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The EDUCATOR

Friday, May 6, 2022 at Torrey Pines Church

Taste of the Triangle is back! Save the date, Friday, May 6, 2022, 7 - 10 pm, at the beautiful Torrey Pines Church. This will be an outdoor event on the lovely and newly renovated patio area. Local restaurants will bring bites of their cuisines to taste. Check out the silent auction, available online, one week before the event. Donors who donate a total of \$500 or more to EdUCate! for the school year are eligible to attend the VIP Reception, 6-7 pm, and receive two complimentary tickets to Taste.

Purchase your tickets today for \$65 at uceducate.org. The price goes up to \$75 after April 15.

Taste's Highlights

- Restaurant Tastes – Restaurants and chefs from in and around the Golden Triangle bring samples of their cuisine to taste.
- Beverages – Each ticket includes one voucher for beer, wine or soda. Additional drinks available for purchase.
- Silent Auction – The Auction will open online 1 week before the event and continue at the event. Select 'Buy It Now' before the event and it is yours! There will be exclusive items available for bidding only at the event.
- Sponsor a Teacher – Teachers may be sponsored to attend the event. Stay tuned for announcements when teacher sponsorship requests are posted.
- VIP Reception – Donors who donate a total of \$500 or more to EdUCate! within the school year are eligible to attend the VIP Reception and receive two complimentary tickets to Taste.

Are you interested in being in our restaurant lineup or donating to our silent auction? Contact taste@uc-educate.org.

President's Message

Caring Community, Caring Children

I am so grateful for our all-volunteer board and other community volunteers who joyfully do the work needed to plan and execute our major events; review and allocate teacher and principal grants; process the Honor A Teacher program; and all the other things they do. Every dollar goes towards serving the students' academic, social and emotional learning.

We do this for many reasons, but surely one reason is that we believe education is an investment for a better future for ALL in the community. Jerome Bruner, a well-known cognitive psychologist, said, "Where the school shows that it cares, the students care." Well, I believe that where the community shows that it cares, the children care. How will you show you care today?



Mark Salata
EdUCate! President

Oktoberfest

EdUCate! Oktoberfest Our biggest Oktoberfest yet!

The 12th Annual EdUCate! Oktoberfest was held on October 9, 2021 at Standley Park. Thank you to all the major sponsors, beer & wine sponsors, game sponsors, performers, volunteers, attendees, and Dollar-a-Day donors for a record breaking Oktoberfest event this year! With more attendees, more beer & wine, more food, and more booths than ever before. San Diego Fire & Rescue brought their big rig. UCHS Principal Paredes took home the crown for the Principal's challenge. With your help, we raised over \$41,000 for University City public schools. A huge Thank you to our community!

Oktoberfest Highlights

- Beer & Wine Garden featured a variety of local San Diego brews and wines. The beer and wine are donated, so all proceeds from the Beer & Wine garden go directly to our schools
- Dollar-a-Day VIP donors of over \$180 to EdUCate!'s Dollar-A-Day campaign (\$1 per school day) and received unlimited beer, wine and soda pours for two people.
- Games & Rock Climbing Wall featured Carnival games plus the ever. *Sadly, the rock wall broke on Thursday before the event and was not featured this year, but it will be back!*
- Principal's Challenge between the five UC schools compete for the honor of their school. Congratulations to Mr. Paredes, UCHS Principal, for taking this year's coveted crown. You are all winners in our eyes!
- Food Vendors provided a portion of the proceeds to EdUCate! There were hot dogs, brats, gourmet nachos, kettle corn, gourmet ice cream, and shaved ice to be had all day long.
- Entertainment provided by Joanie & The Jeannies, a retro singing and dancing troupe, a DJ playing upbeat music, and accommodations given to the community by our local Councilmember, Joe LaCava.
- Free trolley ran along the length of Governor Drive, giving attendees an easy way to travel to and from the event without driving and parking was sponsored by Coldwell Banker UC Agents.



Granting Wishes EdUCate! Teacher Grants

You know EdUCate! from the more than 25 years of active fundraising and support for the five schools in the University City Cluster. The last two years have been especially challenging for teachers and schools. EdUCate! has continued to be intentional about funding the needs that teachers and principals identify.

One of our Fall grant recipients, Standley teacher Erika Dale, described her thoughts about the grant process and how EdUCate! has impacted her students over the years. This year, Erika wrote a grant and received funding for Field Hockey equipment for the over 1,000 students at Standley Middle School. To create a great grant request, teachers have to collaborate to identify the need, think creatively about possible solutions and most importantly, define what the desired student outcome will be. In the case of the Field Hockey equipment, Erika and the Standley P.E. Teachers recognized that Field Hockey is one of the few sports that students can access at the High School level without much previous experience. By providing 8th grade students experience with Field Hockey, they can decide if they like the sport well enough to pursue it in High School.



It is the purpose and privilege of EdUCate! to come alongside the educators in the University City cluster to identify needs, to raise awareness in the community leading to raising the needed funds, and ultimately passing those funds directly to teachers and principals through the grant process.



"The generosity of EdUCate! has such a tremendous impact. I don't really know how to properly thank you and the foundation for this program and this kindness in a way that truly expresses how I feel. As an educator for over 19 years, EdUCate! is the first foundation I have experienced that offers such a support to a whole cluster. Thank you a million times over."

-Michel Cazary, Spreckels Principal

Honor a Teacher

Express your thanks to UC cluster faculty and staff who've made a positive difference in your child's life! Honor a Teacher with a donation to the EdUCate! foundation and your chosen recipient will be recognized with a personalized certificate. With a \$50 or more donation, the teachers also received an Amazon gift certificate of \$25. Congratulations to all of the faculty and staff who were honored so far in the current 2021-2022 school year!

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Thanks to community member June Kubli, who made a \$5000 donation to EdUCate! Foundation in support of the Standley Middle School Music Program. These funds were facilitated through EdUCate! to immediately purchase instruments and sheet music for the excellent music program at Standley. We love to build our community by supporting our schools!