

Funds to help 'every student at every school' in district

The Eureka Schools Foundation recently announced it has awarded the Eureka Union School District a total of \$401,000 to sustain education programs for every student at every school within the EUSD.

These funds were raised through ESF's 08-09 fundraising events including ESF's auction events, Foundation Cup Golf Tournament, County Faire and 5k Fund Run and through its Annual Giving Campaign where parents donate money for their child's education.

SUSTAINING PROGRAMS

Donations to the Eureka Schools Foundation sustain, in whole or in part, valuable programs and teaching resources, including:

- Weekly music program in grades 4-6
- Band instruction in



The Eureka Schools Foundation recently awarded the Eureka Union School District with a check for \$401,000. Pictured are Lisa Banker, assistant principal, Olympus Jr. High, Greg Sazima, ESF president, Peter Towne principal, Greenhills Elementary, Jennifer Platt, principal, Cavitt Jr. High, Stephanie Groat principal, Maidu Elementary, Kristi Ellison, principal, Oakhills Elementary, Patrice McCallum, principal, Ridgeview Elementary, Diane Duncan, principal, Excelsior Elementary and Kelly Graham, principal, Olympus Jr. High.

COURTESY

- grades 5-8
- Ongoing library resources and clerks in grades K-8
- After-school athletics and coaches in grades 7-8
- Before and after school Spanish language instruction in grades 1-6
- 21st century technology including Promethean boards, classroom audio systems, and document cameras at all district schools
- Individual school-based grants for site-specific needs
- Summer teaching institute for Challenge 21, the district-wide initiative to bring innovative 21st century teaching practices such as critical

thinking and project-based learning into all curriculums. ESF raises and distributes to each school site, donation resources from its community partners including parents, teachers, local businesses and neighbors.

"It is vitally important that our school district continue to offer the range of distinguishable advantage-based programs to our students," said Dr. Tim McCarty, superintendent, Eureka Union School District. "Without the funds given by ESF, the district would be faced with a scenario similar to other districts in our region that have had to cut program after program."

To learn more about ESF's upcoming fundraising events, ESF-funded programs visit ESF at eureka-schools-foundation.org.

~ Staff report