

How are you doing?

This is a question I ask and hear quite often these days. The start of the school year is now 1 month behind us and everyone is curious about how we all are doing. Each day's struggles are different and I am thankful when night falls. In addition to being the Executive Director at RVEF, I am also a mother of two students at Madrone Elementary. I refer to my 3rd grader as my office mate. We sit side by side at the same desk in our makeshift workspace in my bedroom. My 6th grader Zooms from down the hall and my husband works remotely from the dining table. Our new normal is far from ideal, but we continue to help each other while pushing ourselves to do better every day.

It is while I write to you about my family's struggles that my thoughts go to the RVUSD staff who are working tirelessly for our students. I see their dedication, I hear their patience, and I welcome their ability to spread warmth and care to our families. While RVEF is not in your child's learning space everyday, we are also supporting our district's staff and students. I hope with your continued reading you will learn more about who we are, what we do, and how you can help. With your partnership, we can continue to provide our youth with thoughtful and engaging resources during this trying time.

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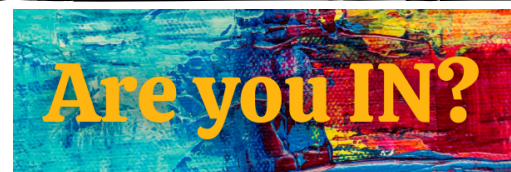
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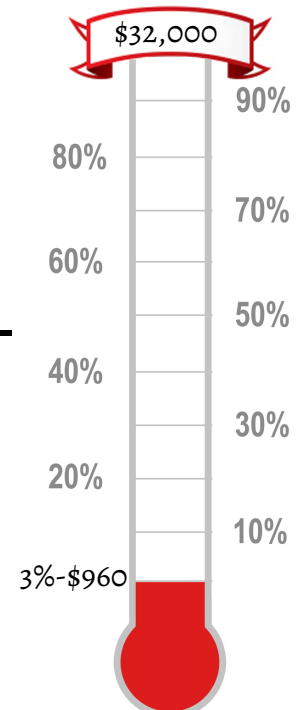
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GET TO KNOW RVEF

A BIT OF HISTORY

The Rincon Valley Union School District Foundation was formed in March of 2003 in response to the State's growing financial crisis. A few months later, the Foundation decided to file a "Fictitious Business Name" or "Doing Business As (DBA)" document to further distinguish itself from our school district. (Too many people were lumping both RVUSD and the Foundation together as one entity). And that is why you now know our organization as the the RINCON VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION!



OUR MISSION



RVEF's current mission is not its original. The community leaders who spearheaded this organization initially created the one below to let people know why they were here. "The purpose of the Foundation is to make sure our children get the best possible education by supplementing public funds and programs, and promoting active involvement, innovation, collaboration, and communication between all members of our community." As the district's needs changed over time, so did the Foundation's vision and goals. Below you will find our current mission.

The theme of creating excellence in education is still coupled with the idea of collaboration. But now, the partnerships between RVEF and RVUSD is more defined and connected.

"The Rincon Valley Education Foundation (RVEF) works in partnership with the Rincon Valley Union School District (RVUSD) to provide supplemental learning opportunities that broaden and enrich the students' educational experiences. RVEF supports the RVUSD's vision, goals, and objectives by providing stable, sustainable funding for program enhancements in targeted curriculum areas. RVEF unites families, staff, and community in its fundraising efforts so that we all share in the financial cost of an exemplary education as well as its success."

We invite you to join us in making a difference for our students!

GET TO KNOW RVEF SOME MORE

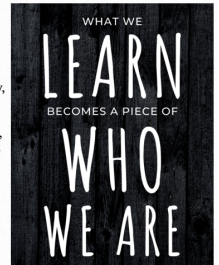
PURPOSE

The Foundation was formed for the purpose of helping ALL students in ALL schools in our district achieve educational excellence. Equity in education is a goal everyone can get behind. And who doesn't want to see all students have an equal opportunity for success? RVEF wants to make sure that every student has the support they need to be successful and we help to ensure this by supplementally funding district wide programs. Funding comes in several forms and usually is implemented via staffing (i.e. salaries and/or professional development) as well as via supplies (single use or reusable). Help us make an impact by investing in ALL our students and schools!

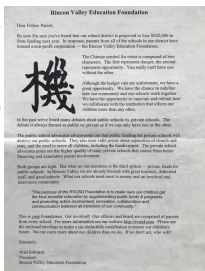
An Opportunity to **INvest**

Join us in awakening a sense of wonder, piquing curiosity, and encouraging the spirit of exploration. Monies raised support innovation, development, and offering of engaging programs such as virtual assemblies, field trips, enrichment classes, and scholarships. RVEF also intends to provide supplemental funding for instructors and materials needed for Fine Arts Day and the Art Decent Program, especially if our district pivots to a hybrid learning model mid-year.

Together we can make an impact.



OUR FIRST ARTICLE



RVEF was first introduced to the community through RVUSD's newsletter, "The Chalkboard" in their Spring 2003 edition. The Foundation's President Walt Edwards urged parents to "Get involved!" because, "No one cares more about our children than we do."

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

WELCOME BACK

As principals and teachers are welcoming families back, so is RVEF!
View our "Welcome Back" Google Slide presentation below.
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Google Slides

RVEF is aiming for 100% family participation...Are you *IN*?

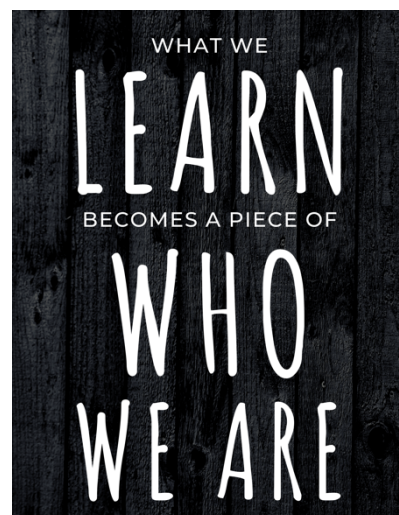


As RVUSD's main fundraising organization, RVEF is committed to raising the funding necessary to provide supplemental learning opportunities that broaden and enrich the educational experiences over 3,200 Rincon Valley students receive.

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed education forever, most recently plunging our district into full distance learning. Communicating virtually will not stop a child's need to create and think critically. RVEF is ready to help provide our youth with thoughtful and engaging resources during this trying time.

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How much is needed? Only \$10 per student!

If EVERY STUDENT gives at this level, we can reach our \$32,000 goal and PRESERVE OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE! Only one question remains.....Are you *IN*?

I'm *IN*! I want to enrich my child's education and donate to the Rincon Valley Education Foundation!

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