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Golden Apples at the Ed Fund

The Ed Fund is pleased to feature an exceptional group of San Francisco teachers in this newsletter—winners of the 2000-01 Golden Apple Fellowship and the 2000 Golden Apple Awards.

Golden Apple Fellowships are awarded each year to two outstanding San Francisco public school teachers who are offered the opportunity to attend the University of California at Berkeley for one semester free of charge. Once they have completed their semester of study, Fellows receive small grants from the Ed Fund to help them translate their graduate-level research into grade-level curriculum and develop a project to be implemented when they return to the classroom. Fellows also commit to teach in the SFUSD for an additional two years once the fellowship is completed. This year's Golden Apple Fellows are **Gerald Fleming** of **Marina Middle School** and **Christina Noyes** of **Everett Middle School**. During his fellowship, Mr. Fleming plans to explore how to capitalize on students' affinity for and willingness to fully engage in poetry writing. Ms. Noyes's course of study will allow her to pursue ways to make multimedia computer technologies more accessible to the diverse youth she teaches. (To learn more about the application process, visit our website at www.sfedfund.org)

Each year the prestigious Golden Apple Awards are presented to three teachers who completed outstanding Leadership and Professional Development grant projects during the previous academic year. Winners receive a cash prize, a Golden Apple trophy, and recognition at the Ed Fund's grant awards ceremony in September. The 2000 KRON TV-4 Golden Apple Awards were selected by a committee of Ed Fund staff and board members, and the winners are: **Zaida Rodriguez** and staff of **Sarah B. Cooper Child Development Center** for "Arts and Literacy—Hand in Hand"; **Stacy Dee Schmidt** of **Horace Mann Middle School** for "Multicultural Literature Circles and Students' Choice in the Choices"; and **Catherine Salvin** and staff of **Downtown High School** for "Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative."

Congratulations to all our winners!



2000-01 Golden Apple Fellows Gerald Fleming of Marina Middle School and Christina Noyes of Everett Middle School celebrate at a reception in their honor.

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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

There are a lot of new things happening in San Francisco! As you know, we welcomed our new superintendent, Ms. Arlene Ackerman, to the San Francisco Unified School District in August of this year. Everyone involved in public education in this city is very excited about Ms. Ackerman's plans to direct more financial resources to schools, find strategies that improve academic achievement for all students, and offer ways for the community to be engaged in support of our schools.

The Ed Fund is also introducing some new programs for SFUSD teachers and students as we begin another school year. During 2000-01, we will be expanding the influence of our previous Equity Collaborative with the new Equity Network, which gives teachers a greater awareness of and sensitivity to race, class, culture, and gender issues in the student population. We are also introducing another teacher network, the Literacy Network, which was created as a way to bring teachers together who are implementing literacy-based grant projects in their schools. Finally, we are continuing our efforts to provide a foundation of support for all teachers in the district through the Teacher Incentive Program (read more about TIP in this newsletter).

And, since this is an election year, many people in the community are thinking about change, including changes in our school system. Please read the Ed Fund's position on Prop. 38 and be sure to come out and vote!

In closing, I want to say a heartfelt word of thanks to our many corporate, foundation, and individual donors, all of whom care deeply about helping the Ed Fund implement programs to ensure the continued success of our public schools. We couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Owyang Turner

Save the Date for the Ed Fund's 2000 Holiday Lunch!

It's that time of year again, so mark your calendars for December 14, 2000! This year the Holiday Lunch is moving to a new venue and will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency San Francisco, located at Market and Drumm.

The Holiday Lunch is our largest fundraising event and, thanks to the generosity of our many community sponsors, all proceeds directly support the Ed Fund's multifaceted programs for public school teachers and students. Special thanks to **David S. Pottruck** and **Emily Scott Pottruck** for co-chairing this year's event, and to **The Charles Schwab Corporation** for sponsoring the lunch. "Support for teachers and students is crucial if we are going to ensure that all children receive the best possible education," says David Pottruck. "Participating in the Ed Fund's Holiday Lunch is a great way to invest in our public schools." You can join the Pottrucks and show your commitment to excellence in our schools by purchasing a ticket, a table, or by making a donation. Contact Rich Seeber at (415) 912-2230 for more information.

THE SAN FRANCISCO TEACHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM OFFERS SUPPORT FOR NEW TEACHERS

The San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), like most urban school districts in this country, is facing a critical shortage of qualified teachers. Teacher retirements, class size reduction, and the demands of the profession have all contributed to the teacher shortage. San Francisco faces unique challenges in attracting and retaining educators qualified to meet the needs of its diverse student body.



New this year, the Teacher Incentive Program (TIP) brings together the resources of the entire community to strengthen teacher recruitment and retention efforts in San Francisco public schools. Led by the San Francisco Education Fund, the effort is chaired by Mayor Willie Brown, and includes as partners the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the SFUSD.

On September 27th, teachers new to SFUSD and other distinguished guests attended a reception at City Hall which introduced teachers to the TIP program and its benefits, including incentives such as professional development opportunities, technology hardware and training, and housing referrals and relocation information. Mayor Brown and new Superintendent Arlene Ackerman joined the Ed Fund in thanking teachers for their commitment to public education. In addition, a PR campaign was announced that will highlight accomplishments of teachers in San Francisco and urge public support for measures to improve public education, including teacher pay raises. Special thanks to Macromedia, the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth, and Their Families, and United Educators of San Francisco for supporting the reception.

The business community already has begun to demonstrate their support for the Teacher Incentive Program. For instance, PeoplePC Inc. and the nonprofit it founded, PeopleGive, are taking a leadership role by providing bundled computer systems—hardware, software, unlimited Internet access, and 24-hour technical support—to new teachers lacking access to powerful technology at home. It is hoped that other San Francisco businesses will follow and continue the trend of support modeled by PeoplePC Inc.

The following are founding contributors to the Teacher Incentive Program:

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For more information contact Diana Ip at (415) 912-2238.

San Francisco Education Fund Elects New Board Members

The San Francisco Education Fund is pleased to welcome three new members to its board of directors for 2000-2001. Members were elected for a renewable three-year term.

Jo Ellen Brainin-Rodriguez, M.D., is Unit Chief Psychiatrist at San Francisco General Hospital and Associate Clinical Professor in Psychiatry at the UCSF School of Medicine. Dr. Brainin-Rodriguez is an active community supporter, and her commitments include serving as a member of the Ed Fund's Equity Collaborative Advisory Council, as well as numerous assignments for the Committee for Health Rights in the Americas.

Les Quock is a CPA and Senior Vice President and Controller for Wells Fargo & Company, where he has been employed since 1980. Past positions at Wells Fargo include Banking Division Manager and Operations/Systems Manager. He volunteers his time to Junior Achievement and Youth Athletics.

Cara Sheehan is Senior Counsel for Wells Fargo & Company, where she has also served as Manager of Investment Programs. Ms. Sheehan's volunteer experience includes work for the Junior League of San Francisco, the Leukemia Society of America, and the AIDS Legal Referral Panel.

In addition, please join us in welcoming new staff members Diana Ip, Marcel Marania, Christine Means, Rich Seeber and Jason Wong.

Ed Fund's Position on Proposition 38 - School Voucher Initiative

The San Francisco Education Fund is committed to ensuring high quality education for all students, and supports significant and appropriate educational reform strategies to achieve that goal. Proposition 38 is poorly written and ill-conceived and will not result in improved academic achievement for all students. Therefore, the San Francisco Education Fund opposes Proposition 38. For more information, please visit www.NoVouchers2000.com.

Please vote on November 7th.

In Memoriam

In July 2000, the San Francisco Education Fund lost a friend, Ms. Ruth Clouse Chance, a key supporter of the Ed Fund in its early stages as an organization and a long-term donor, passed away at the age of 94. Ms. Chance was active in the philanthropic community, working first for the Ford Foundation in New York, and then for many years as executive director for the Rosenberg Foundation here in San Francisco. She served on the boards of a number of Bay Area organizations, including the Ed Fund, and was honored during her lifetime for the dedication and commitment she demonstrated to the causes she supported.

2000-2001 Leadership and Professional Development Grant Recipients

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Argonne CDC, *Providian Financial Early Childhood Education Grant: Multilingual Family Literacy Project*, Michelle Ducharme
Cooper CDC, *Providian Financial Early Childhood Education Grant: Supporting Literacy Through a Lending Library*, Zaida Rodriguez
Las Americas CDC, *Poetry and Murals: Integrating Language and Visual Arts to Enhance Literacy*, Kristen Pantl
McLaren CDC, *Community Development Program*, Naja Mix-Bule
Noriega CDC, *Art and Music Team Grant*, Jessie MacKenzie
Parker CDC, *Supporting Children's Learning through Chinese Brush Painting*, Susan Wong
Presidio CDC, *Literacy through Music and Dramatic Arts*, Judi Holmes
Serra CDC, *Growing Young Minds*, Kathy Truett
Serra CDC, *Exploring the Languages of Movement and Music*, Kathy Truett
Serra CDC, *Enhancing Classroom Curriculum through Art*, Kathy Truett
Spring Valley CDC, *Family Literacy Program*, Jane Mancina
Sutro CDC, *Multi-Cultural Family Lending Library*, Ellen Chu
Sutro CDC, *Arts and Music Literacy Development*, Lisa Quan
Tule Elk Park CDC, *Creating and Sustaining an Art and Exploration Room for Children*, Julia Gianville

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Alice Fong Yu ES, *Sea Chest Historical Interpretive Project*, Lisa Ernst
Alice Fong Yu ES, *One Bead at a Time - A Chinese Literacy Project*, Liana Szeto
Alvarado ES, *Technology for Book-Making*, Maria Woodworth
Bryant ES, *Seeds of Change*, Lili Malabed
Buena Vista ES, *The Visual Art of Literacy: Poetry Interprets 20th Century Art*, Karling Aguilera-Fort
Cesar Chavez ES, *Bridging the Digital Divide*, Clementina Duron
Flynn ES, *Come Read With Me!*, Susan Yelda
Hillcrest ES, *Home Reading Program for a Communicative Handicapped Classroom*, Lisa R. Abrons
Hillcrest ES, *Home Reading Program for a Diverse Student Population*, Dan Brady
Hillcrest ES, *Home Reading Program for the Upper Elementary Grades*, Bill Thiele
Hillcrest ES, *Buddy Reading Program for a 3rd Grade English-Plus Classroom and a 1st Grade ELA Classroom*, Klaus Uebelacker

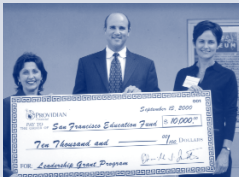
Jefferson ES, *From Many Perspectives - The Immigrant Experience Through Words and Pictures*, Lorel Peterson
Longfellow ES, *Literacy and Conservation: A Natural Combination*, Brian Arcuti
Longfellow ES, *Increasing Family Involvement with ESL Classes for Parents*, Tiffany Heiss
Marshall ES, *Literacy Through Science*, Noreen Tierney
Miraloma ES, *Bridging the Personal and the Collective: A Collaborative Poetry Writing, Publishing and Performance Experience*, Rose Berryessa
Monroe ES, *Fostering Emergent Reading through Guided Reading and Literacy Centers*, Tracy Miller
Monroe ES, *Buddy Reading Project*, Rachel Rosner
Monroe ES, *Students Write to Learn*, Cara Sanchez, Aurora Torres-Gonzales
Muir ES, *Buddy Reading*, Catherine Siemens
Parker ES, *Beyond Homework: Books on Tape and Home Literacy Activities*, Alane Castro
Parks ES, *Stress Relief & Exercise Program Using the Yoga Challenge*, Rich Brown
Redding ES, *Meeting the Needs, Meeting the Standards: A Historical Literacy Project*, Bridget Slevin
Revere ES, *Amigos de la Lectura (a Reading Buddy Program)*, Rita Gellini
San Francisco Creative Arts ES, *Magnificent Me Magazines*, Kati Tobler
Sherman ES, *Writing Success Through Poetry: A California Poets-in-the-Schools Residency*, Audra Grandi
Spring Valley ES, *3-Dimensional Reading*, Kathleen Torlakson
Tenderloin Community ES, *Building Literacy through an Integrated Curriculum*, Sarah Brown
Twenty-First Century ES, *Home Reading for a Reading Class*, Latanya Brown
Ulloa ES, *A Sense of Place: Improving Literacy Across the Curriculum*, Edna Kwan

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Aptos MS, *Equity Mural*, Gloria Andres, Matt Chapman
Everett MS, *Literacy and Equity*, Bita Nazaria
Franklin MS, *In Harmony - Connecting Students & Community Through Music*, Jack Martens
Lawton MS, *Crossing Boundaries of Time and Identity*, Helen Duffy
Lick MS, *Equity is... Music To Our Ears*, Donna Werra
Mann MS, *Literature Circles: Motivating Reluctant Readers*, Stacy Dee Schmidt
Mann MS, *Writing Our Memories*, Stacy Dee Schmidt
Martin Luther King Jr. MS, *Academic Uplift: Cultural and Socioeconomic Equity*, James Galgano
Roosevelt MS, *Interactive Math Talks*, Richard G. Meyers
Treasure Island MS, *Kids On Bikes*, Manuel Tchakalian

HIGH SCHOOLS

Balboa HS, *Community ACTION Academy at Balboa High School*, Lisa Morehouse
Balboa HS, *Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative*, Kenneth M. Gonzalez, sponsored by PG&E
Burton HS, *Wetland Restoration Project*, David Lauter
Burton HS, *The Wetland and Grassland Ecology Project*, Bonnie Hansen
Downtown HS, *The Ladies and Gentlemen's Club or "Let Them Eat Quiche"*, Sherry Bass
Downtown HS, *Pelican Project*, Jamie Rein
Downtown HS, *Wilderness and Arts Literacy Collaborative*, Catherine Salvin, sponsored by PG&E
Galileo HS, *Buddy Reading Project*, Rachel Rosner
Galileo HS, *Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative*, Kate Goka, sponsored by PG&E
Galileo HS, *San Francisco Watershed Ecology Project - Galileo Academy of Science and Technology*, Richard McDowell
Leadership HS, *Leadership in the Environment*, Sarah Karley
Leadership HS, *S.O.U.I.D.S. (Students on a Quest to Understand Invertebrates in Diverse Settings)*, Debra Schafar
Lowell HS, *Rebuilding the Network: All-City Partners-in-Print*, Katharine Swan
Marshall Academic HS, *Science Unlimited*, Douglas Addis
Mission HS, *Change and Making Change in San Francisco*, Deryn Tom
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Washington HS, *San Francisco Sense of Place National History Project*, Beth Kassler



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