students because of your generosity.

With California ranked 45th in the nation in per-student funding, Palo Alto Schools rely on our community's generosity to provide the quality of education we want for our children. As you will see in the following pages, your gifts will fund staff who teach art and science, music and biotechnology, video production and creative writing. Your support provides guidance counselors, advisers and mentors.

We chose the word "community" purposefully. Together, we make a difference in our entire community, one child at a time. We are inspired by your generosity and we look forward to another successful school year!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Colleen Gormley, PiE Board President

Missy Reller, PiE Board Executive Vice President

**Where does
the money go?**

This year, 94% of all funds raised went directly to our schools. 5.96% pays for PiE's administrative costs, which are used to process transactions, ensure compliance, etc. This is a very good expense ratio when compared with other non-profit organizations, as PiE runs lean with most of its work performed by unpaid volunteers. In fact, PiE holds a Platinum rating from [GuideStar®](#), the world's leading nonprofit information provider, and a four-star (top) rating by [Charity Navigator](#).

PiE Funds*:

**Without PiE,
these people
go away!**



267 Elementary School Staff to Assist and Instruct



100% of Spectra Art Instruction



32 Middle School Staff for Counseling, Electives, Science, etc



69 High School Staff for Counseling, Electives, Advisors, etc



70% of Principals' Discretionary Spending

* Staff numbers show staff members both fully and partially funded by PiE. Principals spread PiE dollars across people and programs to leverage impact.

School Data

The most important question of any Foundation is “How is the money being spent?” In PiE’s most recent community survey, many people indicated uncertainty over exactly how funds are spent at the individual school level. We’d like everyone to be fully informed, so detailed spending by school is included in this report. **Click on your school** to jump to its page in the appendix for a full account of spending there.



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PiE Areas of Focus Across the District

Elementary School

Classroom Support: Staff, including classroom aides, instructional assistants, reading and math specialists, and counselors, who foster, enrich, and help differentiate teaching and learning for all students

Science and Technology Instruction: Instructors whose hands-on lessons and innovative teaching methods help build key skills and spark student interest in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)

Creative Arts Staff: Spectra Art, music, theater, and other performing arts classes to ensure a creative and well-rounded curriculum

Middle School

Innovative Learning Programs: Compelling and practical electives focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math), such as computer programming, biotechnology, creative writing, stage technology, and music to spark students’ interest and build essential 21st century skills

Student Guidance and Support: Counselors, mentors, and advisors to support social and emotional learning for all students, as well as academic guidance, character education, online safety, and next grade transition programs

Classroom Support: Enhanced writing instruction, reading support and technology applied to curriculum with the help of specialists and mentors

High School

Innovative Learning Programs: Compelling and practical electives focused on STEAM, (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) such as computer science, graphic design, engineering and others, to spark students’ interests and build essential 21st century skills

Student Guidance and Support: Counselors, mentors, and advisors to support social and emotional learning as well as academic guidance, to foster adult and student connections, and to help build student resilience

College and Career Counseling: Advisors and resource programs that provide individual counseling to help all students choose among a variety of pathways to success and to plan wisely for the future

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Teacher & Staff Grants

Principals usually don't have much room in their budgets for anything new. PiE Teacher Grants are an important resource for teachers seeking to innovate, create, or work together with others. This year PiE funded 16 teachers with \$100,000 for the following items:

APPLICANTS	SCHOOL	PROJECT TITLE
Elementary School		
Rusty Tooley	All Elementary	Non-Fiction/Informational Text Print Library Materials
Smita Kolhatkar	Barron Park	Little Bits to Enhance the STEM Experience for K-5
Tiffany Martin	Escondido	Mobile Cart for Non-Fiction Books
Diane Darrow	Fairmeadow	Digital Reading Comprehension
Kristi Van	Fairmeadow	Engineering Practices with Robots
Colleen Coburn	Hoover	Wild Water Through My Eyes—an Interdisciplinary Project-Based Learning Unit for Fourth Graders
Sheryl Humble	Nixon	RISE Summer Program
Scott Miron	Ohlone	Ohlone Beekeeping and Pollinator Study
Grace Bunya	Ohlone	Playaways (Digital Audio Books) for Ohlone's Library/Media Center
Middle School		
Amanda Marchand	All Middle Schools	Developing Literacy and Lifelong Readers Through Digital Outreach
Rebecca Shen-Lorenson	Terman	Social Studies and Science Content Leveled Books for English Language Learners
High School		
Steve Ferrera	Paly	Clay Wedging Tables
Lucy Filppu	Paly	Comedy in Performance with TheaterWorks
District Wide		
Margaret Billin	5th and 6th Grade Music	Equity and Success for Young Instrumental Musicians—2016 Expansion
Emily Kingshill	Library	Enhancing the Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Lending
Tracey Mumford		Elementary Music Realigned for a STEAM Curriculum

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Addison

“The students at Addison have had unique educational experiences that support their individualized learning thanks to the generous contributions of PiE. PiE funds our aides and reading specialist who are invaluable as they work alongside the teachers to make sure each student makes progress in the academic content areas. Furthermore, the aides and counselors support the social/emotional development both inside the classroom and out on the playground. The Spectra Art and science programs funded by PiE provide an enrichment opportunity for all students. The success of PAUSD students does not happen by chance; through the generous support of parents and PiE, we are creating the conditions for a strong academic and social/emotional program.”

Amanda Boyce, Addison Principal



During 2016-2017, generous support from parents and community donors has allowed PiE to provide Addison with \$210,456 which will be spent on:

- General Classroom Aides, so that all classrooms will get vital classroom aide time daily. Aides are a tangible, integral part of every child’s classroom experience at Addison, and PiE funds will pay for all of this time
- More time with Bill the Science Guy from the Junior Museum and Zoo, so that all students receive science instruction that is hands-on, experiential, and fun! PiE funds will cover 100% of this program
- Spectra Art, so that all classrooms benefit from regular art instruction, to build student confidence and artistic expression. PiE funds will pay for all of this program
- Reading specialist time, to help coach both teachers and students
- Staff to help with interventions and classroom support
- Counseling support five days per week

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Barron Park

“Partners in Education (PiE) is a critical part of our success at Barron Park. PiE support is essential in helping ensure a quality education to our students. Our classroom aides provide our students the additional support that is needed in each classroom. The art and science enrichment programs are important additions to a well-rounded education for every child.”

Anne Brown, Barron Park Principal



During the 2016-2017 school year, donations from parents and community members will allow PiE to provide \$134,314 for use at Barron Park Elementary. These generous gifts to PiE will fund:

- Barron Park’s popular science program for all grades Kindergarten through fifth offered through the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo, a hands-on supplemental science program
- Bringing in performing arts and cross-cultural studies to some grade levels
- More than three-fourths of the general classroom aide time, helping to provide seven hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Aides are an important part of the classroom experience at Barron Park because they let teachers work with small groups or individuals, helping to differentiate instruction that benefits all our children
- All of the Spectra Art teachers allowing all students to grow in creativity and confidence from regular art instruction benefitting the whole child
- School Climate support with a caring counselor, helping all staff maximize social and emotional learning for all children

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Duveneck

“Partners in Education is an integral part of our community. With its supplementary funding, all PAUSD schools are able to provide students with the best educational experience possible, enhancing their school days through enriching opportunities and activities. Please join me in supporting and expanding the PiE and PAUSD partnership; let us continue to provide the best possible educational opportunities and create legacies for each of our children.”

Chris Grierson, Duveneck Principal



For the 2016-2017 school year, support from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$210,456 for use at Duveneck. These generous gifts will be used on campus to benefit every Duveneck student:

- To fund nearly all of the general classroom aide time, so that all classrooms get multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Aides allow for small group instruction, differentiation in instruction, and guided reading for all students. Kinders receive 10 hours weekly of aide time, first graders receive 7 hours, and all other grades receive at least 5 hours
- To fund 100% of the supplemental science program with six hand-on classes per grade per year by Arad from the Junior Museum and Zoo, so that all students receive experiential science instruction closely linked to the curriculum
- To fund a Spectra Art teacher so that all classrooms benefit from regular art instruction, for multi-dimensional learning, creativity, and increased confidence
- To pay for interactive TheatreWorks programs including “Playing with Poetry” and “Playing with Math” to allow for fun, movement and creative teaching and learning in core subjects
- To fund part of Duveneck’s counseling support and life skills training for all students, part of the instructional support team that oversees school climate and social kindness efforts
- To fund translation services so that all students can learn effectively and feel welcomed

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El Carmelo

“Thank you, generous PiE donors, for your dedication to the academic, social and emotional well being of each and every student at El Carmelo. Your commitment to a balanced educational experience enriches the lives of our students each day. As I visit classrooms and observe the significant connections being made between our students and the Instructional Aides, Reading Specialist, Math Instructional Assistant, English Learner Specialist, Primary Language Tutors, CASSY Counselor or Spectra Art instructors, I see the impact of your thoughtful donation. By investing in our future leaders now, our students will be well prepared to make a difference in the world. Your donations to the children of El Carmelo are deeply appreciated.”

Danae Reynolds, El Carmelo Principal



For the 2016-2017 school year, generous gifts from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$176,878 for use at El Carmelo. During this school year, the funds will:

- Pay for most of the general classroom aide time, so that all classrooms get multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Hours are greatest at the kinder level to help the youngest students grow accustomed to their new learning community. Classroom aides are vital at El Carmelo, providing teachers with the flexibility to differentiate the curriculum, helping teach each child at the appropriate level. Aides facilitate powerful teaching and learning in literacy and math in every El Carmelo classroom
- Fund Spectra Art teachers so that all children can have access to regular art instruction to build creativity, confidence, and a new way of looking at the world. Without PiE dollars, children would be denied in that whole area of learning and creativity
- Pay for 100% of the popular supplemental science program for kids conducted by the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo and taught by Heather Bakar, giving kids hands-on experience with science and the opportunity to satisfy intellectual curiosity through scientific experimentation
- Fund part of Kathy Nguyen’s time, our math specialist who helps differential math instruction in all grade levels, including the math center and extension lessons
- Fund part of our Reading Specialist, María Mathia, by providing intensive reading instruction to students needing additional support in their literacy development
- Fund five days a week of a CASSY counselor, Tanya Kaplow, working with students one-on-one or in small groups. to help facilitate and optimize classroom and playground dynamics and social-emotional skills in students
- Fund a small amount of primary language tutoring to help students newly arrived in the United States

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Escondido

“Every time that I walk into a classroom and see an instructional aide providing personalized support, either by leading a small group of students, or by being another caring adult answering a child’s questions, I am grateful for Partners in Education.”

Chuck Merritt, Escondido Principal



For the 2016-2017 school year, generous gifts from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$255,858 for use at Escondido. During this school year, the funds will be used:

- To pay for the majority of the general classroom aide time, so that all children receive multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly, allowing teachers to work in small groups and focus on differentiated learning for all students
- To pay for 100% of the supplemental science instructor, Mary Jo Ricci, so that all students receive at least one 5-6 week unit of experiential, hands-on science instruction
- To fund our Spectra Art teachers in both English and Spanish: Lynn Hamilton, Alejandra Hermandinger and Tasmia Hussain, so that all classrooms benefit from regular art instruction, for multi-dimensional learning, creativity, and confidence
- To fund part of the reading program, so specialists Alicia Hernandez and Kaisey Haike can assist all children who need specific instruction in either English or Spanish
- To fund four days a week of a CASSY counselor, working with students one-on-one or in small groups. to help facilitate and optimize classroom and playground dynamics and social-emotional skills in students
- To fund additional noontime supervision to ensure that Escondido’s large campus and large population of students play safely and harmoniously, help students resolve conflicts and implementing the Steps to Respect Anti-Bullying program
- To fully fund Jin Choo, Escondido’s Math Specialist, to provide high level critical thinking math extensions for upper grades and support for lower grades
- To pay for a small amount of primary language tutoring to help students newly arrived in the United States

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Fairmeadow

“Your generous donations to Partners in Education (PiE) improve the education of every Fairmeadow student, every day. Donations to PiE allow us to partner with integral school staff which improve and enhance our instructional program across Fairmeadow. Our classroom aides, reading specialist, and intervention specialist augment and support all teachers’ instructional programs, further differentiating and individualizing curriculum for our students. Our Spectra Art, Science Lab, and Living Classroom programs provide the space and expertise for experiential learning in art and science. The support you provide to Fairmeadow and PAUSD through PiE is an outstanding reflection of our community’s ongoing commitment to our children. I express heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to you for your amazing generosity.”

Grant Althouse, Fairmeadow Principal



For the 2016-2017 school year, generous gifts from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$230,792 for use at Fairmeadow. During this school year, these funds will:

- Pay for general classroom aide time, so that all classrooms receive multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Aides are an important part of the classroom experience at Fairmeadow, allowing for small group instruction and differentiation in teaching and learning
- Fund 100% of Spectra Art at Fairmeadow, so that all students receive art instruction every other week from teacher Karen Lenke, to foster creativity and confidence
- Pay for 100% of the science lab instructor, Kendra Hornbostel, giving all students the opportunity to experience hands-on science experiments and experiential learning
- Support garden based science instruction through Living Classroom for all Kindergarten through 3rd grade students
- Support teachers in the classroom with teacher technology specialists, Kristi Van and Valerie Sabbag, who help all teachers better use the smart boards, iPods and our new iPad labs to interest and engage all students at Fairmeadow
- Fund a reading specialist, Anh Quan, to support the literacy needs of all students
- Fund part of an intervention specialist to ensure all students receive the most effective instruction possible through outreach and co-teaching

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Hoover

"I am deeply grateful to know that every student in our district benefits from the rich program enhancements that the people and initiatives funded by Palo Alto Partners in Education provide. The variety of expertise and depth of care and support our Math, Literacy, and Science Instructional Assistants, Kindergarten Aides, resident Spectra Art teacher, and Intervention Coach, bring to Hoover's learning community are integral in our ability to provide, sustain, and continually improve exceptional academic and social-emotional learning experiences for our students. The impact of their work is boundless and made possible only as a result of the thoughtful and vital contributions of our donors in tandem with PiE's relentless mission to provide the very best in learning opportunities for each and every child in our district. We are so very fortunate to have a community that values equitable access to such high quality teaching and learning! THANK YOU, PiE!"

Katy Bimpson, Hoover Principal



For the 2016-2017 school year, generous gifts from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$187,282 for use at Hoover. These funds will be used for these vital programs affecting every child at Hoover:

- To pay for Spectra Art lessons from Gretel Colvert and Sandra Salsbury weekly for every classroom, to ensure every child is exposed to the creativity and challenge of art
- To fund 100% of the Instructional Assistants for Science, Sue Tachna and Khurshid Gandhi, to ensure that every child has the opportunity for hands-on science exploration
- To pay for 100% of the Instructional Assistants in Math (Cristina Chang and TBA) who work with every classroom weekly to enhance instruction and enable powerful small group teaching and learning (aided by Hoover's block schedule)
- To fund instructional assistants Andrea Chase and Betsy Matthews in English Language Arts to ensure that all students acquire these crucial skills and strategies
- To pay for three aides for the kinder classrooms to support the active learning that takes place at this specific grade level
- Fund part of an intervention specialist to ensure all students receive the most effective instruction possible through outreach, coaching, and co-teaching

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Juana Briones

“The support and funding Briones receives from PiE directly benefits every student at Briones and allows each child the opportunity to thrive at their maximum potential. PiE makes a significant impact on the education of all students as it helps support many extra programs we are able to offer at the elementary level. The resources we have as a result of PiE are meaningful, substantial and make a significant impact on the education for all of our students. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the strong collaboration between the school and PiE, we are able to enrich the school experience for every student at Briones.”

Tom Jacoubowsky, Juana Briones Principal



During the 2016-2017 school year, generous donations from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide Juana Briones with \$148,029 for use on our campus. At Briones, donations to PiE help every student by:

- Helping to fund the general classroom aides who work with kids in every regular education classroom for at least 8 hours per week (PiE pays for more than half of this time)
- Paying for Karen Kessler to provide an enhanced science program for grades 1-5, including intensive use of the science lab, regular classroom sessions, program outreach, and materials and teacher mentoring (PiE pays for 100% of Karen's salary)
- Funding our Spectra Art Instructor Jennifer Sullivan and Stephanie Langley who teaches every child creativity and confidence weekly or biweekly, depending on grade (PiE pays for 100% of their time)

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Nixon

“Our effort to provide an enriched program which meets all of the varying needs of our students is greatly supported by the funding we receive from PiE. These dollars make it possible for us to do what we know is good for our students. We are enormously grateful that we are spared the excruciating choices faced by so many of our colleagues in districts up and down this state where the learning experiences of children are limited by the lack of sufficient funds. Every student at Nixon benefits from PiE funding. Thank you for your generosity.”

Mary Pat O’Connell, Nixon Principal



For the 2016-2017 school year, generous donations from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$222,279 for use at Nixon. During this school year, these crucial funds, which make up more than 67% of Principal O’Connell’s flexible funding, will be used to:

- Pay for almost all of the general classroom aide time, so that all classrooms will get multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Aides are an important part of the classroom experience at Nixon, allowing children to build deeper connections to caring adults and facilitating small group work in the classroom
- Fund Nixon’s popular computer lab instructor, Sarah Patanroi, so that all Nixon students can acquire the skills needed for successfully using technology to enhance their learning. Sarah’s additional time will be used for student instruction and for support to Nixon teachers to continuously learn about and implement the best ideas in classroom technology
- Pay for 100% of the cost of the Spectra Art teachers so that all classrooms benefit from regular art instruction, for multi-dimensional learning, creativity and building confidence
- Pay for a licensed professional counselor to support students and help with social skills, school climate, and whole-classroom instruction

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Ohlone

“Thanks to PiE and your generosity, Ohlone is able to provide significant additional support and programs for our children. Your PiE donations fund our classroom aides along with art, counseling, reading, math and science programs. The support from PiE greatly improves the quality of the education we can provide for all of our children. Your support makes a wonderful difference! Thank you!”

Nicki Smith, Ohlone Principal



For the 2016-2017 school year, generous donations from parents and community members will allow PiE to provide \$275,721 for use at Ohlone.

These generous funds will:

- Pay for 90% of the general classroom aide time, so that all classrooms receive multiple hours of vital classroom aide time weekly. Aides are an important part of the classroom experience at Ohlone, allowing teachers to work in small groups or individually with students in every classroom
- Fund additional reading specialist time and part of a math specialist to mentor and coach classroom teachers, benefitting all children at Ohlone. The specialists will also work with children who need extra help throughout the year
- Fund 100% of Spectra Art at Ohlone, so that all students can benefit from regular art instruction to enhance curriculum and build creativity every week
- Pay for part of the farm science instructional assistants, so that all students can learn from the beauty and wonder of the live and growing things on the Ohlone farm
- Pay for three sessions per classroom of Junior Museum and Zoo hands-on experiential science instruction linked to the PAUSD curriculum

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Palo Verde

“Partners in Education (PiE) is a critical part of our school’s community. We are extremely grateful for the supplementary funding PiE provides, so that all of our students are given the best possible educational experience. The enrichment and social and emotional programs PiE supports are important components to a well-rounded education for every child. I feel fortunate to be part of a community that maintains this ongoing and generous commitment to our children’s success.”

Hillary Miller, Palo Verde Principal



During the 2016-2017 school year, generous donations from parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide \$185,391 to Palo Verde. These funds will be used to pay for:

- 100% of the cost of the general classroom instructional assistants, so that every child has one more person available to support his/her needs in the classroom. Each classroom gets 233 hours of aide time every year. The aides will not only assist students, but facilitate teaching in the classroom so that students can spend more time in small groups and one-on-one with the teacher
- 100% of the Spectra Art program, so that every child can have regular access to art lessons, building creativity and confidence
- 100% of the Project Resilience program, expanded to all students in third through fifth grade, which builds developmental assets and resilience for all students in the upper grades
- 70% of Reading Specialist. Our reading specialist works with every child who needs extra support in reading, by providing the support that enables the whole classroom to tackle more advanced material and progress in reading proficiency
- Instruction from the Junior Museum and Zoo to offer hands-on science units to supplement core curriculum

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Walter Hays

“We are so grateful to our families and community for their generous donations to Partners in Education. These funds enable us to provide meaningful and relevant experiences for our students, which truly support our goal of educating the whole child. Each of these programs enhances students’ skills in reading, science, art and character education. With much-needed classroom aide support, teachers can more effectively differentiate instruction to address the needs of individual students. Thank you for giving so we are able to maintain these dynamic programs for our children!”

Mary Bussmann, Walter Hays Principal



For the 2016-2017 school year, generous donations from parents and community members will allow PiE to provide \$193,903 to Hays. These funds will be used to benefit every Hays student by:

- Funding more than half of the general classroom aide time, so that all classrooms will get multiple hours of aide time weekly, facilitating small group and individual learning. Aides are a crucial part of the individualized instruction that Hays teachers are working to give every child
- Funding an increase in the time for Hays reading and math specialists to work with more students and teachers on essential reading and math skills and strategies
- Paying for twice-monthly Spectra Art classes, so that all classrooms get regular art lessons and the opportunity to build confidence and creativity through artistic expression
- Funding 100% of the supplemental science program with regular visits from the Junior Museum and Zoo, so that all students receive vivid, hands-on science instruction
- Funding supplemental Physical Education instruction from the YMCA for all lower grades, so that students at every grade can benefit from regular movement, sports, and games

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Young Fives

“PiE funds provide our district’s youngest students with opportunities so critical to their development and learning. Our students in Young Fives and Transitional Kindergarten benefit from enrichment in science, theatre, music, and movement, all made possible by our parents’ generous donations to PiE.”

Dawn Yoshinaga, Principal



For the Young Fives and Transitional Kindergarten programs at Greendell in 2016-2017, generous donations from parents and community members have provided \$52,023 which will be used in our classrooms to:

- Fully fund the Music & Movement Program to help teach pre-K a wide variety of gross motor and social skills (Both programs)
- Pay for the Annual Theatre Trip to give kids early exposure to the arts (Young Fives)
- Fund the entire TheatreWorks—Playing with Poetry Program to give kids exposure to poetry through drama (Both programs)
- Pay for our Science Excursions to Hidden Villa, animal science with Junior Museum and Zoo, and Star Lab, invaluable hands-on learning enrichment (Young Fives)
- Pay for a portion of classroom aide time to provide another helping set of hands and small group instruction (Both programs)
- Fund 50% of manipulatives and materials for hands-on experiences related to art, science, and math (Both programs)

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“JLS is extremely fortunate to be the beneficiary of PiE funds to support our extraordinary selection of diverse electives, provide guidance counselors at each grade level, maximize the technology resources available to us, and increase our ability to foster the social-emotional development of our students. PiE funds enrich the lives of our students and help to instill a love of learning in our community! Thank you!”

Lisa Hickey, JLS Principal



At JLS, generous donations to PiE help create a more caring environment for kids and help kids find their interests in school. Specifically, during 2016-2017, thanks to the support of parents and community members, gifts to PiE will provide \$483,780 to JLS which will be used to support:

- Additional Compelling Electives — PiE dollars add additional electives and reduce class sizes in all electives. Because of gifts to PiE, JLS offers electives including the new Design and Technology Studio, new Creature Creations, Money Matters class, Marine Biology, public speaking and creative writing, broadcast journalism, KJLS video production support, music sectionals and accompanists, ceramics and sculpture, and an additional section of JLS’s popular industrial technology program. PiE dollars mean that JLS can maintain or increase popular electives to help kids find their interests in middle school
- Student Guidance and Support — Donations to PiE help fund student support activities, including funding Panther Camp for all incoming students, TEAM days, and paying for vital additional counselor time. PiE dollars have made it possible for JLS to have one dedicated counselor for each grade, who move with their cohorts through all three years at JLS, allowing for deeper connections of kids and swifter response to problems
- Classroom Support — PiE gifts support the universal, systematic practice for teaching writing throughout the curriculum at JLS. PiE also pays for technology-related staffing, including the school’s technology mentor for teachers and technology lead, which is increasingly crucial in this era of Common Core

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Jordan

“Middle school is a time of deep exploration and discovery for students—academically, socially, and emotionally. PiE funds help ensure that we have engaging opportunities for all students, as well as a supportive environment that respects the trajectory of growth and development that is unique to each individual student during these middle grades. Generous community contributions help support over 30 different elective courses, outstanding music and foreign language programs, extensive technology mentoring for our students and teachers, and a full-time counselor at every grade level. Thank you for your donations to PiE. Your support touches EVERY student on our campus! The Jordan school community would not be the same without you.”

Katie Kinnaman, Jordan Principal



At Jordan Middle School, the funds generously donated by parents and community members have allowed PiE to provide Jordan with \$467,653. The money will be spent in 2016-2017 in these vital areas to impact all students:

- Additional Compelling Electives — Donations to PiE enrich the electives environment and reduce elective class sizes at Jordan. PiE funds will enable sections of creative writing, music sectionals and specialists, math enrichment, choir and accompanist, biotechnology, ceramics, Jordan TV (video production), architectural drawing, and an expansion in the language program in French. PiE dollars allow Jordan to offer a wide array of electives so that kids can discover subjects they love in school
- Student Guidance and Support — Gifts to PiE help fund additional counseling time, making it possible for each grade at Jordan to have its own counselor who will travel all three years with the same kids, allowing the counselors to know and support every student better
- Classroom Support — PiE donors pay for two technology mentors to help all Jordan teachers best use technology in their curricula, which is increasingly crucial in this era of Common Core, and also for a computer lab tech to work with teachers and students in the school’s computer lab to ensure that time in the lab is spent productively and efficiently. Without PiE donations, the school’s computer lab could not be staffed to offer this support

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Terman

“Quality Middle School education provides for challenging academics and engaging experiences within and outside of the classroom. Terman Middle School is fortunate to have a valuable partnership with PiE and to be the recipient of the generosity of our parent community, through donations to PiE that support and sustain an enriching experience of school for our students. We are grateful for PiE funding that allows us to provide guidance counseling services for all grade levels, to foster social-emotional wellbeing and connectedness among students through our Social Kindness program, to offer engaging electives, fund technology resources, to promote teacher curricular collaboration, and to enrich our students’ experiences of school through funding for our music program. Terman staff join me in gratitude for each PiE donor and all that your support provides. Thank you!”

Pier Angeli La Place, Terman Principal



Thanks to parent and community support for Partners in Education, Terman will preliminarily receive \$302,362 to support its students for the 2016-2017 school year. These funds are used as follows:

- Additional Compelling Electives — PiE dollars allow Terman to offer a wider array of electives so that kids can discover subjects they love in school and help reduce elective class size. PiE helps fund staffing for electives including choir, orchestra, drama, Money Matters, and art as well as a STEM pilot program after school
- Student Guidance and Support — PiE donations provide nearly all of the support for an additional counselor to maintain one counselor per grade level. This allows Terman counselors to move with the students from 6th through 8th grade, providing continuity and a deeper connection with individual students. Counselors also have the time to meet weekly with teacher teams to check in with teachers about students and help maintain student wellness and connections. PiE funds also help pay for work in the area of school climate and social kindness
- Classroom Support — PiE dollars help support a Teacher on Special Assignment at Terman who helps ensure that technology is well-deployed throughout the school (which is increasingly important in this era of Common Core). PiE dollars also help fund Terman’s popular Homework Habitat program to give young students the opportunity to work on homework in a safe and structured environment at school

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Gunn

“The students at Gunn High School benefit in a plethora of ways from the generous donations made by parents and community members to Partners in Education. Students receive additional counseling services, have more choices in electives, and participate in cutting-edge curriculum and course work. This community values high-quality teaching and learning and Partners in Education is a tangible way for people to make a difference in lives of our students.”

Denise Herrmann, Gunn Principal



For the 2016-2017 school year, generous donations to PiE have provided Gunn with \$791,119 to pay for additional staffing that impacts every student at Gunn. These funds are used on our campus as follows:

- Innovative Learning Programs — PiE gifts help fund Gunn’s engineering track, including Introduction to Engineering and Industrial Design, and Principles of Engineering. PiE dollars also support sectionals and accompanists in music, and pay for staffing for Gunn’s busy and popular language lab. And PiE dollars are funding Gunn’s science lab tech to ensure that all students have a great experience in lab science. By supporting these electives and programs, PiE donors help Gunn offer its students many opportunities to pursue and hone their interests, and reduces the class size in all electives classes
- Supportive Guidance Staff — Donations to PiE fund a third of Gunn’s general counseling time along with a Guidance tech. The additional time and support allows all counselors to better serve Gunn students, to increase the assistance available for students in need, and to foster a greater sense of connection on campus. PiE funds also pay for Titan 101, Gunn’s revised Freshman Transition Program, to help ensure that all students get a good start at Gunn
- College and Career Counseling — PiE funds double the resources available to help students with college counseling and post-graduation pathways. PiE contributions to general counseling help make counselors available to support all students’ post-high-school plans

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Paly

“PiE funding allows us to better meet the academic and social/emotional needs of all our students. We’re able to offer innovative classes that foster the 21st century skills – collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity – that our students need beyond their high school years. These efforts benefit our students by increasing motivation, engagement and student learning outcomes. PiE also allows us to supplement our Guidance program in ways that promote greater student and adult connections on our campus. Excellence at Paly is a result in part of the generosity of our PiE donors.”

Kim Diorio, Paly Principal



For the 2016-2017 school year, gifts to PiE will provide \$853,806 in flexible dollars for Paly, because of generous donations from parents and community members. Funds are allocated to key programs and staff to support all Paly students, including:

- PiE dollars fund staffing towards a new Social Emotional Learning teacher leader (TOSA) and funding to implement Sources of Strength, which is a comprehensive student wellness program. The program uses teams of peer leaders mentored by adult advisers
- PiE dollars fund two of our four grade level counselors, which makes it possible for one counselor to follow your student throughout their four years, and additional guidance support staff
- PiE dollars are spent on enhancing electives for students, in particular on an aide for Biotechnology and instructors for electives classes including computer science principles and media arts (thus reducing the size of all electives at Paly)
- PiE dollars help fund Paly’s staffing for Paly’s writing center in the library, offering a range of writing assistance including help with college essays
- PiE dollars help support the Teacher Advisor program, reducing the number of students seen by each teacher, as well 100% of the coordinator costs for the Teacher Advisor program for all students at Paly. Teacher Advisors help with course selection, college advice and write college recommendation letters

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