

Music & Drama

LASF is committed to music education. At the elementary level, LASF's commitment is evidenced by the funding of programs designed to enrich and benefit the young student. These include a partnership with the Lafayette School District to provide **credentialed choral music teachers**, extensive **music aide** time made available for young instrumental musicians, and the **California Symphony** program.



Support of music and drama continues at the middle-school level. Stanley enjoys not only a strong **Musician-in-Residence Program** but guest performances as well. **Wildcats On Stage** has grown to include more students than ever in its yearly performances.

At Acalanes, LASF continues its commitment to the arts. **Musicians-in-Residence, music accompanists,**

and designers and choreographers for drama enhance the program and offer students unique and unforgettable experiences. This year LASF will provide funds to purchase **instruments for daily use in the classroom.**

Technology

The **Technology Program** is designed to help K-8 teachers learn to better



integrate computer technology and software into their classroom teaching. The program is partially funded by LASF.

Allocation Grants

In addition to supporting ongoing programs, LASF provides funds for innovative and imaginative programs in the Lafayette schools through our Allocation Grant Program. **This year, LASF awarded 16 grants throughout the six schools we serve.**

LASF Needs You!

Become more informed and involved at your child's school. LASF rep positions are an excellent opportunity to help decide how funds are spent and interact at school with teachers, students and other parents. There are many ways to help. For more information about ways to represent LASF or to volunteer, please contact us at **299-1644** or **office@lasf.org**.



Lafayette Arts & Science Foundation
There for every child.

Providing programs in **Science, Art, Math, Music and Drama, Humanities and Technology**

Program Overview: 2005/06

The Lafayette Arts & Science Foundation is a private, nonprofit educational foundation run by volunteers to benefit the children attending Burton Valley, Happy Valley, Lafayette and Springhill Elementary Schools, Stanley Middle School and Acalanes High School. Our mission: **to support and enrich the education of every child in the Lafayette public schools through a broad community-based effort.**

The 2005/06 school year marks the 25th anniversary of LASF. Since 1980, LASF has been providing core academic programs and educational enrichment to Lafayette students in partnership with our schools and our community.

Since LASF's humble beginnings, it has raised more than \$9 million to benefit our community's students and schools. Thanks in part to the Foundation's continuing support, Lafayette public schools today remain among the highest-ranked in California.

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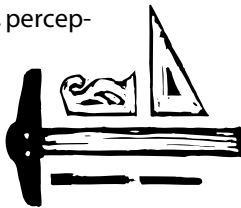
The Lafayette Arts & Science Foundation is an integral part of your child's education.

LASF operates as a program-driven organization that delivers proven, ongoing curriculum enhancement; those **programs described here will directly benefit your children during the 2005/06 school year.** And as ongoing uncertainties in public funding continue to affect our schools, LASF continues to work closely with the two school districts we serve to help fill needs wherever possible.

LASF continues to grow and fund programs thanks to the strong support provided by the parents of Lafayette's public school students and the Lafayette community as a whole.

Art

LASF's art program offers students the opportunity to **understand, interpret and appreciate the visual arts and to discover their creative potential through hands-on art projects.** Our program's emphasis is on exploration and manipulation of art materials, along with an exposure to a new visual language, perceptions, materials and the world of art and artists. Each year, students view and discuss various works of art from different periods and cultures.



Beginning in Kindergarten, LASF offers students an art education that includes **art appreciation** and an understanding of the elements of art as **artistic tools.** **Students learn various techniques** while being encouraged to explore their own creativity. Plus, every year LASF parent volunteers organize and produce an Art Fair at each elementary school. Works by each student are featured at this outstanding display.

At Stanley, students learn to look upon **art as the reflection of the cultural ideas of the time** and to recognize the influence of these ideas upon an artist and his or her works. Areas studied include **Cave Art, Indian Mono Prints, Egyptian Mummy Cases, Chinese Folk Art and Brush Painting, Greek Art Vases,** bookbinding and using an **antique printing press.**

At Acalanes, LASF provides funding for **art, photography, video production and industrial technology classes** through equipment purchases, special projects and for the **Artist-In-Residence** program. This year LASF is helping to convert an unused classroom into a **modern art studio.**

Science

LASF's science program is a dynamic and imperative component of your child's education. Through high-quality classroom instruction, LASF provides each elementary and middle school class with thought-provoking, hands-on science experiences.

Mini-labs brought into the classroom help young scientists explore science. Unit topics are closely aligned with California State Standards and Benchmarks and cover such topics as **oceanography, science tools, the senses, electricity, biology and chemistry.** Kindergarten classes receive five hours of science instruction, and 1st through 5th grades receive between seven and 16 hours of science (varies by grade level).



Stanley students receive a total of 32 sessions, including classes in **dissection, electricity and biology.**

Each year LASF parent volunteers organize and produce a **Science Fair** at each elementary school and a **Science or Rube Goldberg Fair** at Stanley, providing an always-innovative

and impressive display of student science projects, visits by guest scientists and inspiring science activities.

LASF works with the Acalanes Science Department to review and update equipment and supplies. **Specimens, microscopes, a fiberoptic scope, and equipment and supplies** for Biology, Chemistry and other science classes were purchased with LASF funds. Students continue to monitor a natural ecosystem in their **riparian classroom,** a project funded by LASF.

Humanities

LASF is committed to humanities education in **writing, literature, languages and social studies.** At the elementary level, LASF's instructor program introduces students to a **multicultural experience** as they learn about everything from Chinese New Year and culture to Native Californians to their own ethnic roots. History is showcased in units such as the Gold Rush and Lafayette's own past.

LASF brings **California Poets in the Schools** to all 4th and 10th graders. **Writing for Mastery** programs at both Stanley and Acalanes provide tutorial writing for students. **Foreign**



language tutors offer Stanley and Acalanes foreign-language students the opportunity to interact and communicate with native speakers and immerse themselves in the culture and art of other countries.