



## *Our School, Our Children, Our Future*

### JUNE 2017 SPA FOUNDATION FORUM NEWSLETTER

June 16, 2017

#### Mission Statement



The mission of the St. Paul the Apostle School Foundation is to provide leadership and funding for projects, programs, equipment, materials and services which will have a direct impact on the development of the whole child and that are outside of the annual school budget. The Foundation will raise money from the school community and friends with the intent to spend these funds on current projects.

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## A Wonderful Year, Indeed!

Watch and listen to your children talk about all of the wonderful gifts provided to them this year.

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## SPA Foundation Board President Update



The SPA Foundation President, Dean Catalano

Dear St. Paul the Apostle families,

As another terrific year at our school comes to a close, I want to extend a special thank you to all of you who donated to the SPA Foundation. With your generosity, we have been able to raise nearly \$120,000 this year to benefit every student at St. Paul's.

The money donated enabled us to do many wonderful things on and off campus, such as:

- Subsidize the very popular overnight field trips for 5th, 6th, and 7th grades, which are invaluable for our children's personal growth and development
- Help purchase laptops for the entire 5th grade and upgrade iPads for K-2
- Provide science and cultural enrichment programs, such as the T4T (Trash for Teaching) event, morning yoga, the Chinese New Year celebration, and Story Pirates
- Host internet safety workshops for children and parents in the 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades
- Host the *Screenagers* movie at the Landmark Theater, which was attended by almost 200 members of our community.

**Current Family**  
**Randa Soudah**  
**Melinda Tamkin**  
**Jordan Wiggins**



### **Donor Spotlight: The Laraneta-Watson Family**



The Laraneta-Watson Family

This month, the SPA Foundation would like to spotlight the Laraneta-Watson family and thank them for their generous donations to the SPA Foundation. The Laraneta-Watson family shared their thoughts on why they donate to the SPA Foundation:

*"As early as kindergarten, we found out about the Foundation and its mission, and from that point on we have been dedicated donors to their efforts and programs. We have been blessed with the opportunity to provide annual donations to specific programs that we earmarked in our donations. It was paramount that 100% of our donations went to these programs to help enrich our children's experiences at SPA, and the Foundation is the perfect vehicle to achieve this.*

*Knowing that our donations would directly go to the earmarked programs, we decided to fund the JPCPC sound and lighting systems, and after we saw the success of the trial iPad program we donated iPads for the school, as well as donating Redcat microphone sound systems in the classrooms for those with hearing challenges.*

*We get no greater joy than hearing from students, families, and faculty*

of our community

- Maintain student access to the Mormon Field (as well as parking for our teachers and faculty)
- Continue to support our STEAM and robotics programs
- Incubate and fund SPA TV, where students wrote, produced, and broadcast 17 live programs to the entire school throughout the year
- Replace a much needed screen and projector for use at numerous school events throughout the year
- Offer resources to and purchase books for the Media Center
- Most recently, assist in the creation of the beautiful mural by our 8th graders outside of KA, now known as Legacy Lane

In addition to your donations, we appreciate the time many of you take to present ideas, feedback, and suggestions throughout the year. Our success truly depends on working together as a community to nurture and care for our children in this amazing place that is St. Paul the Apostle School.

And as I reflect at the end of my tenure as president of the St. Paul the Apostle Foundation, I want to thank my 15 fellow board members/parents, as well as Kathryn Oliver and Sister Stella, for their support and commitment to the Foundation. They are all incredible and give so much for the benefit of our school and our children, and I have been blessed to work alongside them through the years.

It's been a privilege and an honor to serve as president of this fantastic organization that Sister Stella established nearly 30 years ago with a simple mission: to raise and provide resources for programs designed to enhance the development and education of our children. A much deserving and excited Bobby Thomason waits in the wings to continue that important mission.

I hope the entire St. Paul's community shares the tremendous pride I feel knowing that what we're doing together is making our amazing school even better.

Hope you all have a fantastic summer vacation!

Warm regards,  
Dean Catalano  
President

## **Science Fair**

The SPA STEAM Fair took place on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, and showcased 129 projects from our talented young scientists and engineers in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Students explored the scientific method or engineering design process with a topic of their choice and worked on this project for 10 weeks outside of school with weekly guidance and feedback from Ms. Pilat. Twenty judges evaluated projects and awarded medals to students in each category. Some of our winners engineered prototypes for sustainable energy and experimented with the science behind techniques used in sports, the strength of memory, and molding food.



## **2nd Annual Foundation Cup Golf Tournament at the Campout**

*of these gifts, and we encourage every family to give to the Foundation no matter how small or great the donation."*

Our sincere thanks to the many wonderful families, like the Laraneta-Watson family, who have donated to the SPA Foundation. If your family is interested in donating to the SPA Foundation, online donations can be made [here](#).

## Thank You

The Foundation is funded through voluntary donations. Your generosity allows us to enhance the lives of all the students of St. Paul the Apostle School. Thank you for your support.



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Donations can be made [here](#).

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Foundation Cup 2017 Winners

On the Friday morning of the Campout, 20 St. Paul's dads descended on the local Glen Annie Golf Club to play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Foundation Cup golf tournament. The weather was perfect and the golf course was a blast, as we played around (and often IN) multiple lakes, through mature oak trees, and up in the hills with beautiful views of the surrounding area and coastline.

Everyone had a great time and the entire group enjoyed lunch together afterward, sharing stories and laughs, and ultimately congratulating the tournament winners: Garrett Jamison, Tom Donham, Michael Yerke, and Joe Traboulsi (seen in the photo sporting their Champions cups).

Many players won phenomenal raffle prizes and will dine at the Carbon Beach Club in Malibu, the Capital Grille, or the legendary Polo Lounge; enjoy VIP passes to the Broad Museum followed by dinner at Otium; play golf at a couple of top of Southern California clubs; and enjoy other great prizes. But with nearly \$3,500 raised, it's our kids who are the real winners!

Thanks to everyone who came out for a great day on the links.

We hope to see you all next year!

## Story Pirates Visits SPA! A Wonderful Day for the Children



The Foundation welcomed the Story Pirates to school last week, and what a fabulous day it was for K-5th! Congratulations to our budding writers, Will Slapnicka, Delilah Ahmadi, Charlotte Bonnici, Kellen Lennon, Sofia Ludovisi, and Andrew Collins, whose stories were chosen from among their entire grade. Due to the overwhelming enthusiasm from the students, Mrs. Oliver has been approached by many kids eager to begin a writer's workshop/club! We look forward to bringing Story Pirates to campus again next year.

## Legacy Lane: Thank You, Class of 2017

After the success of the Native Plant Project done by the class of 2016, The Foundation was eager to collaborate with the class of 2017 on a project of their own. This year's 8th graders worked in teams to generate ideas for a mural to be painted on the wall near KA. Kathleen Dohrman (mom to Bobby '17 and Willa '23) and artist Bob Milling worked with the class to get their creative minds flowing. Students then

collaborated in small groups to create a unique idea and rough drawings. The final product is a true collaboration between students, artists, and teachers. Its beauty and the personal messages painted by students will inspire many students for years to come. The Foundation has committed to extending this opportunity for future graduating classes, aptly naming the space "Legacy Lane." The 7th grade class is already planning what might go on their space next year!



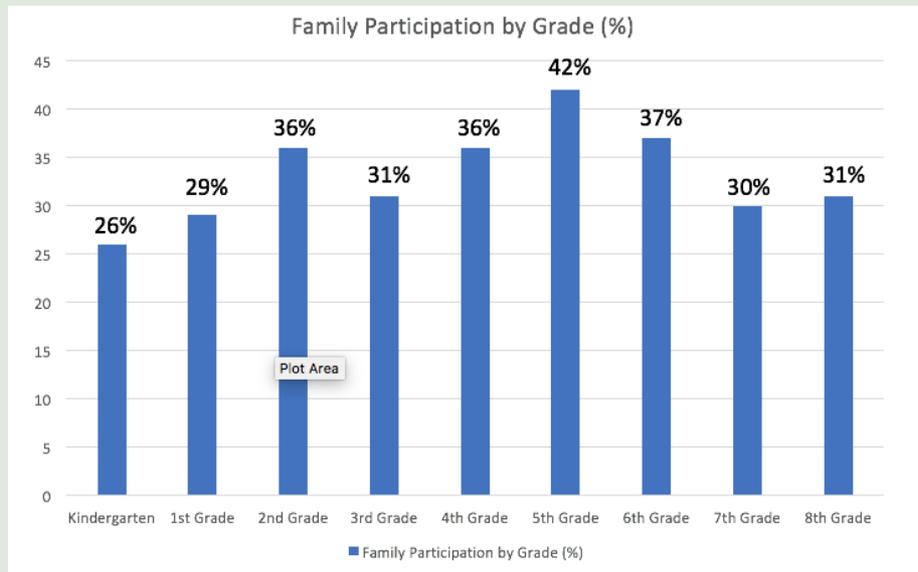
## Fundraising Update

We have raised **\$119,078** through May 31, 2017 which, with one month remaining of the fiscal year, represents approximately **79%** of our financial goal of **\$150,000**.



### Participation Goal:

Contributions have been received from approximately 33% of school families. Our participation goal is 100%. Family participation by grade is listed below. As we close in on the end of the fiscal year, 5th grade is leading the way with 42% Family Participation. Way to go 5th grade!



**Thank you to ALL** who have donated and/or are considering donating to the Foundation this year.

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Thank You,  
The Fundraising Committee

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