



Dear Golden Hill Foundation Supporters,

First we would like to thank everyone for the support you have given to the Golden Hill Education Foundation this year. Thanks to **YOUR** participation, we will raise nearly \$70,000 this school year through the 180 Campaign, Silent Auction, Fun Run, and our ongoing GHEF Online Events Auction.

Your Donations at Work – Grade Level Funding :

Your donations have continued to make an impact on every child at our school. Here are some of the projects, curriculum, and experiences that without **YOU**, our Golden Hill gators would not have been able to participate in.

- You funded the **Walk Through the Ancient World** experience for the entire 6th Grade Class. Students discovered Ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome through an imaginary tour of the ancient civilizations. Students also portrayed historical people of the past, such as Julius Caesar, Cleopatra, and Socrates as well as broadened their understanding of these ancient times through use of maps, timelines, and games. Creative expression, note taking, and vocabulary development was fostered and encouraged.
- You funded **Snow Day** for our all our Kindergarten classes (“Kindergators”). 5 tons of man-made snow was brought into the kinder yard for an amazing day of creative learning and sledding!
- You funded a visit to the **J. Paul Getty Museum** for the entire 5th Grade Class. The J. Paul Getty Museum seeks to inspire curiosity about, and enjoyment and understanding of, the visual arts by collecting, conserving, exhibiting and interpreting works of art of outstanding quality and historical importance.
- You funded a trip for our 2nd Grade Gators to experience a tour at **Centennial Farms**. Centennial Farm is a three-acre working farm at the OC Fair & Event Center created to educate youth about agriculture and its importance to daily life. Centennial Farm is home to fruit and vegetable gardens, livestock, and the Millennium Barn.
- You funded the tour of the **Clark House (Heritage House)** for the entire 3rd Grade Class. Part of the curriculum about Fullerton history, the Clark House is one of the oldest surviving homes constructed within the city's original townsite. The setting within the Arboretum has been designed to reproduce an authentic environment for the Clark home - like one that might have been seen in agrarian Fullerton in 1894.

- You funded a field trip to the *Dr. Entomo's Palace of Exotic Wonders* exhibit at the **Fullerton Museum** for the 1st Grade. Freakish, bewildering marvels of the insect world were on display in Dr. Entomo's Palace of Exotic Wonders. Resembling an old-fashioned circus sideshow, this exhibit explored the truth, myths and mysteries surrounding some of nature's most curious creatures - many of them alive and on view.
- You funded access to **Studies Weekly** for the entire 4th Grade Class. Studies Weekly standards-based curriculum applies a Balanced Literacy approach to education. The combination of printed weekly units with web-based primary source media, audio reader and other features creates high levels of Student Engagement. Teacher created lessons include rigorous and relevant assessment, word study, writing prompts, reading (modeled, shared, guided, and independent), and much more, foster Critical Thinking Skills that help develop a new generation of Responsible Decision Makers.
- You funded the **Walk Through California** experience for the entire 4th Grade Class. Walk Through California is California Weekly's first Walk Through presentation and continues to be presented to thousands of classrooms each year. The program focuses on major events that shaped our great state of California. Drama, dance, games, and music support students' listening skills, vocabulary development, history and geography standards. A large topographical map of California is built for students to experience California's geography hands-on.
- You funded a trip for our 2nd Grade Gators to experience a tour of the **Discovery Science Center**. This engaging experience has its basis in STEM education — Science! Technology! Engineering! Math — which helps the next generation of thinkers and makers dream bigger and bolder.
- You funded the upcoming trip to **Mission San Juan Capistrano** for the entire 4th Grade Class. Mission San Juan Capistrano has been the home to many people over 230 years of history. Its history consists of memories and stories of its past inhabitants and present visitors. It is a place of historical, cultural, and religious significance, as well as a place of inspiration and education.
- You funded the upcoming trip for our 1st Grade Gators to experience a guided tour at the **OC Zoo @ Irvine Regional Park**. In an ideal setting to exhibit animals native to the southwest, the OC Zoo features black bears, mountain lion, bald eagle and other animals that have been injured or are not releasable to the wild. The tour topics included habitats, adaptations, feeding habits and general information about animals and plants native to our area.
- You funded the upcoming trip for our 5th Grade Gators to experience **Riley's Farm : Revolutionary War Reenactment**. The struggle for independence is more than charts, trends, and abstract academic theories. It is the story of what Patrick Henry labeled "wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty!" Our students were able to "re-live" that great struggle and watched as Riley's Farm brought the American Revolution alive!

Teacher Grants that YOU Made Possible :

All Grade Levels have access to additional funds for educational experiences, needs, or opportunities that may arise during the year. Your generosity has also let our Grade Level Grant Program continue to grow its second year. Here are some of the Grade Level Grants that were approved by GHEF and funded by **YOU** :

- Funds were granted for the initial setup including costumes, props, and set pieces for the new 2nd Grade play, **Wiz Wham Alakazam!** This new play replaces the “Patriotic Performance” and the items purchased will enhance our new performance’s art and character education curriculum. Front row seats are still available to bid on!
- Funds were granted to our Speech department for curriculum that assists students who have social skill challenges. The **Superflex Curriculum** gives students the tools to navigate challenging social situations in an age appropriate manner. Superflex is a research based program that targets conversation skills, self-regulation, problem solving, establishing and maintaining friendships at school. ALL Golden Hill, K-6, can benefit from this funded curriculum.
- Funds were granted to our K-1 SDC class for a new **laminator**. In our SDC classes, teachers create much of the curriculum as well as many visual supports and social stories. This piece of equipment in their classroom allows the teachers to create more durable and long lasting materials for the K-1 SDC class today and in the future.
- Funds were granted to the 3rd Grade for **64 Notability App licenses & 80 stylus pens**. These tools will allow teachers to better prepare students to use Notability when they enter upper grades while also further supporting current curriculum through a different mode of 21st Century learning.

GHEF iPad Investment :

The Fullerton School District is committed to providing an iPad for every student in 5th through 8th Grade. The history at elementary schools, seeing the benefit of having access to a device for teaching and learning, have chosen to provide devices in grades 4 and below. The devices for 4th Grade and below have been funded in different ways at different schools, from Foundations to school’s budgets. Next year, we will need new iPads to what amounts to one grade level as old ones need to be retired. As to not severely impact the schools budget, the Foundation has approved to assist Golden Hill Elementary by pledging \$16,000 towards the purchase of this needed technology.

Front Row Seats Still Available :

The GHEF online auction still has front row seats to some final Gator performances and events. This is an excellent way to support your student's education and enjoy the best seats in the house. Find out more about the following performances and events by visiting the online auction tab at www.teamgoldenhill.org:

- Whiz Wham Alakazam (2nd grade performance, April)
- Wide Mouth Frog (Kindergarten performance, April)
- Seussical (1st grade performance, May)
- Kindergarten Graduation (May)

- 6th Grade Promotion (May)

Look out for another email at year's end with updates on more funded experiences, Grade Level Grants, & exciting news about our plans to fund STEAM related projects in our new ArtsLab & revamped Library! On behalf of all the Golden Hill Education Foundation members, thank you again for giving your time and donations. You have made a significant difference in the life of every Gator's educational advancement at Golden Hill this year.