

From the Principal
September 24, 2007

Los Altos Educational Foundation

The school year is well under way. The entire staff of Springer Elementary School is so appreciative of the support received by our parents and friends of Springer. Now that the program is successfully in motion, we need to reflect on the many funding sources that permit this school and all Los Altos Schools to deliver a "full" educational program to each child.

Many wonder why this educational community goes to such great lengths to continually review each school's program offering. This reason is simple. Every child deserves a well rounded, enriched education.

The good news is the Los Altos Community has made a commitment to the children. The Los Altos School District and the Los Altos Education Foundation have come together in a very strong partnership to assure each child the quality learning environment they deserve.

The Los Altos Educational Foundation ensures:

- Springer has four Kindergarten classes of 20 students instead of three classes of 30 students this year.
- The fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students will learn to read music and play an instrument this year.
- The students will have Art Docents and Vocal Music teachers this year.
- The students will have Physical Education instructors this year.
- The students will become better writers throughout the Step Up to Writing Program.
- The students will have computer teachers and increased access to current technologies this year.
- The students will benefit from having a Science Specialist @ Springer and learn science through investigation and experiments.

To fulfill this commitment to our children, LAEF asks each family to contribute \$800 per child. Hundreds of families throughout Los Altos School district have already contributed at the recommended level. Will you please join them? Every contribution at any level is vital to the education of our children.

The LAEF phon-a-thon begins on October 22nd, but our local LAEF representatives assure me that if you make your donation by October 15th, you can "avoid the call" and save the parent volunteers some time. Donation envelopes are available in the office, or you can donate online at www.laefonline.org.

Thank you for supporting your child and Springer Elementary School by supporting LAEF. It makes a difference !

Student Council

The Springer Student Body recently held its Fall semester elections. This event always serves as an excellent indicator of the interest in leadership by our new sixth grade class. As usual, this sixth grade class did not disappoint. Twenty-one grade six students "threw their hat into the ring" for this first half of the year elections.

The presentations and campaign delivered by each grade six student was superb.

Congratulations for a job well done go to the following students:

Charlotte A.	Zoe M.
Davis A.	Collin F.
Sam M.	Ryan L.
Melissa R.	Ved P.
Jackie C.	Spencer M.
Emma O.	Laura R.
Aaron M.	Emily B.
Kate D.	Natalie H.
Oren M.	Sophie S.
Izzy D.	Ximena T.
Sarina W.	