

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS UPDATE



NEWCOMB ACADEMY FOUNDATION
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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The goal of this newsletter is to directly communicate with parents about what the Foundation's annual budget is spent on throughout the year. We want you to see your donor dollars at work for our students!

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The Newcomb Academy Foundation (NAF) is a volunteer-based foundation, founded by Newcomb parents, with the mission of raising funds to pay for expanded enrichment programs for all students at Newcomb Academy.

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Science Lab Fun!



Third grade students have fun learning about Rain Forests with Mrs. Jones in the Elementary Science Lab, which is funded by the Newcomb Academy Foundation.

NEWCOMB ACADEMY PARENTS DOUBLE DOWN ON EDUCATION

In October, approximately 140 Newcomb parents and supporters enjoyed a fun night of "Doubling Down on Education" at the Long Beach Petroleum Club. Attendees enjoyed an evening of black jack, craps, roulette, dancing, silent auction, raffle and photo booth fun! Everyone had a good time raising money for a good cause ... expanded education and literacy programs for the students at Newcomb Academy!

The night was a huge success and raised \$6,000 to expand programming at Newcomb! Those funds were matched 100% through a legacy gift made by the Rosemary Fiedler Estate, which means \$12,000 has been dedicated to expanding literacy programs this year!

As we speak, the Newcomb Academy Foundation is busy implementing this expanded literacy program including the rollout of Kindles and print materials throughout the school to support the new Language Arts Common Core standards. For grades K-5, ten Kindle E-readers will be supplied for each grade level



(Left) Attendees enjoyed a night of fun all for a good cause ... Newcomb Academy educational programs!

(Below) Thank you to our 2013 Casino Night sponsors who helped make our inaugural event a great success!

and shared amongst all teachers for literacy circles and centers. To meet Middle School needs, teachers requested \$3,000 to purchase expanded literacy resources including new sets of encyclopedias and non-fiction resources for research projects. The Middle School also received a set of 10 Kindles, primarily for one-on-one or small group instruction for those that need supplemental reading support. We also are excited to announce that the PTSA voted to allocate \$5,000 in resources to partner with us on this effort, and fund the initial eBook Library to be used amongst all grade levels.

Thank you to everyone involved in making our inau-



gural Casino Night a success and helping this new literacy program become a reality! We can't wait to share the results of the program with you in the future.

MANY COMPANIES MATCH ... DOES YOURS?

If you work for a larger corporation, we encourage you to check on your company's corporate giving and matching policy. Many companies will match donations dollar for dollar, which means your donation could be doubled!

If your company does match,

please make sure to submit the proper paperwork along with your membership, Spartan Sprint or Jump-A-Thon donations, so we can help process your donation correctly.

With the end of the year approaching, now is great time to support your child's educa-

tion and get a last-minute tax-write off for the year. If you haven't given already, we welcome your support and appreciate your generosity.

To find out if your company offers a match, contact info@newcombacademyfoundation.com.

To become a supporter, please visit: www.NewcombAcademyFoundation.com/Donate.

Computer Lab Update



Thanks to Mrs. Rita, our Elementary Computer Lab is off to a great start this school year. In addition to JiJi Math, our students are also learning how to type during lab time by using a program called "Type to Learn." This program will help our students prepare for the new Common Core testing, which will be conducted using computers in the Spring.



Teachers & Students Ask ...

We Answer!

The great thing about Newcomb having a strong PTSA and Foundation is that we can fill the gaps in funding when resources are not available from the District.

Recently ...

- The Foundation and PTSA partnered to provide the funding necessary to assemble the new middle school tables purchased by Student Council!
- The Foundation purchased 3 sets of ELMOs and projectors for teachers in need
- The Foundation purchased a new set of headphones for the Elementary Computer Lab.

NEWCOMB FOUNDATION PROVIDES BACKBONE TO MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

Did you know the Newcomb Academy Foundation allocates more than \$10,000 each year to fund middle school electives and sports? By doing so, our students are receiving electives and after-school opportunities not offered at other Long Beach Unified Schools, such as Art,

Marine Biology, Photography, Scholarship, Creative Writing and more! The Foundation sets a budget each year, then teachers submit funding requests as needed. Here is a glimpse at some of the items funded for this school year:

- Creative Writing Class Field-trip to see a play

- Math Club Competition Fees
- Test-Taking Strategy materials for Advisory Class
- New soccer balls and other supplies for P.E.
- New set of volleyballs, cart and bag for Volleyball team.
- New digital cameras for photography class
- Funding needed to pay for referee staffing at Copa de Mundo soccer tournament



Students in Mr. Hartman's Marine Biology Class enjoy a field trip to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and tide pools. Students enjoyed hands-on learning during the field trip.

- Marine Biology Fieldtrip
- "Science World" Classroom Subscription



Thanks to the generous support of our Newcomb parents, we are able to fulfill these requests and so much more! As a result, our children are getting a truly unique middle school experience.

EIGHT TEACHERS SET TO ATTEND GATE CONFERENCE IN ANAHEIM, CA.

The Newcomb Academy Foundation is pleased to provide the funding for Newcomb teachers to attend the annual "California Association for the Gifted" Conference in February. The conference was offered to all teachers and eight teachers expressed interest in attending.

After the event, the attending teachers will bring back

the best practices they learned and share new skills and learning techniques with their grade-level peers.

Although this is a GATE conference, the information gleaned from this conference will help *all* students at our school since many GATE teaching strategies are in-line with Common Core teaching methodologies.

We are excited that so many teachers were interested in attending and we can't wait to see what knowledge they bring back to share!



SAVE THE DATE ...

FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS



Foundation Board Meetings

Would you like to get involved with the Newcomb Academy Foundation? If so, we welcome you to attend our next **Board Meeting** on January 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Newcomb Library!



Spartan Sprint/Jump-A-Thon

Our annual Middle School **Jump-A-Thon** fundraiser will take place: March 19 & 20, 2014. Our annual **Spartan Sprint** fundraiser will take place: Friday, March 21, 2014



9th Annual Golf Classic

Calling all golfers! Save the date for our **9th Annual Golf Classic** — the Foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year! This year's event will take place June 2, 2014 at the Old Ranch Country Club.