

Dear Friend and Kenwood School Supporter:

Imagine a school where the instructional day includes Reading, Math, Science, History, and nothing else. Art, Music, Performing Arts, and Physical Education taught by knowledgeable specialists have all been eliminated. The library is closed most of the week, teachers receive no aid from classroom assistants, and the computer lab is woefully outdated. Imagine this as the typical day at Kenwood School.

Thankfully, such a dismal state of affairs has been avoided to date thanks to the generosity of supporters such as you. The alarming trend of eliminating programs instrumental to a child's education can only be overcome by an entire community willing to make a crucial investment in the future of education. For all of you unwilling to accept an education substandard for today's children and woefully inadequate for today's world, we ask that you again partner with the Kenwood Education Foundation to help supplement the insufficient level of funding currently received from the state.

How can you help? The children of Kenwood School ask for your support for our upcoming fundraiser, *Lights, Camera, Auction! 2009*, which will be held at the magnificent Imagery Estate Winery in Glen Ellen on June 6. This Vegas-themed event, produced by the Kenwood Education Foundation, has historically generated at least sixty percent of the funding needed for the survival of enrichment programs at Kenwood School. Our all-volunteer team is seeking sponsors and supporters to assist us in our mission of creating an exciting evening of creative auction lots replete with fine wines, food, music, dancing and fun. Our goal this year is to raise \$150,000, every penny of which will support educational programs, create opportunities for broader community involvement, and enhance the educational opportunities available to all students of Kenwood School. Won't you please invest in a child's future by donating cash, goods, or services to *LCA! 2009*?

When our nation was in its infancy, Benjamin Franklin wisely declared, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." When it comes to the State of California's investment in public education, our hopes for progress are repeatedly dashed as government continues to hack away at the remarkable gains achieved in previous decades. Our once progressive state is now *embarrassingly* ranked in the bottom five states of our country.

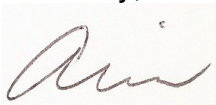
Unlike the Founding Fathers of our country, we live in a world today which allows unlimited global interactions and promotes far-reaching change as rapidly as overnight. The “future” for our children is defined very differently than it was just twenty years ago as the jobs and skills needed in 2025 have not yet been conceived in the imagination of even the most creative entrepreneur. However, Mr. Franklin’s words still ring true, for an investment in our children’s future will certainly reap great rewards by preparing them to learn through innovation, creativity, and critical thinking.

Please help support the children of Kenwood School by donating to *LCA! 2009*. Our form is enclosed for your convenience and may be found on our website as well. We are also excited to announce our plans to conduct an online auction with specially chosen lots prior to our event. To have your donation included in our printed and online catalogs and considered for our *LCA! 2009* online auction, we need to have your donation information no later than March 15, 2009.


To learn more about KEF and create your *LCA! 2009* donation, please visit our website at www.KenwoodEducationFoundation.org and follow the links to *Lights, Camera, Auction!* or contact us at kefinfo@gmail.com. In addition, a copy of the Kenwood Education Foundation’s Annual Financial Report Card for fiscal year 2007-2008 is attached for your consideration.

Eleanor Roosevelt put into perfect words the reason why so many of us dedicate our time and energy to help fund Art, Music, Physical Education, Library, and Technology in our public schools, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” Please work with us to ensure that Kenwood School remains a place where beautiful dreams are still possible; a school where our children’s minds are enriched by a curriculum that stresses the whole child including his or her imagination. We look forward to partnering with you in our efforts to sustain the excellence of Kenwood School District for current and future generations of deserving young minds. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Alice Horowitz
LCA! Co-Chair



Andie Altman
LCA! Co-Chair

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