



Live Oak Education Foundation

OUR MISSION: To raise money to ensure that students in the Live Oak School District have enriching opportunities in the Visual and Performing Arts; the “STEM” fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; and Positive Play.

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO:

We are a parent-run nonprofit that fundraises and advocates to address educational inequities by leveraging partnerships and resources to ensure all Live Oak students are prepared to thrive alongside their peers in high school. We listen to educators, parents, and students to identify needs and then seed and magnify investments in opportunities that will improve our students' chances for greater success in life. Current sources of funding include grants, donations, and community-oriented fundraisers (ex., restaurant fundraisers, Pleasure Point Street Fair).

SERVICES & PROGRAMS:

Here are some examples of the investments we've made since 2015:

- Ensured every student had a Chromebook for Distance Learning
- Co-fund hands-on Visual Arts education for TK-3rd grade students
- Sponsor teacher professional development in the Arts
- Fund materials for Arts & STEAM programs
- Purchase musical instruments
- Co-fund Family Art and STEAM Nights
- Purchase recess, intramural & after school sports equipment
- Partnered to build the new community soccer field at Shoreline

THE PROJECT:

In December 2021, we launched a fundraising campaign in support of Shoreline Middle School's effort to replace and upgrade their gym floor to better support Positive Play for youth in the community.



Nearly 2,000 Santa Cruz County youth are served by the Shoreline gym on an annual basis. Shoreline has 450 students and all 3 elementary schools in Live Oak feed into the middle school. Each student participates in 55 minutes of PE per day. The gym is also used for 9 after school sports teams and lunchtime intramural games throughout the year. Various outside groups use the gym in the evenings and weekends as well. These groups account for 1,500 non-Shoreline student youth who use the gym each year, including G-ball (youth girls' basketball), AAU competitive basketball, club volleyball teams, and various sports tournaments. The gym is typically used 350 days out of the year and the floor is in need of replacement after 25 years of use.



Once the floor has been renovated, we hope to name the gym after the school's beloved Athletic Director and Campus Supervisor of 17 years, Bytheal Ratliff, who passed away unexpectedly in 2017. We want to emboss his name into the wood floor so that all future students remember his commitment to the youth in our community. Bytheal believed in the value of youth sports and dreamed of a program where students had nice uniforms, good equipment (including appropriate shoes!), and the best facilities to compete in their sport. We are honored to pursue this dream in his memory.

OUR ASK:

We dream of a beautiful facility that the school, students, and community can be proud of. Our fundraising goal is \$80,000 and we're over halfway there! If you'd like to help us reach our dream, please contact: liveoakedfoundation@gmail.com

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