



VENETIA VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Founded in 2008, the Venetia Valley Education Foundation (VVEF) is a volunteer based, charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to support and enhance quality educational programs for every student at Venetia Valley School. The Foundation is supported by families, community and school staff in the pursuit of educational excellence.



**DONATE
TODAY!
HELP US REACH
OUR \$80,000
GOAL!**

Did You Know?

- Terra Linda High School's 2009 Valedictorian was a Venetia Valley graduate.
- The San Rafael City Schools 2010 Teacher of the Year was awarded to Venetia Valley School's teaching coach, Danelle French.
- The Venetia Valley Middle School band has placed in the finals at the Music in the Parks festival at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom three years in a row.
- Venetia Valley was the only San Rafael City School to participate in the national PTA Reflections Art Program in 2009-2010.
- There are numerous benefits to community-supported schools:
 - *Higher property values
 - *Less neighborhood traffic
 - *Close ties within the community

Our Story

The Venetia Valley Education Foundation (VVEF) is a volunteer organization comprised of parents at Venetia Valley School who are committed to the ongoing revitalization of Venetia Valley School. We recognize that by focusing on greater enrollment and support from neighborhood families and businesses, we can improve our community, our home values, traffic and most importantly the school.

School Challenges

Federal and State budget cuts and larger class sizes are impacting Venetia Valley School. The San Rafael elementary district reduced their budget by more than \$2 million this year. The reduction has had a tremendous effect on the already diminished resources and programs at Venetia Valley school. Many positions and programs have been cut including literacy coaches, computer technology and custodians and we are now at risk of losing our teachers' assistants.

Our Accomplishments / Our Goals

The VVEF has been very successful in raising awareness within the community. More and more neighborhood families are choosing to send their children to Venetia Valley School, a school that is rich in diversity, commitment and intellectual curiosity. To date, the VVEF has raised \$10,500 through various fundraisers, including the Annual Fund Neighborhood Mailer. We currently fund the Honor Roll program which highlights academic achievement at the school. **Our goals this year are to continue to engage the community and to raise funds to keep our much needed teachers' assistants.**

We Need Your Support

Help us build a strong foundation for the future

As an education foundation serving a large population of students, it is necessary for us to raise capital for important future needs. We are striving to provide the students of Venetia Valley School with all of the academic advantages enjoyed by their peers in other Marin County schools. Please help us keep current and future budget cuts as far away as possible from the classroom and our children's learning environment.

Cut along the dotted line

2010-2011 VVEF Annual Fund Contribution Form

YES! I am/We are delighted to support Venetia Valley School!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children attending Venetia Valley? Yes No Mni

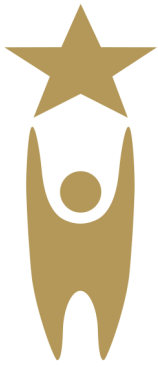


Payment Information

I have enclosed my donation \$250.00 \$100.00 \$50.00 \$20.00 Other Amount \$_____.

Make check payable to and send to: VVEF, P.O. Box J, San Rafael, CA 94913

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OUR MISSION

The Foundation was formed to support and enhance current educational programs at Venetia Valley School. Our primary goal is to return Venetia Valley School to a California Distinguished School, a designation it held in 1995 as Gallinas School. We believe that increasing family and community involvement in the school will help to bring a higher level of learning and create a better community as a whole.

OUR VISION

Every child deserves a high quality education! Faculty, parents and the community all play a role in the success of a child's educational experience. While money is not the most important factor in creating a good learning environment, raising much needed funds will support the programs that elevate the learning environment for students at Venetia Valley School.

VISIT US AT www.vvef.org FOR MORE INFORMATION!

PLEASE DONATE TODAY!

Fill out the attached donation form and mail it to us with your payment in the envelope provided

or

Donate online with PayPal at

www.vvef.org



WHY SHOULD YOU DONATE?

The well-being of our community is directly tied to the well-being of the school. Investing in Venetia Valley School is an investment in your neighborhood and your home. It takes community support to make a great school and a great school makes an even greater community!

THE VVEF CELEBRATES ITS 2 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

The Venetia Valley Education Foundation (VVEF) is celebrating 2 years of service to Venetia Valley School. We have worked tirelessly to educate and engage the community about Venetia Valley K-8 and are proud to be a part of the renewed excitement about the school. More and more parents are choosing to send their children to Venetia Valley School again. We are on our way!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The VVEF is kicking off our 3rd year by launching our 2nd Annual Neighborhood Fund Drive. Our goal is to raise \$80,000 for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. Many important positions and programs have been cut at Venetia Valley School, including the computer technology program, custodians, and literacy coaches. We are now at risk of losing our kindergarten teachers' assistants. If we raise enough funds, we can pay for teachers' assistants and other programs that are in jeopardy at Venetia Valley School.

We are reaching out to our neighbors again because we believe that the community plays an important role in the success of its district school and in turn, a successful neighborhood school plays an important role in the welfare of the community. If everyone who receives this flyer donates \$20.00 we will be halfway to our goal of raising \$80,000. Just think how much a \$25, \$100 or \$1,000 donation could help. Please join us in our fight to preserve and restore vital programs at Venetia Valley School.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!