

# **\*\*\* URGENT: PARENTS OF KENTER KIDS \*\*\***

## **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT OF ANNUAL GIVING FOR ENRICHED EDUCATION (formerly known as Parent Commitment Campaign)!**

If you read the *Los Angeles Times* last week, you already know that Kenter Canyon's API scores have come in and we are all **FORTUNATE** to be sending our children to a **TOP SCHOOL IN ALL OF CALIFORNIA** – and a public school at that!

But, we **can't do it** without the support of our parent community.

Kenter's Parent Support Group spends **over \$1,000 per child EVERY YEAR (over \$500,000 ANNUALLY!)** to bring to life amazing enrichment programs, including:

- 1) **SCIENCE** – salary and lab fees for the **entire** program
- 2) **PHYSICAL EDUCATION** – salary and lab fees for the **entire** program
- 3) **ART** – salary and lab fees for the **entire** program
- 4) **COMPUTER** – salary and lab fees for the **entire** program
- 5) **EDUCATIONAL AIDES** – PSG pays for ALL aides in ALL classrooms
- 6) **STATE OF THE ART LIBRARY AND LIBRARY AIDE** – PSG funds **entire** "library" program
- 7) **OTHER** - PSG shares the costs of the MUSIC program and funds a number of other programs that enhance your child's education.

**\* Without your support, these programs would be COMPLETELY ELIMINATED. \***

**We NEED your help and are requesting a donation of \$925 PER CHILD** to help us fund these programs for our children throughout **THIS SCHOOL YEAR**. You will be hearing more about the uses of your donation during your CLASSROOM DINNERS in the next 6 weeks. AND, we are still looking for dinner HOSTS for each classroom, so please let us know if you are interested!

Some important things you should know:

- Due to State cutbacks, LAUSD was forced to cut KENTER's budget by **over \$60,000** this year alone. We need to make up those funds that were directly taken from our coffers.
- **100% of your donation** goes DIRECTLY to student programs: NO overhead/NO waste.
- We spend **over \$1,000** per student per year.
- Local private schools that offer **comparable or lesser** educations **charge well over \$20,000** per year... AND do fundraising on top of that! Think of the money you are saving by sending your kids to Kenter -- well over **\$100,000** by 5<sup>th</sup> grade ALONE!
- Other charter schools in our area (Canyon, Palisades, Paul Revere, Westwood, Warner) ask over \$900 for their Parent Contributions.
- Kenter's PSG has not raised the pledge amount for **over 3 years**, unlike some other schools, despite increases in expenses and decreases in the LAUSD funding contribution.

Although we understand that not everyone can match the requested amount (and that many folks will be giving MUCH more!), we hope you will give what you can and that we get **100% participation at some level from EVERY FAMILY as EVERY CHILD benefits from our programs.**

**REMEMBER: ALL DONATIONS are TAX DEDUCTIBLE and  
100% of your donation goes directly to student programs!!**

**Sincerely and with our tremendous thanks and appreciation,**  
Jill Newhouse Calcaterra and Danielle Sterling, Volunteer Fundraising Directors  
Jody Botansky and Diane Salerno, Volunteer Chairs of Annual Giving