

The **EDUCATOR**

an **EDUCATE!** newsletter

EdUCate! is a nonprofit foundation established in 1993 to provide supplemental funds for all five of the University City Public Schools:

Curie Elementary

Doyle Elementary

Spreckels Elementary

Standley Middle

University City High

EdUCate! Math Academy Strengthening UC Student Math Performance

Math Academy Committee Chairs: Lori Longstreet and Nancy Beck

Last Spring, working in partnership with Standley Middle School, EdUCate! launched an exciting pilot math program called the EdUCate! Math Academy. The pilot lasted eight weeks and included both high achieving and struggling middle school math students. Teachers and student volunteers from UC High School worked with the middle school students providing homework help supplemented by online instruction. The pilot was very successful with most students reporting improved grades – the most dramatic gain coming from a seventh grader who raised their classroom grade from a D to a B-minus.

Due to the success of the pilot, we asked you to donate to the EdUCate! Math Academy program at Taste of the Triangle 2013. We received donations that night totaling over \$20,000, which allowed us to double the size of the middle school program by offering two 15-week sessions! This year the middle school program is led by Betsy Kleineider (UCHS education specialist) and a large support team: Tim McClellan (Standley math teacher), Kenway Hoey (community volunteer) and four UC High School advanced math student volunteers. Highlights of our middle school program include homework help and online, self-paced instruction using the Khan Academy curriculum. This online program builds solid

math skills and can be practiced online seven days per week. We also recognize that a positive and supportive environment, coupled with exposing students to UC High School math teachers and students, builds confidence for a transition to high school.

Additionally, monies raised at Taste of the Triangle 2013 helped us launch the EdUCate! Math Academy at UC High School this school year! The group running this program includes Bernard Steinberger (UCHS math teacher), Robin Read (community volunteer) and Austin Mason (UCHS teacher). The high school program is held three days a week right after school and is structured to be a drop-in program. Even as a voluntary program, attendance has been strong with many students showing up at every session. As is the case at the middle school, our high school program attracts both high achieving and struggling students – students working to bring their math grade up to a “C” work side by side with “A” students who attend just to make sure they keep their “A.”

EdUCate! is pleased and very appreciative of our donors. Through your support of this program, the EdUCate! Math Academy will continue to evolve and grow.

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Save The Date For The 20th Anniversary Taste Of The Triangle!

EdUCate!'s 20th Anniversary Taste of the Triangle is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2014. The annual fundraiser will be held at the UCSD Faculty Club, from 6:00pm to 10:30pm.

Join EdUCate! as our special celebration focuses on "Honor the past, Celebrate the present, and Build the future" and will showcase special tributes to the many contributions that EdUCate! volunteers have made to our local public schools.

Over 100 silent auction baskets, over 20 restaurants, and over 4

hours of entertainment will surely provide you and your guests with lasting memories.

As we get closer to the event, participating restaurants will be posted on our website. Again this year we will be giving away a pair of tickets to Taste of the Triangle through our text mobile club.

If you would like to make a donation, be a participating restaurant, or volunteer, contact **Jemma Samala at jemmasamala@gmail.com**.



EdUCate! Teacher Grant for Craig Sacchetti, Standley Middle School

The physical education department at Standley Middle School was in serious need of upgrading their baseball and softball equipment. Now students at Standley are benefitting from brand new equipment which will improve the program's baseball and softball activities. "Forty new gloves are a welcome addition as the P.E. Department was previously using gloves which have been in use since the school's inception" said Craig Sacchetti, Standley Middle School PE coach. "Batting tees were also a part of the grant and they are really helping beginners get up to speed with their hitting skills. Thank you EdUCate!"

Over \$20,000 Granted to Teachers in Fall 2013 Grant Program

Teacher Grant Committee Chair: Amanda Hirko

Teachers from all five University City public schools applied for and benefitted from EdUCate!'s Teacher Grant program this year! More than \$20,000 in grant monies was distributed directly to teachers' classrooms for the Fall 2013 cycle. EdUCate! commits at least one-third of its donations to teachers each year.

The Teacher Grant committee carefully considers and scores all grant applications on the basis of several factors, including the number of students the grant will impact, its educational value, the longevity of the project, its practicality, innovation, collaboration and cost effectiveness.

This program directly impacts our children, so please consider supporting these grants through a tax-deductible donation through any one of our giving programs: Honor a Teacher, Dollar a Day, Oktoberfest and Taste of the Triangle. We appreciate your donations!

Congratulations to EdUCate!'s 2013-2014 Fall Teacher Grant Recipients:

- Tara Astacio
- Nikki Botts
- Melissa Carian
- James Cope
- Brandon Corenman
- Kelly Dudley
- Tricia Eads
- Janet Engebretsen
- Sonia Gomez-Neri
- Lisa Gordon
- Gail Hall
- Nicole Harris
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Tara Astacio Kindergarten Teacher at Spreckels Elementary



Tara Howell UCHS AP Environmental Science and Marine Science Teacher

Barnes and Noble Book Drive Results

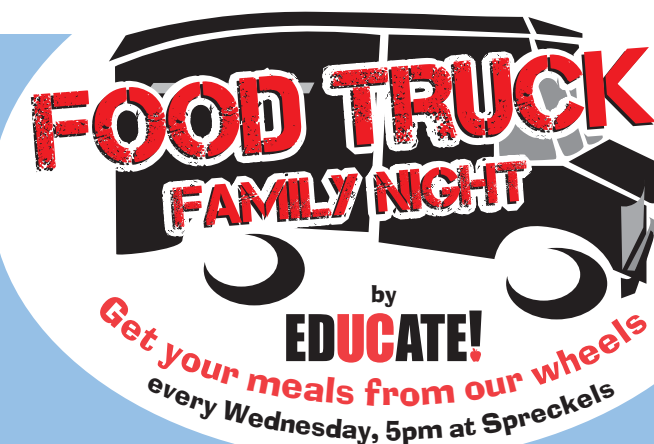
For the fourth year in a row, EdUCate! partnered with Barnes & Noble/Bookstar in the Costa Verde Center for a book drive to benefit all five public schools in the UC Cluster. EdUCate! and Barnes & Noble/Bookstar would like to thank patrons of their Costa Verde store for purchasing over 1100 books during the 4th annual holiday book drive. Each UC elementary school received over 200 books, Standley Middle added 230 new books to their library, and 275 books were purchased for UC High School. That is 300 more books than last year's book drive — way to go!

EdUCate! board members sorted and then delivered the books to each school on January 10th. Thanks again to everyone who participated in this important program for UC Cluster students. The students and staff at all the schools expressed to us their appreciation for your generosity.



Deana Sharghi, the Library Assistant at Spreckels received 200 new book titles from the book drive.

Leave the cooking to us on Wednesday's and come enjoy San Diego's best gourmet food trucks.



10% of all sales goes back to EdUCate. Bring a chair and enjoy your dinner outdoors.

UCHS Principal Wins Challenge at Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest Chair: Jesse Rubin

UC High School Principal Jeff Olivero won the principals' challenge at this year's Oktoberfest celebration at Standley Park. This year's contest effectively turned each of them into mummies! Each principal's teammate held a roll of toilet paper while the principal spun around to cover themselves with the paper until they reached the end of the roll – the quickest one was the winner. Perhaps Principal Olivero had a slight edge with San Diego Unified School District Board Member John Lee Evans as his teammate! Our school principals are such good sports about this event – they show up at Oktoberfest without prior knowledge of the event details and always give their best effort.

The October 5th event broke all records in both overall attendance and funds raised! Over 1,500 attendees helped raise almost \$12,000 to help EdUCate! fund educational needs to all the five University City public schools. Big thanks to those who contributed to the Dollar a Day (DAD) program. They received special VIP treatment at Oktoberfest and received all-you-can-drink wristbands! And it's not too late to donate – go online and contribute at least \$180, or better yet, donate \$250 which will give you and a friend VIP status at EdUCate!'s Taste of the Triangle on May 2, 2014.



U.C.H.S. Principal Olivero getting a congratulatory high five. ▲



The beer garden was the place to be for many. ▲



◀ *Jesse Rubin, Oktoberfest Chairperson, and his worthy competitors in the stein holding competition.*

Special Thanks...to all our donors and the many parents and student volunteers!

Major Event Underwriting:

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