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Top 10 Reasons to Support Public Education

10. An educated population is the cornerstone of democracy. This nation's well-being depends on the decisions of its educated, informed citizens.

9. Education reduces costs to taxpayers. For every dollar spent to keep a child in school, the future costs of welfare, prison, and intervention services are reduced. It can cost less to educate a child now than to support a teenage parent or a repeat offender in the future. Education monies help to secure the future of all citizens.

8. Public schools are the only schools that must meet the needs of all students. They do not turn children or families away. Public schools serve children with physical, emotional, and mental disabilities, those who are extremely gifted and those who are learning challenged, right along with children without special needs.

7. Public schools foster interactions and understanding among people of different ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

6. "Education is the best provision for old age"-- Aristotle. The future support of our aging population depends on strong public schools. In 1954, there were 17 workers to pay the Social Security cost for each retiree. By 1995, there were only three for each retiree. It is likely that the productivity of these three workers per retiree will depend on the strength of our public school systems.

5. More than 95 percent of our future jobs will require at least a high school education. There is no question about the need for an educated work force.

4. The nation pays a high price for poorly educated workers. When retraining and remediation are needed to prepare a worker to do even simple tasks, the cost is paid by both employers and consumers. This process raises the price of American products and makes it more difficult for this nation to compete in the world marketplace.

3. The cost of dropouts affects us all. This nation loses more than \$240 billion per year in earnings and taxes that dropouts would have generated over their lifetimes. Well-supported public schools can engage all students in learning and graduate productive and competent citizens.

2. Children are our nation's future. Their development affects all of us. Good education is not cheap, but ignorance costs far more.

And the Number One reason to support public education . . .

1. Public education is a worthy investment for public funds. We can invest now, or we can pay later.

-- from the *Illinois Coalition for Public Education*, June 1994.



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NEWSLETTER



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



With increased classroom needs and decreased funding to the Arlington Independent School District, the Arlington ISD Education Foundation raises money and provides significant monetary grants to fill those gaps through impact, classroom and teaching tuition awards.

Our mission and goals focus on benefiting the most important assets in Arlington – 62,000 students.

Join us and see how your "investment" and support makes a tangible difference in a child's life and their future.

Kathy

Dan Dipert Family: Enhancing Public Education

In 2005, the Dan Dipert Family established an endowment to permanently fund AISD Education Foundation's Impact Grant Program. In the three years since, five teachers have received terrific opportunities for their classrooms: Five Dan Dipert Family Fund grants totaling \$20,000 in awards have been given. Projects included creating mobile computer labs, purchasing literacy materials, constructing a book room and securing materials for multiple science projects. **Thank you Dan Dipert Family!**

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO A YOUNGSTER

For me its finding "just right" books for struggling readers and for children who need lots of practice to build confidence. I have several children who get no support from their parents for various reasons. These children are often reading less proficiently and benefit from having access to leveled books that they can read and retell without struggling. Lost of easy reading helps build confidence and then the child is less afraid to attempt a bit more challenging material.

Beverly Jarrett, Miller Elementary



Dawn Zdrojewski received a 2008 Dan Dipert Family Fund grant to implement "Bringing Math Alive with Books."



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Caring Classrooms.

Thirty-nine Arlington ISD teachers are implementing projects this school year with funds awarded through AISD Education Foundation's grant program.



- Encouraging Communication
- Teaching Accountability
- Supporting Special Needs
- Respecting Diversity

GRANTS IN
08
ACTION

I have attached a few pictures of us using the document camera I received in a grant. We use the document camera every day in my math class for many different things. We read books from it, show different problem solving strategies, use manipulatives and other documents to help aid the students, and many other things. This piece of equipment has been very useful, and my students love using it to make presentations to the class.

Yvonne Peet, Hill Elementary



We have been having a great time with the books in our new Literacy Room!

Colleen Nelson, Duff Elementary



Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is . . . a dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

Education Foundation Events

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Thank you supporters who shopped during December 5-7, 2008 at the Barnes & Noble Store, The Parks Mall. AISD Education Foundation received a percentage of all purchases for the grant programs.

The Foundation extends a special note of appreciation to the choirs from Burgin and Little Elementary Schools for providing wonderfully entertaining programs during the Friday night festivities and to Lihn Nyugyen and elementary arts students for their store-wide displays.

2009 All★Star Reception

Mark your calendar for a festive reception on Thursday, March 26th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Cacharel Restaurant.

This annual event recognizes and honors our grant recipients. Our tremendously supportive Partners in Education will also be honored: Dan Dipert Family, National Semiconductor, Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, Pickens Snodgras Koch LLP, and Star-Telegram, Arlington.

The public is welcome to attend. Please contact the AISD Education Foundation office to make a reservation. Individual tickets are \$30 each.

Thank you to sponsors PerdueBrandonFiederCollins&Mott, Texas Rangers Foundation and Peyco Southwest Realty for your generosity.

“The future depends on what we do in the present.”

MAHATMA GANDHI

Grant Support

The AISD Education Foundation's mission is to fulfill extraordinary needs and initiatives for each of our 63,000 AISD students.

We encourage you to join the AISD Education Foundation Board of Directors in making an investment in the Foundation's programs. By providing opportunities and additional resources for students and staff, you will be helping to educate the workforce of tomorrow.

Please send your gift today.

CLASSROOM PROJECT GRANTS.

TWENTY \$1,000 GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS IN SEPTEMBER 2009. EVERY ARLINGTON ISD TEACHER IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. CHECK WWW.ARLINGTONEF.ORG FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION AND DEADLINE INFORMATION.



AISD Family Involvement.



Toddler time at AISD Title One Elementary Schools is demonstrated in the photo (left). Each of the 32 Title One schools has a four-week Education Foundation funded program with Suzanne Stevenson and Family Involvement. Parents bring children from infant to three years of age for interacting, reading books, and learning new skills. Based on the lesson from a book, skills like table manners, and print awareness (how to use a book) are taught. All families at the school are encouraged to attend. Walk-ins are welcome!