



MAKO Educational Foundation Newsletter YEAR-END EDITION

Maximizing **A**cademics **K**nowledge **O**pportunity

President's Message

As we conclude the 2009-2010 academic year, I would like to thank all who have supported the MAKO Educational Foundation this year. For the second year in a row we have exceeded \$100K in donations. While this is something we should all be proud of, there is still so much more we can do for our school. The majority of our funds come from our two fundraising events and the contributions of a select group of benefactors. Membership however continues to fall short of expectations.

This year, only 184 of the 1,200 families at VdM chose to join the Foundation. Increasing participation and contribution levels is the key to the future success of the Foundation and the key to our ability to continue to fund important programs at VdM. If you were a member last year, I encourage to renew your membership and to take advantage of our monthly payment program to increase your contribution level. I also encourage you to recruit your friends and neighbors to join as well. Here is an example of the exponential growth we can achieve by increasing membership levels:

Current Membership - 20% of Families
184 Families x \$154 average donation = \$28,301
Double Membership/Double Contribution
368 Families x \$308 average donation = \$113,344
\$25/month per family

\$25 a month is a small price to pay considering the level of education VdM offers. If we can grow membership to this level (only 30% of families), we're looking at approaching \$200k in donations. At that level, the types of programs and technology improvements we can fund will have a tremendous impact on your child's education and put VdM on par with the best schools in California.

The final question I have to ask is how much is your child's education worth to you. You do not get this year back, make it the best today and do not look back and wish you did more. Tell all your friends, family and neighbors to visit www.makofoundation.org to make your contribution today.

GRANTS

We now have a grant writer on the Board dedicated to finding grants. If any parents work for a company that will accept grants, please contact Patty Murphey at pdmurphey@aol.com.

Membership

THE FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT NOW. THE NEW COMPUTER LABS AND ELMO PROJECTORS ARE PART OF A 4 YEAR LEASE ONLY SO THAT OUR KIDS CAN HAVE IT TODAY. THEY ARE PART OF OUR 4 YEAR PLAN. I AM ASKING YOU AND 3 OF YOUR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, OR GRANDPARENTS TO DONATE TODAY AT www.makofoundation.org.

Many of you have already demonstrated your commitment to enriching your child's education by joining the MAKO Foundation, but there is more that you can do. I challenge each of you to encourage your friends, family members and neighbors to join the MAKO Foundation and support our efforts to keep District budget cuts from reaching our children's classrooms. Visit our website to see how the funds raised by the MAKO Foundation are being utilized here at Vista del Mar. Host a neighborhood event for your friends and neighbors, and we will be happy to join you and explain more about the MAKO Foundation's mission and goals for 2010 and beyond at Vista del Mar. We look forward to the coming year with excitement, as we partner with you to make a difference in your child's education. Thank you for all of your support!

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"FUND THE FUTURE" 2010 AND BEYOND

The MAKO Foundation's mission is to raise funds through donations for the benefit of educational enrichment while supporting and promoting the education of the students of Vista del Mar Elementary and Middle School. Without MAKO Foundation funding, essential programs would be greatly reduced or eliminated. Below is a preview of some of the key "FUND THE FUTURE" programs for the 2010-2011 school year.

Middle School Elementary School Elementary School

"STATE OF THE ART" COMPUTER LAB- \$60,000

Our teachers see classroom and Computer Lab technology as the number one priority for VDM. Our seven year old Computer Lab is in dire need of being revamped. Funds will be used to purchase 36 new computers, and supporting software. Existing computers will be used to set up a second lab for the middle school.

MYACCESS- \$5,500

MYACCESS is an on-line, writing tool provided originally to all GATE students but now available to ALL middle school students used to provide immediate feedback on student's writing on a daily basis. Funding is needed to continue this program in 2010/2011.

STUDENT RESPONSE SYSTEM-\$2,800 per class

The Student Response Systems are hand-held devices that allow immediate student feedback to teacher questions. Teachers can view the students' answers to see if they understand the material being taught. Student Response Systems give teachers a highly effective tool to maintain optimum levels of engagement. Students are continually contributing to the lesson, collaborating in their responses, and using higher order thinking skills. We currently have 2 classroom units; funding would provide additional classrooms with the same technology.

TECHNOLOGY approx. \$60,000

Our teachers see classroom and Computer Lab technology as the number one priority for VDM. Funding for technology would include ELMO's for each classroom (a device allows our teachers to project directly from their computers to the classroom screens), new computer hardware/software, and comprehensive technology curriculum for K-5 (from basictyping to multi-media presentations.)

INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS (1 per grade level) - \$75,000

Trained individuals assigned at each grade level to assist teachers with classroom instruction. Under the guidance of teachers, assistants will help improve our children's daily education.

SOIREE ON THE HIGH SEAS

Many thanks to all for the successful Soiree on the High Seas spring fundraiser, raising nearly \$40,000 to help fund part of the Fund the Future and Beyond campaign!

Summer Camp Directory

Emerald Cove Day Camp/Ron Eckert	949-361-3077	www.emeraldcovedaycamp.com
Bella Colina Kidz Academy	949-498-6604	
VR Green Farms Cooking Camp	949-697-0032	www.vrgreenfarms.com
KIDART Summer Art Camp	949-248-7025	
California Surf Cheer Camp	949-248-7873	www.surfallstars.com
Pacific Coast Academy of Dance	949-361-9277	www.pcadance.com
COLA's Surf Camp	949-547-2088	www.Colassurfcamp.com
San Clemente Youth Football	949-481-7426	www.tritonfootball.com
Aloha Academy Golf at Talega	949-331-2443	www.talegagolfclub.com
JP's Surf Camp	949-547-2088	www.Jpssurfcamp.com
San Clemente Boys' Basketball		mjpopovich@capousd.org
Capo Community Education		http://community-ed-capousd-ca.schoolloop.com/
Ocean Institute of Dana Point	949-496-2274	www.ocean-institute.org
UCI Athletics: Volleyball/Baseball	949-824-9467	www.ucirvinesports.com
CampCo Day Camps		www.campcodaycamps.com
Summer Sole Surf Camp/Chris Barnum	800-522-1352	info@summersolesurfcamp.com
Beach Cities YMCA Camp	949-492-0428	www.ymcaoc.org
Aloha Beach Camp	949-481-7222	www.Alohabeachcamp.net
Triton Youth Girls Lacrosse Camp		www.tritonyouthlax.com

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BENEFACTOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Mogavero Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry Specialists

"Sync Your Smile with Your Lifestyle"

What is it about a stunning smile that captivates us? According to Dr. Frank Mogavero (who has also supported our school all year via the PACE telephone announcements), "A beautiful smile is the result of more than just straight teeth. Many who have had braces in the past have perfectly aligned teeth, but their smile does not portray the full, radiant, star-quality component that attracts us." Dr. Mogavero takes a comprehensive approach to orthodontics, paying great attention to the way in which teeth fit and enhance a patient's face, creating a more harmonious and attractive appearance. A MAKO Benefactor and Vista Del Mar Dad (6th grader), Dr. Mogavero has brought brilliant smiles to South Orange County now for 20 years!

Your Child's Best Smile

A big, beautiful smile lasts a lifetime. Choosing the right orthodontist to capture your child's best smile is an important decision. Not only should a doctor be experienced in proper dental function and aesthetics, but also in **early interceptive orthodontics and facial orthopedics**. Dr. Mogavero's expertise allows him to guide your child's dental and facial growth by closely evaluating changing bone structure to create that "winning smile". The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that a child receive an initial orthodontic evaluation by age 6 or 7, even without a referral from their regular dentist.

A Board Certified orthodontist, Dr. Mogavero offers a combination of education and expertise that puts patients at ease. Dr. Mogavero graduated with honors in both dentistry and engineering from UCLA and completed post-graduate orthodontic specialty-training at Baylor University. He was a clinical professor at USC for more than five years and has served as an expert witness on a variety of orthodontic cases. Dr. Mogavero also co-authored a textbook chapter on surgical orthodontics.

Pediatric Dental Specialist on the Way this Summer!

This summer, Dr. Mogavero and Staff are pleased to welcome experienced Pediatric Dental Specialist Dr. Jason Bishop to their practice! Now you can get your orthodontic and pediatric dentistry needs taken care of under one roof- just down the hall from Seaview Pediatrics!

What About Mom and Dad?

Orthodontics isn't just for kids! Mom and dad can also achieve the smile they've always wanted with Invisalign®, clear braces and other high-tech options. "Beautifully straight teeth boost confidence. It's never too late to have a great looking smile," says Mogavero, "Adults love the clear and invisible alternatives we offer for their treatment!"

Not Your Ordinary Orthodontist's Office

Inspired by the active Orange County lifestyle, Dr. Mogavero created an orthodontic office like no other. Mogavero offers cutting-edge dentistry with state-of-the-art equipment, including free-of-charge, ultra low-radiation digital x-rays in the comfort of a vacation-style atmosphere. Straight from the slopes of Mammoth (complete with real ski-lift chairs, Wii game cave, and complimentary web access!), this unique office features a fun ski/surf/skate interior designed to make every visit an enjoyable experience for adults and children alike!

Kids Say It Best!

"Dear Dr. Mogavero,

You are the best orthodontist ever and have the coolest assistants! It feels good to have my braces off. If I ever need more braces again, I'll definitely come to you!

Love, Sarah Meng"

Dr. Mogavero's office is located at 1031 Avenida Pico, Suite 101, across from Z-Pizza. A complimentary exam can be scheduled by calling the office at 949-373-3737, and exam forms can be submitted electronically on Dr. Mogavero's website, www.SyncYourSmile.com.

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