

Edna FAQs about Fundraising

Q: I've heard there are two different fundraising entities in the Mill Valley School District. My taxes already fund public education! Why are you asking for more?

A: California ranks among the lowest in the nation for funding public education. On top of this, Mill Valley is a "basic aid" district, which means we do not get any general purpose funds from the state. Our district does not receive funds based upon student enrollment; instead they receive funds from the local property tax. Because of this, our PTA pays for paper, copying, classroom supplies, and equipment. Beyond the basics, we also need funds for library books, computers, art, music, recess and p.e. equipment and more!

Q: First, what is Kiddo!?

A: Kiddo! is parents, businesses and community members who donate funds to supplement the budgets of all K-8 schools in the Mill Valley School District. Art, music, drama, poetry, dance, technology, library and classroom aides are all funded by Kiddo! The Annual Campaign kicked off with Donation Day on May 6. The tax deductible suggested donation is **\$950 or more per student**. The goal is 100% parent participation, at any donation level.

Q: Second, what is Steeplechase?

A: Steeplechase is Edna's Annual PTA Fundraising Lap-a-Thon, to be held this year on October 21. Your donations will pay for educational programs, classroom materials and supplies, books, technology, recess and p.e. equipment, assemblies, and much more, here at Edna. To make this our only fundraiser of the year, we need every family to give **\$300 or more per student** enrolled at Edna.

Q: You are modernizing Edna and also need to cut the school district budget. How does that make sense?

A: The funds to modernize Edna come from a bond measure (Measure C) approved by voters in November 2009. These funds are legally restricted to the uses (modernization of the facility) approved by the voters. It would be illegal to use the funds to meet the projected gap in the school district budget.

Q: How can I get involved?

A: Join the PTA, volunteer for a PTA committee, give to KIDDO, give to Steeplechase, help in the classroom.

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Thank you for supporting the students of Edna Maguire School!