



THE ORCA OBSERVER

September 2023

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." - F. Scott Fitzgerald

Back-to-School Night

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents & guardians who came to Back to School Night. Hopefully, everyone had a chance to learn a bit more about their teacher, the school, and what your children have in store for the coming year. If you would like to view the **PTO Presentation**, please visit www.cabrillopto.org or click the following link:

[Back to School Night 2023 – Cabrillo Parent-Teacher Organization \(cabrillopto.org\)](http://www.cabrillopto.org)

Enrichment Drive

This year, Cabrillo PTO has set a **\$75,000 goal** for our Annual Enrichment Drive to help fund the various programs and school supplies the PTO supports. For more information about our budget and funding sources, please view the Back-to-School Night presentation linked above.

We are asking families to contribute \$200 to the enrichment drive, although every donation, no matter the amount, is greatly appreciated. We also offer an employer match search engine through our website to maximize your donation. Keep a look out for communications regarding the enrichment drive and thank you for your contribution!

[Cabrillo Annual Enrichment Drive 2023-2024 | Cabrillo Elementary \(Powered by Donorbox\)](https://www.donorbox.org/cabrillo-pto)

Happy 60th Birthday, Cabrillo!

This fall marks the **60th anniversary** of the first-time students walked the halls of Cabrillo School. For a brief history of our school, take a look at the Around Campus section from the May 2023 newsletter:

[May 2023 Orca Observer - History of Cabrillo School](#)

After School Enrichment Programs

Looking for ways to keep your kids engaged after school? Or enhance their education with courses in new and exciting topics? Visit our website to view current offerings and enroll your children today!

[After School Enrichment Programs – Cabrillo Parent-Teacher Organization \(cabrillopto.org\)](http://www.cabrillopto.org)

Cabrillo PTO Socials

New this year, Cabrillo PTO will be hosting **Monthly Mingles** to talk about school, volunteer opportunities, and answer questions about how the PTO puts your donations to work. The next mingle will take place 10/1 @9:30am - meet us at Fog City Java and enjoy a cup of coffee with your fellow parents. And for those who can't make it in the morning, we host will a few evening mingles. Check the event calendar in ParentSquare for the monthly schedule and keep an eye out for reminder posts.

<https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/21932359>

Cabrillo PTO is also hosting an **Ice Cream Social** this Thursday, September 7th, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Bring your family, build a sundae, and meet new friends!

<https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/21932357>



Putting the Fun in Fundraising

Halloween Spooktacular

Save the date for **Cabrillo School's 2nd Annual Halloween Spooktacular!** Enjoy an afternoon of games, food, and bouncy houses - costumes are encouraged. Volunteer signups and additional information will be coming soon...



From the Staff Room

Last school year, the Orca Observer featured new staff members to help parents and guardians get to know the new faces around campus. This year, we continue the tradition and welcome our new principal **Tiffany Parrish** to Cabrillo School!

For the last four years, Mrs. Parrish has been the Assistant Principal at Clifford School in Redwood City, a TK-8 school. Prior to being a site administrator, she taught ELA and Social Studies in all middle school grades as well as 3rd grade in a private school setting. She has spent time working in early childhood intervention and education as well as being an advocate working with families through the IEP process before moving to the Bay Area. Mrs. Parrish started her career in education as an instructional assistant almost 20 years ago, and her path to being an administrator has been filled with experiences that have enriched her time as an educator. Mrs. Parrish brings a wealth of knowledge, and we look forward to her leadership at Cabrillo!

"What an honor it has been to serve as the new principal at Cabrillo. Unlike many of you, I am not a native local to Pacifica. I grew up in Modesto, but I have lived in Pacifica for the last three years. My son graduated from Cabrillo this last school year and is off to Terra Nova to join my older daughter. I know that we all have unique experiences that bring value to Cabrillo, because each of us has such a vital role to the work we will do with children every day. Thank you for partnering with us and I'm honored to be Cabrillo's principal!"

– Tiffany Parrish



Quarterly PEF Newsletter

FALL SNAPSHOT



PEF School Scorecard: FY'23-24



PACIFICA EDUCATION FOUNDATION
pacificaef.org

PEF is Music. Arts. Science! We fund equitable arts based Ed programs to offset district budget gaps. We have delivered Elementary Music, Middle School Band, Slam Poetry, and STEM curriculum support into all TK-8th Grades.

PEF needs to increase our member base by 15% annually to sustain existing Art/Ed programs. Members get access to “Partner Perks” at 60+ local businesses!

Action: Help your school exceed their goal Purchase, uplevel, or renew your membership today!

<https://www.pacificaef.org/membership>

PEF can fund NEW programs when our active member base reaches 25% of school population (1 in 4 families). Right now; we're UNDER a 10%. (<1 in 10 families) avg. across the district.

PEF needs people like you to fulfill our mission. Will You Help? <https://www.pacificaef.org/volunteer>

Active Members		'22-'23 Results		
Members	Goal	Actual	% Attain	
Cabrillo #	69	53	77%	On Target (85%+)
IBL #	24	8	33%	Almost There (70-85%)
OSS #	91	77	85%	On Target (85%+)
Ortega #	33	35	105%	On Target (85%+)
SRE #	26	18	68%	Almost There (70-85%)
Valleamar #	59	46	78%	Almost There (70-85%)

Members By School Population		'22-'23 Results		
Members	Goal	Actual	% Attain	
Cabrillo #	12.6%	9.7%	77%	On Target (85%+)
IBL #	5.4%	1.6%	30%	Almost There (70-85%)
OSS #	21.9%	17.3%	79%	On Target (85%+)
Ortega #	7.8%	8.9%	114%	On Target (85%+)
SRE #	6.7%	4.3%	64%	Almost There (70-85%)
Valleamar #	11.8%	10.8%	91%	On Target (85%+)

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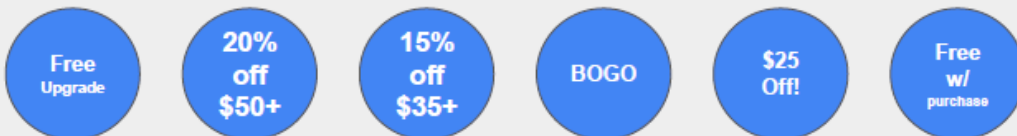


Partner Perks Program: FY'23-24



PACIFICA EDUCATION FOUNDATION
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Exclusive Discounts...Year-Round!



Check out all your Partner Perks at: bit.ly/PEFPartnerPerks

Membership Pays For Itself. Members save \$25+ each month and 100% tax deductible! Get yours @ bit.ly/PEF-Member today!

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| 1. 7-Eleven (Hickey Blvd.) | 21. Ivy Row | 41. Rockaway Beach Dental Group |
| 2. 7-Eleven (Manor Dr.) | 22. Junk King | 42. Rosalind Bakery |
| 3. Ace Hardware Linda Mar | 23. Living Room Plants Co. | 43. Round Table Pizza |
| 4. Ace Hardware Pacific Manor | 24. Longboard Margarita Bar | 44. Save More Meat Market |
| 5. Alden Miller Interiors | 25. Lyneage Photography | 45. Shoreview Dental |
| 6. Beach Boba | 26. Manor Music | 46. Sirens |
| NEW Breakers Breakfast & Brunch | 27. Mazzetti's Bakery | 47. Spindrift School |
| 8. Chick'nCone | 28. Mister Softee | 48. Sports Basement |
| 9. Coastside Dance School | 29. MONSTER TREE SERVICE | 49. Starbread Bakery |
| 10. Colombo's Deli | 30. Moon Fruit | NEW Surf Camp Pacifica |
| NEW Compass Real Estate | 31. Nancyland Kids and Baby | 51. Table Wine |
| 12. Cotton Crustacean | 32. Oasis Vietnamese Cuisine | 52. Taqueria La Perla |
| 13. Curry & Kabab (Pacifica) | 33. Oceanside Healing | 53. The Elevate Practice |
| 14. Curry & Kabab (San Mateo) | 34. Orangetheory Fitness Pacifica | 54. The Green Enchilada |
| 15. Curry Corner (SSF) | 35. Pacifica Cages | 55. The Magic Toy Box |
| 16. Florey's Book Co. | 36. Pacifica Orthodontics | 56. The Royal Bee Yarn Company |
| 17. Fog City Frozen Yogurt | 37. Pacifica Thai Cuisine | 57. TOTAL Creative |
| 18. Hack's Auto Body | 38. Pacifica Tires & Service Center | 58. Viva Italiano Pizza |
| 19. Illuminate Music | 39. Perfect Pour Cafe | 59. Your Limo Bus |
| 20. Intertwine Cafe | 40. Redeye Grill | 60. Winters Tavern |



Community Corner
News and events from community partners



Pacifica Sea Lions Aquatics Club



Save the Date

PSL's 60th Anniversary Splash!

Saturday, Sept. 16th, 2023

Swimming • Food Vendors •
CAKE • Live Music • Games •
Silent Auction • Time Capsule •
FREE admission • Food, drink,
and activity tickets available
for purchase on-site **

Time: 11am to 3pm

Location: 401 Paloma Ave
(Oceana High School, Pacifica)

** All proceeds will help support
our PSL swim team & swimmers!



Pacifica School Volunteers is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides a comprehensive program to support the education and well being of children in Pacifica's public schools. We have grown from our start in 1997 with 23 volunteers in one school to a network of more than 500 volunteers helping children in all nine public schools in Pacifica. In 2018-2019, we completed over 27,000 volunteer hours with our local students. Our programs include:

- **Weekly Volunteers** — Community, college and high-school age volunteers work one-on-one or in small groups with children in Pacifica schools helping them with reading, math and other subjects ranging from art to music and STEM programs.
- **Read Aloud Days** — In celebration of literacy, PSV organizes annual literacy events. Community members, such as members of public office and community business leaders visit classrooms and read a chosen book or story. Modeling a love of reading motivates children to discover books on their own.
- **Oceana High School Senior Projects Exhibition** — Local and Bay-Area professional mentor and evaluate Senior Exhibitions of Oceana High School students, a year-long research project culminating in an oral presentation and written report.
- **School Support** — PSV supports Math Nights, Science Events, and other events.
- **ThinkBridge Summer Camp** — A Pacifica summer camp program offering young minds age 6-12 an opportunity to explore new ideas, analyze situations and solve problems creatively through innovative thinking lessons, math games, music instruction, computing and robotics.
- **Outreach**—PSV supports school events such as Boofest and Pancake Breakfast, and participates in local events, such as Pacifica's Ecofest/Earthday (April) and Family Day at Pacifica's Fogfest (Sept.), increasing our visibility with local residents and families.

inspiring learning. connecting community

Pacifica's schools struggle inevitably with budget shortages and changing programs. Our dedicated teachers, staff and parents work diligently to provide a quality education for local students, but volunteers are needed to support these families and professionals. Pacifica School Volunteers is dedicated to engaging our community and to promoting literacy, math, and helping children succeed in school.

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