



The Rhoades Foundation

Fall Orientation
August 31, 2010



Rhoades Foundation Overview

- The Rhoades Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to the enhancement of educational opportunities for children attending The Rhoades School.

Foundation Fund Raising

- Foundation raises funds from:
 - Membership fees
 - Fundraiser products such as Rhoades Apparel, Greeting Cards, Pumpkins, Craft & Bake Sale, Strawberries, Escrip, Legacy Tiles, etc.
 - Fundraiser events such as Wine Tasting, Restaurant nights, Rainbow of Prizes and Annual Spring Auction Event
 - Generous member donations

Foundation Fund Uses

- Foundation uses funds for:
 - Community Building Events such as Rhoades family picnic, hospitality tea, Grandparents and Special Friends Day, book fair, teacher appreciation, Olympic Day, school directory, FLAMES, morning greeters, hot lunch, etc.
 - Classroom Enhancements such as teacher wish list items, K-5 class plays, science lab equipment, etc
 - Capital Expenses such as new technology (computers, smart boards, mobile resource center), enhanced facilities (midi lab, art studio, outdoor classroom)
 - Tuition Assistance for qualified families based on financial need

Foundation Communication

- Communication to membership
 - High priority
 - Foundation uses many methods to communicate including monthly newsletter, emails, community boards, website (<http://www.rhoadesfoundation.org/>), Tuesday folder flyers, room parents, Grandparents Liaison Committee, Board meeting minutes, Annual Report, etc.
 - Board members are always available for direct emails or conversations about the Foundation. All contact information is on the website and in the directory.

Foundation Organization

- Board of Directors elected annually (June)
- 3 – 5 voting board members including:
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation on website www.rhoadesfoundation.org
- Foundation is a completely separate legal entity from The Rhoades School

Board Meetings

- Meetings occur roughly monthly
- Agenda and minutes in office and on website
- Any member may submit an agenda item and come to discuss at the meeting
- Decisions made by 3 - 5 voting members by majority rules

Volunteers

- Our most important resource is the time, talent, heart & soul generously donated by our dedicated volunteers
- PLEASE get involved in any activities you are interested in by contacting a Board member or a chair person
- All current activities and chair people are listed on the web site OR propose your own “pet project” to the board!

How to Get Involved?

- Membership sign-up
www.rhoadesfoundation.org
- Attend a Foundation event such as the Rhoades Family Picnic
- Volunteer for a foundation event or ongoing program all listed on the website
- Escrip sign-up www.escrip.com

Membership

- **Please Join the Rhoades Foundation Today!**
 - The Foundation spends an average of \$200 to \$500 per student each year
 - Membership fee plus annual fundraising makes many wonderful things possible for your children!
 - The foundation has a great year planned ahead.
- **Membership Levels:**
 - Basic membership: \$50
 - Bachelor's membership: \$100-\$249
 - Master's membership: \$250-\$499
 - PhD membership: \$500+
- Any amount you can give is greatly appreciated!
- www.rhoadesfoundation.org