



LA MESA ARTS FOUNDATION

Dear Families,

La Mesa Arts Foundation (LMAF) was established to support the Arts Programs at La Mesa Arts Academy. LMAAC receives no additional funding from the School District to support our arts programs. The Foundation is **essential** to bridge the financial gap so we can provide quality arts instructions in a variety of classes. The Arts Programs at LMAAC are entirely funded by the Foundation.

During the last five years, the foundation has supported La Mesa Arts Academy in a multitude of ways including but not limited to:

- Supporting the development and implementation of the culinary program
- Costumes for show choirs and theater groups
- Instrument purchases and repairs, and purchases of copyrighted music for our music programs
- Construction of two dance rooms, a keyboard lab, and a media classroom
- Upgraded lighting and sound for both our auditorium and amphitheater
- Arms Wide Open Theatre Production to provide a theatre experience for our students with special needs.
- Program specialists such as choreographers and production teams
- Professional development days for teachers for interdisciplinary collaborations between academics and arts programs.
- Upgrading the auditorium with paint and new black out curtains

Running a visual and performing arts school is expensive. Quality takes time and money. The Arts Program at LMAAC costs approximately \$150,000 per year to operate, or approximately \$120 per student per school year. Compared to private arts classes, this is a bargain! We encourage our families to match this amount in a one-time donation or a \$12 per monthly sustaining donation. Every donation made to La Mesa Arts Foundation is tax deductible, **AND every penny you donate goes directly to support the program and our students!**

La Mesa Arts Academy is dependent on the support of families and community members such as you to continue this incredible program. If you love what we do; if you love your child having this opportunity to participate in a truly well-rounded education of rigorous academics with an arts emphasis every day. If you agree with our mission to 'teach character and leadership THROUGH the arts', then we ask you to please consider donating to keep our program going. You will not find more grateful recipients of your generosity.

Thank you, in advance, for your support. Please visit our website to donate on-line or to set up a monthly sustaining donation at lmartsfoundation.org.

With gratitude,

Danni Womack
President, La Mesa Arts Foundation