

# LIGHT WAVES

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## MUSIC TEACHES MATH, AND MUCH MORE.

PEF FUNDS CLASSROOM AND CHORAL MUSIC because they are critically important to your child's development and academic success. Unfortunately, the dollars our district receives from the state are not adequate to pay for these programs. Your donations to PEF are the only way we can offer these programs in elementary school.

We all know that doctors encourage expectant mothers to play music while their child is still in the womb. We also know that a student who has had regular elementary music and choral instruction is far more likely to take up an instrument in intermediate and high school—and to stick with it. But there's more. Strengthening this multiple intelligence often results in overall academic success.

In elementary school, music helps children memorize facts.



(movement to music also plays an important part.) Children who enjoy music often do well in math because early music education strengthens the ability to recognize patterns—one of the foundations of math success, and of creative thinking in general.

In addition, studies have shown that musical practice may help increase memory and language skills, and that children who receive musical instruction have enhanced fine motor skills, vocabulary, and nonverbal


reasoning skills.

The PVPUSD Elementary Music program is thirty weeks of outstanding K-5 music instruction at all elementary schools in our District. Each class meets weekly with the Music Specialist to learn songs, dance, and to play instruments. Teachers then integrate the music throughout the curriculum.

Chorus meets weekly for interested students in grades 3-5. Jean Strickland, a music teacher at Mira Catalina says, "The students have

such a positive attitude towards the subject. I'm so grateful to PEF for recognizing the importance of music in a well-rounded education. Their skills will last a lifetime."

Each year, the choral groups perform at the Norris Theatre. This year's concert will be held March 15, 16 and 17.

Music is a key part of your child's development. With your support, it will stay that way. 

## KATE'S CORNER

A MESSAGE FROM PEF PRESIDENT  
KATE COCKE

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WE ARE MORE THAN HALFWAY THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR. As always, there is so much going on at all our school campuses. I hope it is



rewarding to see how your donations to PEF are benefitting your children. Keeping more teachers in classrooms, making sure our high school and intermediate students have the counselors they need, providing choral and classroom music and world language

in our elementary schools, and keeping technology and library aides; all things that help give our children the education they need.

## SAVING THE DOCTOR.



MEET DAN DOCTOR, CHOIR AND MUSIC TEACHER at Peninsula High School.

Although this is only his third year teaching at Pen, he has already had a huge impact. Devin Louie, student choir president, sings his praises. "Mr. Doctor has created a family—not

just a class. He is always there for us. He encourages us and inspires us to do our best, not only in choral music, but in our daily lives." Clearly, the feeling is mutual. "I love working with my high school students. They have an amazing work ethic, great vision, and maturity," says Doctor. "It's a privilege to teach them."

Dan developed a passion for music and teaching from his high school choral teacher, and time spent traveling as a volunteer music teacher with the Young Americans Group. He received his music degree and

As you will read in this issue, our huge Palos Verdes community spirit showed through at the Skechers Pier to Pier Friendship Walk on October 24th, 2010. Thank you to everyone! The support we receive from our community continues to amaze us!

There is much uncertainty about how the new state budget will impact our schools, but we can be sure that our schools will not go unscathed. District personnel are projecting further cuts ranging from \$1.2 million to as much as \$5 million. Information about the state budget is online at [www.PVPUSD.org](http://www.PVPUSD.org).

We are thrilled to be returning to the beautiful Terranea Resort for our annual Main Event. Please join us on Saturday, May 7th for a great evening of dining, dancing and bidding on amazing auction items. We look forward to seeing you there!

As always, we thank all of you who are helping PEF reach our pledge of \$2.5 million for our schools. For those who are not sure why it is important to donate to PEF, or would like more information, please give us a call at (310) 378-2278 or email us at [help@pvpef.org](mailto:help@pvpef.org). We'd love to hear from you. 🏠

teaching credential from California State University, Long Beach. Dan also has an after-school chamber choir for those students who just love to sing. He does not receive compensation and the students do not receive school credit.

Despite his passion for teaching and his great rapport with his students, his job has been on the cutting block the last two years, due to cuts to our district budget, and to music and the arts in particular. He's received pink slips the past two years running.

Fortunately, thanks to PEF, his job was saved. "Without PEF and this community's generosity, I would not be here. I am so appreciative of the work of the PEF." The music program also receives generous support from the Peninsula High School Booster Club for travel, sheet music, and other important items that make the program so successful.

This year, PEF has pledged \$1.3 million to help pay for teachers' salaries throughout the district. With your support, we're saving our great teachers. 🏠

## THE ONE. THE ONLY. THE MAIN EVENT 2011. DON'T MISS IT.

IT'S ONE OF THE YEAR'S MOST eagerly anticipated events.

Dining. Dancing. Cocktails with friends. To say nothing of the Silent Auction, the Live Auction and the justly famous Wine Auction.

All at the stunning Terranea Resort.

Not a bad way to make sure our kids get the education they deserve.

The Main Event is PEF's largest fundraiser for the year, and we pull out all the stops. Here's a quick overview of what's in store:

- Start with cocktail hour and the Silent Auction. Maybe stroll out on the Terranea terrace and take in one of the best sunset views on the hill.
- Next up, the Live Auction, including the famous Wine Auction. Oenophiles wait all year for this one.
- Take home your very own Don Crocker painting, shown here, created especially for the Main Event. It's on the auction block.
- Savor a delicious sit-down dinner with select fine wines in the Grand Ballroom.
- Cross your fingers: Once again, we're raffling a Lexus—a beautiful new RX450h, generously donated by Toyota Motor Sales,



USA. Tickets are included in this newsletter. For your chance to win, fill yours out and send it in with your payment.

- Dine and dance to the music of the John Brown Band.
- Plan to spend the night. Once again, Terranea has generously extended a special group discount to Main Event ticket holders. Contact PEF to make your reservation. Babysit-

ting is also available to those who stay overnight.

- Cap off the weekend in style the following day, Sunday, at Terranea's fabulous Mother's Day Brunch.

It all happens Saturday evening, May 7. Look for your invitation in the mail this month, or call PEF at 310.378.2278. 🏠



SOMEONE'S GOING TO WIN IT. WHY NOT YOU? For your chance to win this Lexus RX450h Raffle Car, enter today!

# BRIGHT SPOTS & NEWS FLASHES



## A BEAUTIFUL DONATION

Juliette is a student at Montemalaga Elementary, and an avid artist. Recently, she entered one of her drawings in an art contest, sponsored by Pimco Corporation—and won a \$1,000 prize! Did she rush out and buy the entire Bratz collection? An American Girl wardrobe? Candy? No, no and no. She donated it to PEF. Every last cent. Thank you, Juliette. You are truly a work of art.

## FAMILY TIES

Valerie Adlam and husband Chris both graduated from Peninsula schools, she from RHHS, he from PVHS. “When it came time for our daughters to start school, we wanted them to have the best education possible.” And so they moved back to the Peninsula from Redondo Beach. “Our daughters enjoyed 12 amazing years in PV schools.



Early on, we were introduced to PEF, and quickly realized the importance of supporting it. Donating to PEF is an opportunity to help keep our schools among the best in the country. We feel an immense responsibility to continue to give to PEF even though our kids have graduated. Great schools make great communities.”



## SWEET

When the state gives you lemons, make lemonade. Pictured here with PEF Exec Director Kathy Pape are Lauren and Nicole of Rancho Vista Elementary, who recently hosted a lemonade and bake sale, raising \$81 and donating it all to PEF. “We want to help save our teachers,” they said. What could be sweeter?

## PVIT: ROBOTS ABOVE GROUND AND UNDER SEA

PALOS VERDES HIGH’S PVIT program (Palos Verdes Institute of Technology) has four teams entered in national competitions.


Two teams are building robots for a Houston competition where submersibles do simulated oil well repair and water sample collection. One team is going Analog, the other is

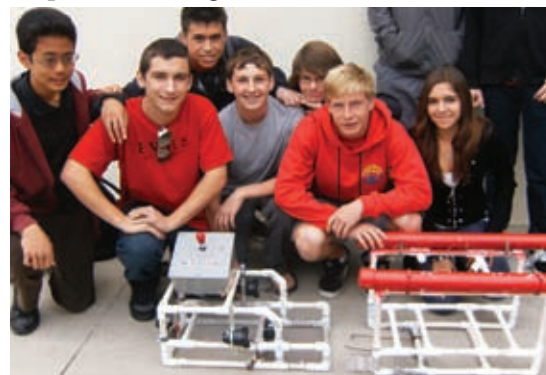


Palos Verdes High’s Robomagellans. Left to right, Nico Fine, Luke Bucklew, Daniel Feldman, John Jenkins, Sam Glen, Matt Potenti and George Kaveladze.

going Digital, both with sophisticated controllers, using skills learned in Digital Electronics. Additionally, two PV High teams

will compete against college teams at the Robogames in San Francisco. They have written software for Arduino microprocessors, along with motor controllers and innovative steering systems. The car and a tank will use GPS to navigate a course, and video to detect targets and obstacles.

PVIT is made possible through donations to PEF, and, along with SMERT, is considered to be among the premier high school engineering programs in the United States. 



PV High’s ROV team. Left to right, Kevin Lee, Anthony Bacalja, Terren Kreitzman, Scott MacDonald, Michael Konrad, Keith Kreiner and Taylor Tuleja.

# SMART. ENGINEERING ON A NATIONAL SCALE.



DC-bound: Kai Sun, Patrick Lowe, Nick Entin and Miolani Grenier look forward to representing Peninsula and the SMERT program in the CyberPatriot II Finals.

THE CYBER PATRIOTS of Palos Verdes Peninsula High School have advanced to the finalist round of the CyberPatriot II contest, one of only 12 teams to qualify. The competition began last fall with over 180 teams from high schools around the country.

Formed from Peninsula High’s SMERT (Science-Math-Engineering-Robotics-Technology), made possible through




In the heat of cyberbattle: Garrett Thomas, Justin Boisvert and Max Stritzinger code their way into the national finals.

PEF support, the Cyber Patriots are the first team from the school district to enter this national computer skills competition. As one of the top-ranking schools across the nation, five members of the team will fly to Washington D.C. where they will engage in a grueling 8-hour competition. The goal: To secure operating systems from cyber attacks.

Designed to spark an interest in cyber security, the competition is conducted by the Air Force Association (AFA) and presented by Northrop Grumman and is sponsored by SAIC, CIAS, AT&T, Boeing, General Dynamics, Raytheon, and Microsoft. Finalists will be carefully watched by some of the nation’s most prominent figures in Cyber Security. Coached by Peninsula High computer science teacher Mr.

Hassan Twiet and parent mentor Greg Grenier, the team consists of ten students from Computer Science AP class, with five members and five alternates ranging from freshmen to seniors.

The finals will be held in Washington, D.C., March 31st. Regardless of the outcome, Peninsula High School will be continuing to stress the importance of computer security in upcoming computer science classes, as information security is one of the most sought-after career fields. Which is just one way we’re helping engineer a better future for your kids. 



The Peninsula High Cyber Patriots: Fending off hackers, protecting information. A PEF grant helps make it possible. From right front to left: Kai Sun, Nick Entin, Patrick Lowe, Wesley Ho, Col. Glenn A. Dildy, USAF (Retired), Hassen Twiet, Mitzi Cress, Greg Grenier, Miolani Grenier, Garret Thomas, Justin Boisvert and PEF Executive Director Kathy Pape.

## MAJOR DONORS FETED AT AUTUMN HARVEST.

PEF'S ANNUAL AUTUMN HARVEST was held at Trump National Golf Club on November 18, 2010.

This event kicks off PEF's Annual Appeal and recognizes Major Donors—individuals, families or businesses that donate \$1000 or more annually to PEF—as well as honoring the recipients of PEF Chuck Miller Grants, teachers whose innovative thinking earned awards for their classrooms. Over 400 major donors, teachers and faculty attended, hosted by Trump National Golf Course, with food and drinks provided by an array of South Bay eateries.

The PEF's Annual Appeal asks all residents with children in the schools, as well as alumni and community groups, to support the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. This year's \$2.5 million pledge will pay for teaching posi-

tions, staff, counselors, and important programs in our public schools.

Attendees were also treated to a delicious sampling of treats from local restaurants including Inka Wasi and El Pollo Inka, Chez Melange, Frascati Ristorante, Marmalade Café, Mama Terano, Ortega 120, Riviera Mexican Grill, Gaetano's Restaurant, Lunada Bay House Restaurant, Sophie's Place, Szechwan Chinese Food, The Depot Restaurant, Cafe Pacific at Trump National, Mickey's Italian Delicatessen & Liquor Store, Buffalo Fire Department, Misto Caffe, the Yellow Vase, Brouwerij West Brewery, and Babycakes Baking Company. We are very fortunate to have these restaurants' support of Palos Verdes schools. Please thank them next time you visit! 🏠



1 Debby Stegura and School Board member Larry Vanden Bos, PEF President Kate Cocks, PEF Board members Julie Virjee and Judy Flanagan, and MIS teacher Kathy Santarosa.

2 Brian Campbell, RPV City Council with Rancho Vista teacher Barbara Ferraro, Erin La Monte and PVPUSD Board Member Dora de la Rosa.

3 Major donors Dave and Barbara Hart.

4 Major donors John Trotter and Randy Dauchot with PEF Board Trustee Linda Sun.

5 Major donors Rick Edler and Bill and Deena Ruth.

6 Principals Rosemary Humphrey of Rancho del Mar and Joan Romano of Lunada Bay, with PVPUSD Superintendent of Schools Walker Williams and Jill Beall, Soleado teacher.

7 PEF Board Members Dave Wagman, Caroline Leach and husband Kevin.

8 Palos Verdes High teachers Brendan Karg, Joe Pinkelman and Tamara Dutko.

## PLEDGE WEEKS BEGIN.

OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, all 17 Palos Verdes Schools will be raising funds and showing their support for PEF.

This year PEF has pledged \$2.5 million to fund teachers' salaries and pay for enrichment programs, including music, science programs, and world languages. Parents, students and staff will participate to help raise funds to support teachers and programs at all Palos Verdes schools. If you haven't donated yet, please give today. You can donate online with just a few clicks at [www.pvppef.org](http://www.pvppef.org). Or call us at 310.378.2278. Thank you! 🏠



## SUMMER SCHOOL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED.

PEF IS PLEASED TO PRESENT the Palos Verdes Peninsula Summer School programs for summer 2011.

### HIGH SCHOOL (AT PV HIGH)

Grades 9 through 12

Mon-Thurs 7:30 am–12:55 pm.

First Semester:

Wednesday June 15th–Wednesday July 6th  
(no school Monday July 4th)

Second Semester:

Thursday July 7–Wednesday July 27th

### SUMMER PEP (AT RIDGECREST AND PVIS)

Grades 6 through 8

Mon-Fri 8:15 am–12:30 pm.

Monday June 20th–Friday July 15th  
(no school Monday July 4th)

### SUMMERBREAK (AT SILVER SPUR)

Grades K through 5

Mon-Fri 8:45 am–12:00 pm.

Academic Readiness (4 weeks) or

Intensive Reading & Math Workshop (4 weeks)

Monday June 20th – Friday July 15th (no July 4th)

Enrichment Program (2 sets of 2 week classes)

First session: Monday June 20th–Friday, July 1st

Second session: Tuesday July 5th–Friday July 15th

### SPECIAL PROGRAM: THE da VINCI INSTITUTE

Grades 3, 4, 5

Mon-Fri 8:30 am–12:00 pm.

The daVinci Institute (at Dapplegray)

Monday June 20th–Friday July 15th  
(no school Monday July 4th)

Log on to [www.PVPSS.com](http://www.PVPSS.com) to register online.

# THE 2011 PEF CHUCK MILLER GRANTS. EDUCATION. INNOVATION.

EACH YEAR, PEF RECOGNIZES TEACHERS from every Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District campus with the PEF Chuck Miller Grants. This year, 51 teachers qualified for grants. The awards ceremony took place at PEF's Autumn Harvest Major Donor reception.

PEF Chuck Miller Grants provide special funds to enhance teaching opportunities for our schools, and support innovative programs.

The award began in 1990 when PEF established an endowment to support special projects throughout the school district. It is named in honor of Mr. Charles Miller, former principal, PEF president and local business leader.

To be considered for a grant, teachers must apply and provide detailed descriptions of the programs and projects

they envision. This year saw an unprecedented number of applications, with a wealth of unique educational proposals. In order to fund as many as possible, both PEF and Chuck Miller joined together in increasing this year's donation from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

Chuck Miller Grants are a hothouse for innovative teaching ideas. Programs that begin as pilot projects in one school typically go on to be used throughout the district, creating a richer educational experience for all students.

Graciously hosted by Trump National Golf Club in Rancho Palos Verdes, Autumn Harvest was attended by over 400 major donors, teachers and school principals. The event featured 20 local restaurants, each of which donated food and beverages. 🍴

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

JILL BEALL, *Soleado*  
Electrical circuit experiments.

SHANNON BOGART, *Lunada Bay*  
Two awards: Study of pathogens and bacteria, and science lab enhancements.

YVONNE BUCKLEY, *Rancho Vista*  
Right-brained approach to sight words reading program.

KATHY BURSON, *Soleado*  
Reading comprehension skills enhancement.

MICHELLE COHEN, *Point Vicente*  
Improved fine motor activity using weaving looms.

JULI DILUSTRO, *Vista Grande*  
Gardening Club.

MEGAN DINO, *Soleado*  
Improving love of reading.

MARIANA DONAHOE, *Soleado*  
Improved social studies curriculum using *The Sign of the Beaver*.

DIANA ELLIOTT, *Montemalaga*  
Physics demonstrations.

CARRIE ELLIS, *Soleado*  
Three awards: A weather station, human body models and dynamic demonstrations of physics concepts.

KIMBERLY FENIMORE, *Point Vicente*  
Improved differentiated reading.

BARBARA FERRARO, *Rancho Vista*  
Bi-lingual elementary newspaper, to improve literacy.

KRISTEN GAGNON, *Silver Spur*  
Math assessment and review program.

CAROLYN HARDESTY, *Point Vicente*  
Special clothing to help build dressing skills.

LISA JOHNSON, *Dapplegray*  
Harvest-to-table mini-orchard.

MARIE-FRANCE KAHAL, *Montemalaga*  
Microscope kits and electric motor kits.

LAUREN KEARNS, *Soleado*  
Student-designed community service project.

LAURA MONGE, *Rancho Vista*  
Materials for hands-on Math Carnival.

RAYE MURPHY, *Lunada Bay*  
Two awards: Phonics programs, and vermi (worm) composting.

MICHELLE PIERCE, *Rancho Vista*  
Sight words learning modes.

CARLIN ELIZABETH RITTER, *Point Vicente*  
Picture communication system.

JENNY ROONEY, *CORNERSTONE*  
Shakespeare original performances.

HEATHER SORENSON, *Mira Catalina*  
Participation in The California Science Center's Healthy Body-Healthy Mind program.

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

ANN MARIE ALVAREZ, *MIS*  
Video production project.

ROBYN BENJAMIN, *PVIS*  
Hands-on physics and chemistry demonstrations.

SCOTT GARMAN, *PVIS*  
Stream tables for environmental science studies.

ELIZABETH GODBOLD, *MIS*  
Pen tablets for artistic expression.

JILL GRACE, *PVIS*  
Digital incubators for 7th grade microbiology.

STEVE JASPER, *PVIS*  
Velocity fitness program.

ANA JONES, *MIS*  
Light studies: lenses, mirrors, prisms.

CAMPBELL NIMICK, *MIS*  
Designing CO<sub>2</sub>-powered race cars.

KATHERINE SANTAROSA, *MIS*  
Study of the human skeleton, and animal dissection.

ALISON SEYMOUR, *RIS*  
CSI-themed books for studying human bones.

ROBERT SNODGRASS, *MIS*  
Hands-on exploration of cells.

PAUL WOODWARD, *RIS*  
Two awards: RobotC engineering software and program, and LEGO Mindstorms NXT 2.0 Robotic Kits.

## HIGH SCHOOLS

PETER BOBBS, *PVHS*  
Metal sculpting art program.

SUZANNE BROWN, *PVPHS*  
Study of the memoir, *The Glass Castle*.

SETH COHEN, *PVPHS*  
Teaching professional acting techniques.

BARBARA DEWITT, *PVPHS*  
Detailed study materials for *The Scarlet Letter*.

COLETTE DUNN, *PVPHS*  
A document camera.

TAMARA DUTKO, *PVHS*  
Spanish grammar in real-life situations.

ROBERT M. HORN, *PVPHS*  
Spanish Jeopardy for practice and test review.

KRISTY JIMENEZ, *PVHS*  
Electronic pen tablets for creating artwork.

BRENDAN KARG and MIKE LEHAULT, *PVPHS*  
Creating a mural on campus.

MARIE KUHN, *PVHS*  
Genetics simulation and biotechnology.

ANNE LEONARD, *PVPHS*  
Harvest-to-table gardening.

STEPHANIE PEPPERMULLER, *PVPHS*  
Dogfish sharks for dissection.

BILL PETERMAN, *PVHS*  
Detailed study materials for Albert Camus' novel, *The Plague*.

JOE PINKELMAN, *PVHS*  
Advanced glassblowing art.

CECILIA REMETA, *PVHS*  
Spanish vocabulary skills.

JOHN WHEELER, *PVPHS*  
Brain models to explain key psychology concepts.

For more details, go to [www.PVPEF.org](http://www.PVPEF.org).



Photo courtesy of Palos Verdes Peninsula News

## THE THRILL OF VICTORY, THE AGONY OF DE FEET.



Rabbi Yossi Mintz of The Friendship Circle, far left, and Michael Greenberg, Skechers CEO, far right, present a Very Big Check to PEF Trustee Judy Flanagan, PEF President Kate Cocke and PEF Executive Director Kathy Pape. Thank you Skechers for your generosity!

Over 800 walkers from across the peninsula took part in the Skechers Pier to Pier Friendship Walk on October 24th, 2010—more than any other school district in the South Bay! Thanks to your PEF spirit, Skechers presented PEF a check

for \$44,000—up from \$7,500 last year! Students, teachers, district personnel, district board members, parents, grandparents (and even dogs!) all turned out to help us raise much needed funds for our schools, and the Friendship Circle. 🏆



Above, a quartet from Silver Spur Elementary shows off a bit of that spirit. You go, girls! On the right, PVIS teacher Carrie McMahon and her twin baby girls (for them it was the Skechers' Crawl), with PVHS teacher Allison Klabe and PVIS teacher Allison Lehault. Photos courtesy of Betty Waung.

## OTHER WAYS TO GIVE THE ALUMNI PARENTS CLUB

Last year, over 300 families in our community continued to support PEF after their sons and daughters had graduated, and it's truly heartwarming. Making outstanding education a family tradition is one of the things that makes our community special. And it makes a difference.

If your children have graduated and benefited from Palos Verdes Peninsula public schools, consider joining this special group of supporters. Contact Cheryl Ward at (310) 378-2278 or [cheryl@pvpef.org](mailto:cheryl@pvpef.org) to join. **Alumni Parents Club membership starts at \$500 and includes:**

- Listing on the Alumni Parents Club page of our website.
- Newsletter (3 times a year).
- Peninsula Education Foundation license plate frame.

## THE GRANDPARENTS CLUB.

Is your family benefitting from our great public schools a second time around? Your grandchildren will be thrilled to know you support their education. **Grandparents Club membership starts at \$500 and includes:**

- Listing on the Grandparents Club page of our website.
- Newsletter (3 times a year).
- Peninsula Education Foundation license plate frame.
- A certificate sent to your grandchild saying a donation was made in their name.

## BE A LOCAL HERO. BUSINESS PARTNERS PROGRAM.

Become a PEF Business Partner and we'll make sure the community knows your business is a local hero. When you join at the major donor level, you'll be invited to our complimentary major donor receptions, which are great

networking opportunities. And all Business Partners receive this handsome 6.25x6.25-inch window cling.

For more details and benefits, contact Cheryl Ward at (310) 378-2278 or email her at [cheryl@pvpef.org](mailto:cheryl@pvpef.org).

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## PEF THROWS TEACHERS A LIFE LINE.



*PV High School Counselor Adam Genovese and Silver Spur Elementary teacher Heidi Pastell, riding in the PEF float in the Holiday Parade of Lights, representing teaching positions that were saved by PEF. Photos courtesy of Gilbert Yu Photography.*

THE PENINSULA EDUCATION FOUNDATION set sail to raise \$2.5 million for all 17 public schools in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

Over the past 30 years, PEF has tossed many a lifeline to Palos Verdes schools, so it was fitting that our float entry in the 2010 Peninsula Holiday Parade of Lights was a sailboat—a landlubber’s boat parade, if you will!

Kids from PV schools at all levels—elementary, middle and high school—rode along. Leading the sailboat were two of the many teachers who’d lost their positions due to state budget cuts. Because of the PV community’s commitment to outstanding education, PEF was able to provide the funding to

keep these fantastic faculty members, and many more.

PEF funds a veritable flotilla of important programs—choral and classroom music, library and media aides, Safe School counselors, science enrichment, foreign language, the College & Career Centers, not to mention the award-winning PVIT (Palos Verdes Institute of Technology) and SMERT (Science, Math, Engineering, Robotics & Technology).

PEF thanks all the families, businesses and members of the Palos Verdes Peninsula community for their generous support. Rough seas remain ahead as state budget cuts continue. But with your help, we’ll weather the storm. 🌊



*The SS PEF, setting sail for a brighter future. Ethan and Audrey from Pt. Vicente Elementary were joined by other students from around the school district. Thanks to the Mike Peterson family for the generous use of their boat.*