



**PE** — The annual Walkathon raises much needed funds for PE Equipment



**BUDDY PROGRAM** — Big buddies lead little buddies on an afternoon of kite flying on LaFranchi Hill

# Annual Family Giving Campaign



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*The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn.*

— John Lubbock



**ART** — Middle schoolers created distinctive dishware to replace paper plates at school



**POETRY AND MUSIC** — Unique programs combine to bring the Arts alive for Nicasio students of all ages

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**FIELDTRIPS** — To reinforce important lessons in history, Nicasio School students recreate the Gold Rush Days

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Dear Families,

Our school is recognized throughout Marin County and the State of California for its academic excellence. We can all feel proud of the 143-year history of Nicasio School and be thankful that the 2008 Parcel Tax passed overwhelmingly to make sure that our doors will stay open for years to come.

Unfortunately, state funds (even with the parcel tax) do not adequately cover the real cost of public education. Like most public school districts in Marin County and throughout California, Nicasio School depends on parent support to fund the programs that are integral to a basic, well-rounded education.

The Nicasio School Foundation (NSF) is the parent group that organizes the various activities to generate donations to the school. For this 2009-2010 school year, the NSF will spend over \$1000 per student to provide Art, Spanish, PE, Music, Poetry and extracurriculars like student council, buddy programs and stage performances.

We are counting on your tax-deductible donation to help us provide these programs at your child's school. A contribution of \$650 per student from parents is requested, but no donation is too large or too small. **We need every family to participate at the level they can afford.**

Nicasio School Foundation believes that a rich, dynamic and diverse learning experience, over and above the basic education provided by the state, is essential to the development of a well-rounded child. This philosophy has guided NSF for 12 years in funding a variety of quality programs:

- Art
- Buddy Program
- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- PE
- Poetry
- Science
- Spanish
- Student Council
- Scholarships for low-income students

Fieldtrips ♦ Hot Lunches ♦ After-school Programs

Nicasio School Foundation has been able to offer these valuable programs for twelve years thanks primarily to parent support.

In addition to parent donations, funds raised through special events such as EAT, Walkathon, Bingo Night and other fundraisers make up the majority of the remaining revenues with limited support from the larger Nicasio community.



*Parents Susan Banta and Sue Stewart spent countless hours organizing the 2008 EAT Fundraiser*

Enrichment programs enhance our children's academic experience by providing opportunities for independent and creative thinking, confidence building, cultural appreciation and physical exercise. This approach to educating Nicasio School students has yielded positive results:

## • Academics

Nicasio School has the highest 2008 API score in West Marin. Nicasio School ranks among the top 10% of all California public schools.

## • Graduation Rate 100%

## • Success in High Schools

- \* The Branson School
- \* Redwood High School
- \* Marin Academy
- \* Marin Catholic High School
- \* San Domenico School
- \* Sir Frances Drake High School
- \* Stuart Hall High School, SF



**In the current economic climate, outside contributions to the Nicasio School Foundation have fallen while our needs for student enrichment remain the same. Parent contributions to the NSF have become more important than ever, and we hope every school family can make a donation to NSF this year.**

We know you receive requests from many charitable organizations seeking your support. As parents of Nicasio School students we hope that supporting NSF will be your first priority.