



Dear Live Oak Families:

Welcome back, Live Oak community! On behalf of the Live Oak Education Fund, I wanted to say thank you to all of those who supported the Live Oak Education Fund during the 2020-2021 school year. With your donations, we were able to raise ~\$165,000 last year, investing that back into your children and the school.

Although the donations were below our forecasted plan, we were able to restore full staffing across the board for para educators and the art teacher by pulling from LOEF reserves. This was done in support of the staff as it became clear the temporary reduction of para educators was having a significant impact on the teachers ability to support everything remote learning required. In addition to the para educators, we were able to develop and implement the Eagle's nest, while also utilizing it to create grade level art projects during the remote learning year. We continued to fund teacher grants to help enhance the learning experience, as well as fund classroom supplies made available during the supply pick-ups throughout the remote learning year.

As we transition back into school for the 2021-2022 school year, we want to officially welcome our Live Oak community back. We understand the concerns, questions, and adjustments our entire community encountered during last year's remote learning. The greatest assets we have at Live Oak have been, and will continue to be, the amazing teachers and staff that we entrust our children's learning and development to. Ensuring they have everything needed, while also providing parents with supportive resources, to achieve a robust learning environment for our children remains our top focus.

This board is committed to the teachers and staff of Live Oak Elementary to be fluid in deploying the capital resources where they are needed when clear needs are identified. As part of SRVEF Affiliates, we as a community unite under the mission for the upcoming school year to work together and focus on making school an equitable space for all, promoting deep learning and innovation, as well as supporting student social emotional well-being.

As we prepare for the upcoming year with continued reduced enrollment, as families move and transition to other educational systems, your donations have never been more important. Here is some additional context on how your donations will be used and applied in the upcoming school year:

1. **Supplies:** As in years past, all supplies will be purchased for each student.
2. **Art Instruction:** All Grade levels will receive one block of art instruction per week.
3. **Science:** All Grade levels will receive one block of Science instruction per week with Ed Fund-provided teaching supplies.
4. **Para Educators:** Paras will be available to teachers at Grade levels to support activities as required.
5. **Grants:** The Live Oak Education Foundation will continue to make available special teacher grants to implement and pilot various instruction/learning programs to help ensure students are getting the most out of their learning.
6. **Music:** All Grade levels will receive one block of music instruction per week.

We hope the Live Oak community will step up its participation during registration to ensure no additional cuts occur to the important programs upon which your students rely.

What can you do?

To continue all the important programs LOEF has historically supported, **we need EVERYONE's support, so please make a donation!** This year we are asking each family to donate **\$595 per student** at fall registration. That breaks down to less than a cup of coffee a day! We understand a single payment may be an issue, so we have extended the payment options to break this payment out over **6 payments**.

This requested donation amount reflects the true cost of maintaining the level of curriculum and programming that have made students so successful at Live Oak. The money raised at registration in August will be used to fulfill the immediate student needs this school year. This will allow for a more enriching and innovative learning experience for our children. In addition to the normal activities, we are also continually evaluating programs and needs that arise based on each school year.

In addition to the donations we receive at registration, you can also double your Ed Fund donation through an employer company match. **Check to see if your company has a corporate match program or email us and we can help you find out.** Please make sure that during registration, both parents' and employer's information are listed in the system. This will allow us to send you the automated information for steps required with each employer.

Our goal for the 2021-22 school year is to raise a minimum of \$250,000 to cover otherwise unfunded expenses. The funds are categorized, but are not limited to, the following categories:

Salaries of staff not paid by SRVUSD (\$165,000)

Without your support, your students will have reduced or no access to these services as the district provides limited budget for these staff:

- Classroom Para Educators
- Art Teacher
- Music Teacher

Technology and Classroom Supplies (\$70,000)

Purchase, maintenance and replacement of technology used in the classrooms and classroom supplies:

- All School/Classroom Supplies
- iPads/Chromebooks for in class instruction
- Art Supplies
- Science equipment and lab supplies
- Classroom Leveled Libraries
- Technology upgrade

Operating Expenses (\$15,000)

- Software
- Licensing fees
- Program support
- Marketing
- Credit Card Processing

Your support of Ed Fund is what helps Live Oak consistently remain a high-performing school. Live Oak Ed Fund is a non-profit organization, made up of elected parents and staff whose sole objective is to ensure that your donation dollars provide the best possible curriculum, staffing and support for YOUR child. Your donation may be tax-deductible (consult with your financial advisor) and goes directly to the classroom and supports our mission of maintaining and improving the quality of education at Live Oak. For more information about the Live Oak Ed Fund please visit our [website](#).

Thank you for your continued support of Live Oak Ed Fund and have a fantastic 2021-22 school year!

Ashley Turner
President
Live Oak Education Fund
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