



Annual Fund Boosters Fall Campaign: 100% in 100 Days



Focus on Funding for STEAM!



STEAM education—focused on integrated learning in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics—is widely recognized as an effective tool for fostering academic success. It helps prepare our children for the jobs of the future in science and technology. And, maybe just as important for busy families, it helps you and your child get through the homework packet (painlessly) today! That’s because, STEAM education is about cultivating a passion for discovery and learning.

According to Principal Lewis, STEAM students are more likely to be avid readers, because fundamental literacy skills are taught in combination with science, arts and other disciplines that spark children’s interest. Research shows that children thrive when skills are taught in integrated, hands-on ways rather than in isolation. They gain an overlapping understanding of the real world, which cultivates critical thinking skills and a love of learning.

Thanks to the initiative of teachers, administrators and parents, SME has secured several grants over the last few years to introduce STEAM-based learning and activities to our teachers and children. A grant supported SME’s first “STEAM Night” in 2015. The event was a great success and has since been repeatedly annually—this year with financial support from the PTA. SME also received a grant for the STEAM Bungalow, which opened in May 2017, and subsequent grants to fund equipment and materials.

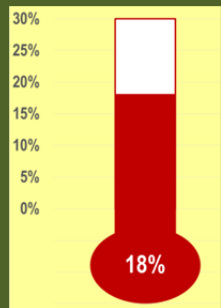
Building off these successes, Lewis’ vision is to hire a STEAM instructor to design lessons and ensure all children can visit the bungalow once per week. **This is where the AFB and parent-support is needed.** The Pasadena Unified School District is facing unprecedented budget cuts. SME will be lucky to maintain its current staffing levels next year, let alone add new instruction support, according to Principal Lewis. One of the Annual Fund Boosters core activities is funding support staff and classroom aides. **A STEAM instructor is a top priority for next year, if AFB achieves its fundraising goals.**

To learn more about AFB and to donate, visit <https://www.pusd.us/page/3408>. To volunteer for this year’s PTA-sponsored, STEAM Night, contact Terry Richardson at terrichar@gmail.com.

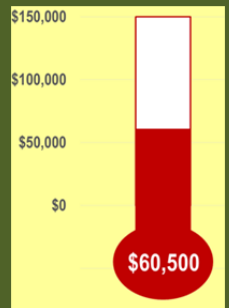
About 100% in 100 Days:

AFB aims to double the number of families giving and the total money raised for vital programs and salaries over 2016. **The last day to donate is December 20, 2017.**

The classroom with the highest level of combined participation and donations will receive a \$250 gift card! Every classroom to reach 100% participation will receive a popsicle party or alternate prize!



AFB participation rates are improving with **18% of families donating thus far in 2017!**
A donation of only \$200 per student would raise almost \$150,000 for the school and support programs in the visual and performing arts; the sciences, and physical education.



Make a tax-deductible donation today:

By credit card via our website:
www.tinyurl.com/sms2017-8

By check payable to: “PEF-Sierra Madre”
P.O. Box 1403, Sierra Madre, CA 91025

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and in the AFB's next 100% in 100 Days update!*