

# Millbrae Education Foundation

## What is the Millbrae Education Foundation?

The Millbrae Education Foundation (MEF) is a non-profit, volunteer fundraising foundation dedicated to enhancing the educational opportunities of the children of the Millbrae School District. The MEF was incorporated in 2007 to create a long term stable source of supplemental funding for our district schools. The 2009-2010 school year marked the first full fundraising year for the MEF, and with support from parents, teachers, administrators, businesses and community members, the MEF has successfully surpassed its first fundraising goal of \$160,000!

## What is our Mission?

The MEF's mission is to provide "a broad-based volunteer organization that provides funding to enrich and sustain quality education for all students in the Millbrae School District."

## When was MEF Founded and Why?

The Millbrae Education Foundation was founded in November 2007 by a group of parents and community members looking to provide much needed financial support to our district. Over the last three years the board (6-7 volunteers) has worked to become incorporated, attained non-profit status, and worked closely with principals, school officials and volunteers to raise money to help off-set educational budget cuts in the most effective way possible. In just over one year the MEF has raised and donated \$234,000\* to the Millbrae School District for our children's education! (\*this is a combined total from Spring 2009 and the 2009-2010 fundraising campaign)

## How is the money spent?

The MEF works with the superintendent, the school board and school administrators to identify areas of need. Parent surveys and public outreach are used to gather additional input. After collecting this information, the MEF board commits funds to the Millbrae School District for the next school year. This year you will see your donations at work funding the Music Program in grades 4-8 and Instructional Classroom Aides in the elementary schools; two programs that would otherwise have been cut. Though MEF donations make up a small portion of the Millbrae School District budget, these two programs have a profound impact on all our students.

## How can I help?

This year, we are again asking families to donate \$450 per each child registered in the district (\$450 is \$45/month or \$12.50/week). While this amount may be comfortable for some, we realize that others may find it more difficult. All donations, no matter the size, are important. We would like all of our Millbrae families to donate at a level that is right for them. We hope to raise our participation rate from 15% to 100% this year. Your support is greatly appreciated and will make a difference for our children and our schools!

**It's time to help Millbrae Schools!** Education is a partnership between home, school and community. We value this partnership and look forward to continued growth. For this partnership to grow and thrive we need volunteers. Please consider joining the MEF Team either as a Foundation Ambassador at your school or by sharing a special talent on our board.

You can find out more information and contact us through our website: [www.MillbraeEducationFoundation.org](http://www.MillbraeEducationFoundation.org)