

DONATION FORM

Requested by June 1st, 2009

Suggested Donation

- Per Student \$350
or
- Per Family \$500

MY TOTAL DONATION \$ _____

Student/Family Name: _____

Grade 2009-2010: _____

Donor Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

___ My gift will be matched by my employer

Employer Name

Employer 1

Employer 2

Make checks payable to:

Gale Ranch Middle School Education Fund

(GRMSEF)

PO Box 2212

San Ramon, CA 94583

How Do I Give?

- Mail your contribution before June 1st to maximize effectiveness
- Contact your employer regarding Matching Donation Programs
- The GRMS ELF Team can help with employer matching funds
- Cash or Check accepted now
- Charge donations accepted at registration
- All Donations are Tax Deductible
- Tax ID #26-2286399

Acknowledge Gale Ranch Middle School's Educational Leadership by contributing to the Education Fund!

Focus of the Ed Fund

- **Class Size Reduction**
- **Institute and Maintain**

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The Gale Ranch Middle School Education Fund



**Every Dollar
Counts!**

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Education Excellence at Gale Ranch Middle School

The Education Fund

We are asking current families and friends of the school to give a contribution to Gale Ranch Middle School to enhance the academic excellence of our programs. These funds are used to add sections (individual classes) to the master schedule for the upcoming school year. Additional sections reduce the number of students in academic classes and enhance the elective offerings at Gale Ranch Middle School. Every dollar contributed benefits students at all grade levels.

The Education Fund provides Gale Ranch Middle School parents the opportunity to have a direct impact on improving their students' education by reducing the number of children in each classroom and securing technology and elective programs that foster excellence

Why Reduce Class Size?

“Smaller classes equate to more individualized time for students, and therefore, result in fewer students at risk academically, socially and emotionally.”

Quote from MS Counselor

Goals of the 2009-2010 Education Fund

- Add Seven (7) Sections (individual classes) to the Master Schedule (\$97,426.00)
- Enable our principal to make the best possible faculty staffing decisions in advance by securing Spring 2009 donations
- Fund on-going academic needs via your e-scrip participation
- Increase employer matching fund participation

Gale Ranch Middle School expects to be a Leader in Excellence

When Do I Need to Give?

To accomplish these goals, we must build a projected master schedule this spring. In order to allow our principal to make crucial hiring decisions as early as possible, it is best that we receive your donation by **June 1, 2009**. We will however, continue to accept donations after that date.

Why Do I Need to Give?

According to the State of California's complex and outdated funding formula, the San Ramon Valley Unified School District is considered a “low wealth” school district in a state that is already significantly below the national average in the funding of its schools. We are all aware of the massive state budget cuts for education. Our fundraising efforts are particularly crucial for the coming school year. Gale Ranch Middle School families are our only source of funds to address this shortfall and maintain high academic standards.

The following calculations illustrate how your donations can directly reduce class sizes!

	Class size without Ed fund	Class size WITH fund
Number of students	400	400
Classes per student	7	7
Total classes reqd (Number of students X Classes per student)	2800	2800
District staffing allocation (Students per teacher)	29	29
Total teachers (Number of students/ District staffing ratio)	14	14
Classes per teacher	6	6
Classes added by Ed fund	0	8
Total classes available (Total teachers X classes per teacher + classes added by ed fund)	83	91
Average class size (Total Classes reqd/total classes available)	34	31

Students take 7 classes; teachers teach 6.