

The Parent-Faculty Club Supports Our Children and Our School By...



Music



Library



Art



P.E. coach



Community events

Funding staff, programs, and materials.

- ♦ The PFC provides a full- time **physical education (P.E.) coach** for 1st through 5th grades, because one is not provided by the school district. Exercise is essential to the health of our children, and the activity helps them focus when they're back in the classroom.
- ♦ **K- 2nd music** is another area that the PFC covers. Since OUSD only provides a music teacher for 3rd grade and up, the PFC pays for a music teacher for the lower grades.
- ♦ OUSD does not provide library resources for our school, so the PFC funds an excellent **library**

and a **library manager** who helps kids pick out books, hosts storytimes for each class, and more to encourage reading among our children.

- ♦ **Classroom art** is another area with reduced funding by OUSD, so the PFC budget includes money to stock a closet with art supplies—including a kiln. Parent volunteers then use the materials to create grade- appropriate art lessons with teachers in each class.
- ♦ The PFC also funds **classroom assistants** to help teachers with everything from group reading to yard duty.

Improving the safety and quality of our school site.

Maintaining the safety and quality of Thornhill School is essential to ensuring a healthy school environment for students, so the PFC also supports **school site and safety**, a **Quick-Drop / traffic coordinator**, and **lice control** leader.

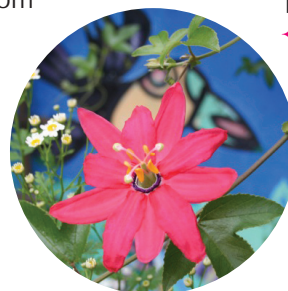
Building community.

We know a school is only as strong as its people, so the PFC supports and encourages a feeling of community among students, parents, family members and our surrounding neighborhood:

- ♦ The **Unity and Diversity Committee** is a newly formed committee of parents and faculty dedicated to creating an inclusive environment for all Thornhill students and families
- ♦ The **Dads Club** offers support to school activities and fundraisers while building community among Thornhill dads
- ♦ Our autumn **Walkathon** helps raise money for

the school as students get pledges from family, friends and neighbors for each lap they walk around the school; it is one of our biggest and most fun- filled community events

- ♦ The spring **Carnival** is another big hit with the community, offering fun, old- fashioned carnival games, prizes, food and friendship
- ♦ Our annual **Gala fundraiser** is a benefit and auction to support the school, featuring entertainment and socializing for Thornhill parents and community members



Creating opportunities for students.

Student success is our number one priority at Thornhill School, so the PFC supports a variety of opportunities that enrich our students' overall education:

- ♦ **Enrichment programs** provide fee- based before- and after- school clubs and classes such as art, band, chess, chorus/vocal, creative writing, dance, drama, drumming, fitness, foreign languages, guitar, legos, martial arts, and science
- ♦ **Computing and technology** resources, volunteers, and technical support for all classes, including a portable **computer lab**
- ♦ **The Garden Club** created the California Nature Path and gardens at our school and teaches the principles of gardening to students through sessions in our outdoor, edible- garden classroom
- ♦ Need- based **scholarships** for field trips and enrichment programs to ensure that all students have access to school- related programs
- ♦ Supporting the **5th grade promotion ceremony** to ensure our graduating students have an official event to celebrate their accomplishment

Educating and informing parents.

Parental involvement is incredibly important to the quality of our children's education at Thornhill, so the PFC provides a variety of support and programs to involve and educate parents:

- ♦ **Guest speakers and events** on education, child development and other topics
- ♦ School **website** to keep the community up- to- date with school activities
- ♦ School **e- newsletter** to make it easy to stay informed of school events and news
- ♦ **Roomparents network** to support teachers in each classroom
- ♦ School **directory** with contact information for students / parents in each class