

Wed, 9/2
Remote Back-to-School Night

Tues, 9/8, 6:30pm
1st WAVE Meeting

Thurs, 9/24
VW Virtual Storytelling

Tues, 10/13
2nd WAVE Meeting

Sat, 10/22
VW Virtual Storytelling

Fri, 10/23
Fall Grant Requests Due at 3pm

Tues, 11/10
3rd WAVE Meeting & Grant Review

Thurs, 11/19
VW Virtual Storytelling

Tues, 12/8
Grant Vote

Thurs, 12/17
VW Virtual Storytelling

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VW WAVE Foundation Fall 2020 NEWSLETTER



WAVE Foundation President's Message

Welcome back, VW Families! Needless to say, this school year will be one for the history books. Just as our family tries every day, I am sure that each of you are doing your best to keep your kids motivated and inspired along with juggling everything else in life. Just know that you are not alone and are a part of a larger community, the VW Community. If you need some encouragement, reach out to another parent in your classroom. It helps to know that we are all in this together and that we can always learn from one another. As Hermann Hesse said, "... whatever good or bad fortune may come our way, we can always give it meaning and transform it into something of value."

I would also encourage you to get involved in the three parent organizations at Verdugo Woodlands, including our fundraising arm, the WAVE Foundation. Last year, we again raised nearly \$120K to be given back to the school in the form of various arts, educational and technology programs. This year is like no other and we need YOUR participation to raise as much as we can, given the circumstances.

Join us at our monthly WAVE Association Meetings and stay a part of our VW Community.

Warmly,
Silviya Karapetian
President, WAVE Foundation

Grants Approved in 2019-20 School Year For School Programs 2020-21

GRANT REQUEST (REQUESTOR)	AMOUNT
Volleyball Nets & Balls for PE (Mr. Sandoval)	\$750
6 Walkie-Talkies with Charger (Mrs. Provost)	\$1,569
6th Grade Field Trip - Supplemental Grant (Mr. Ouweleen)	\$1,300
Folding Portable Room Dividers for Cafeteria (Mrs. Provost)	\$3,500
Soccer Pinnies & Soccer Balls (Mr. Sandoval)	\$390
New Drinking Fountain (Matine Compani & Mr. Yi)	\$2,000
Clay & Glaze for 1st Grade (Mrs. Frink)	\$681
Wordly Wise for Grades 3-6 (Mr. Yi)	\$5,000
Care Counselor (Mr. Yi)	\$9,800
Mice for Chromebooks (Mrs. K. Turner)	\$500
6th Grade Field Trip & Bus Fare (Mr. Ouweleen)	\$1,500
3rd Grade Recorders (Mrs. Galaz)	\$5,500
Technology Consultant (Mrs. Brown)	\$2,500
In-School Theater Arts Workshops (Arts Committee)	\$2,000
In-School Taiko Drumming, includes \$1500 Dad's Club Rent (Arts Committee)	\$6,500
In-School Professional Art Instruction (Arts Committee)	\$8,750
In-School Visual Arts Program (Arts Committee)	\$2,500
Reading Intervention Teachers (Mr. Provost)	\$15,000
Social Studies Walk-Through (Mrs. Moreno)	\$3,000
Kindergarten Playground Equipment (Mr. Jaffee)	\$1,000
TOTAL IN GRANTS APPROVED	\$76,490

JOIN US!

WAVE Foundation Meetings will take place **the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm via Zoom.** The Zoom Meeting ID will be sent to parents by Mrs. Provost the week before the meeting.

If you want to be involved but can't make it to the meeting, email: wavepresident@gmail.com and we can get your help on a worthy project.



Karapetian Family

Funds Raised 2019-20 School Year

Joy of Giving Funds Spent Directly in Classrooms	\$23,636
Survivor Challenge Funds Intervention Teacher, In-School Art Instructor, Care Counselor, Technology Consultant	\$31,211
Annual Gala, Live & On-line Auction Funds Arts, Educational & Technology Programs	\$41,283
Fund-a-Need at Annual Gala Document Cameras Purchased for Each Classroom	\$9,343
Restaurant Fundraisers, Square 1 Art, Ralphs, Amazon & Box Tops	\$13,649
Total Funds Raised School Year 2018-2019	\$119,122



Keeping the **VW COMMUNITY** Together

This year school is going to be like no other in our lifetime. The WAVE Foundation has made it our goal to create opportunities that will keep our VW Community together during these challenging times.

Our first opportunity to come together as a community will be at our first VW Virtual Storytelling Night on Thursday, 9/24 at 7pm. We will have Mr. Ouweleen and Mrs. Henschel read to our kids and recommend some of their favorite books. The VW Virtual Storytelling Night will continue every month for the rest of the year and we look forward to having you join us! Look for Zoom information from Mrs. Provost. If you have other ideas on how we can bring our VW families together in a safe environment, please email wavepresident@gmail.com.

\$ Free Money

Last year, we raised over **\$2333** just by having parents like you:

1

Connect your Ralphs cards to our school



2

Select WAVE as the non-profit to get proceeds when you shop on Amazon - smile.amazon.com



3

Use the ALL-NEW Box Tops app



No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app. to credit your school.



Go to:

gusd.net/vw/freemoney to sign up for each!

SURVIVOR Challenge

Our Survivor Challenge Committee and the entire VW community started Survivor activities in February to gear up for the big day on March 13th. We had class rewards for the most funds raised, a tiki mask decoration competition, and many visits by King Voodoo Woodlands. However, due to rain and remote learning due to Covid-19, our favorite day of the year was cancelled last year. We are anxiously waiting to return to school and enjoy Survivor Challenge once again as soon as it is safe to do so.



ANNUAL Gala/Auction

The WAVE Annual Gala and Auction was a roaring hit this year! The VW Speakeasy welcomed over 150 parents, teachers and administrators dressed in their 1920s best and we had the time of our lives. Thanks to our amazing committee for all the hard work. They are hard at work on our auction this year so that we can still manage to fundraise for our worthy school programs.



Gala Committee



VW Yearbook

Last year was the first year we had an all-school yearbook and it was a HIT! Your kids will love looking through it for years to come. Even though we will be light in school activities this year, the plan is to continue this great tradition. Look for more information on how you can purchase a copy for your child soon! And be sure to send in pictures of your kids (and school friends) doing their favorite activities.

Please email pictures to verdugowoodlandseyearbook@gmail.com and include the child's and teacher's name.