

Wed, 9/4  
Back-to-School Night

Tues, 9/10, 6:30pm  
1st WAVE Meeting

Wed 9/4- Fri 9/20  
Joy of Giving

Thurs, 9/19  
Menchie's Yogurt  
Fundraiser

Sat, 10/5, 10am-2pm  
Fall Festival

Tues, 10/8, 6:30pm  
2nd WAVE Meeting

Fri, 10/18  
Fall Grant Requests  
Due at 3pm

Tues, 11/12, 6:30pm  
3rd WAVE Meeting &  
Grant Review

Tues, 12/10, 6:30pm  
4th WAVE Meeting and  
Grant Vote

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# VW WAVE Foundation Fall 2019

# NEWSLETTER



## WAVE Foundation President's Message

When we started school at Verdugo Woodlands in Fall 2013, I knew my son was at the best elementary school at GUSD. I started volunteering in his class and got involved in WAVE. After 6 years of being a WAVE member and 3 years of being on the WAVE Board, I could not be more proud to lead such an amazing organization. The families we've met and the relationships we've formed are exactly what makes this a remarkable school.

The WAVE Foundation is the fundraising arm of our wonderful school. In this newsletter, you can get an idea of how our dedicated VW parents can raise over \$100K and make a huge impact at our school. This year, we want you help to raise even more for our kids to benefit from.

So get involved! Come to a meeting, meet other wonderful families, find something you're passionate about and make an impact on our school. I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on Sept. 10th!

Warmly,  
Silviya Karapetian  
President, WAVE Foundation



Silviya, Lorie, and Gabriel

## HOW The Grant Process Works

In the fall and spring of each school year, grant requests are submitted to be reviewed by WAVE members. Grant requests can be submitted by anyone (students, parents, teachers, etc.).

In the WAVE granting sessions, WAVE members who attend two or more meetings prior to the granting session are eligible to vote on the grant requests submitted. This is the fun stuff... the reason why we do what we do at VW!

## Funds Raised 2018-19 School Year

<b>Joy of Giving</b> Funds Spent Directly in Classrooms	\$33,318
<b>Survivor Challenge</b> Funds Intervention Teacher, In-School Art Instructor, Care Counselor, Technology Consultant	\$26,529
<b>Annual Gala, Live &amp; On-line Auction</b> Funds Arts, Educational & Technology Programs	\$24,960
<b>Fund-a-Need at Annual Gala</b> 65" TVs Purchased for Each Classroom	\$10,464
<b>Restaurant Fundraisers, Square 1 Art, Ralphs, Amazon &amp; Box Tops</b>	\$8,104
<b>Total Funds Raised</b> School Year 2018-2019	<b>\$103,377</b>

## Grants Approved in Spring 2019 For School Programs 2019-20

GRANT REQUEST (REQUESTOR)	AMT REQUESTED
Third Grade Recorders (Mrs. Galaz)	\$5,500
Intervention Teacher Funding (Mrs. Park)	\$10,000
Art Supplies for Visual Arts (Arts Committee)	\$4,750
In-School Art Instructor (Arts Committee)	\$8,750
Taiko Drumming (Arts Committee)	\$6,500
In-school Theater Arts (Arts Committee)	\$2,000
Kinetic Sand for TK and K (Mr. Jaffee)	\$400
Care Counselor Funding (Mr. Jaffee)	\$8,800
Headphones for Chromebooks (Mrs. Park)	\$500
Clay and Glazes for First Grade (Mrs. Frink)	\$681
Technology Consultant Funding (Mrs. Brown)	\$2,500
6th Grade Curriculum (Mr. Ouweleen)	\$5,010
Guitar Racks (Mr. Andrews)	\$1,858
<b>TOTAL IN GRANTS APPROVED</b>	<b>\$57,250</b>

## JOIN US!

WAVE Foundation Meetings take place the **2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in room 1220**. There is **free childcare and refreshments**.

Be part of fundraising efforts and decide which grants get approved. If you want to be involved but can't make it to the meeting, email: [wavepresident@gmail.com](mailto:wavepresident@gmail.com) and we can get your help on a worthy project.

## \$ Free Money

Last year, we raised over **\$2300** just by having parents like you:

1

Connect your Ralphs cards to our school



2

Shop on Amazon - smile.amazon.com



3

Send in your Box Tops to school



It costs you nothing to sign up and allows Verdugo Woodlands to get funds from shopping that you're already going to do!



Go to:

[gusd.net/vw/freemoney](http://gusd.net/vw/freemoney)  
to sign up for each!

## 📷 Yearbook

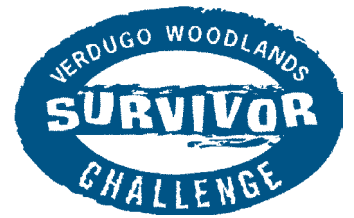
For the first time at VW, we will have an **all-school yearbook** for your child to look through over and over again! Look for more information on how you can purchase a copy for your child soon!

## SURVIVOR Challenge

The Survivor Challenge is one the largest and most popular fundraisers at VW. Think Jog-a-thon but WAY MORE FUN! Students are divided into teams and raise donations from family and friends. Every child at VW participates and gets some super cool swag to represent their teams!

100% of the profits of the Survivor Challenge are used to pay the salaries of our Library Assistant, CARE Counselor and Computer Lab Assistant. These are all CRUCIAL positions at VW that aren't funded by the district.

This year's Survivor Challenge is scheduled for the Friday before Spring Break, March 13th.



## ANNUAL Gala/Auction

Every year, the WAVE Foundation throws a party where parents can have an evening out to enjoy a drink, meet other parents, dance, and just have fun. Every year brings a new and exciting theme, including a tailgate, a speakeasie, a Mardi Gras bingo night and many more!

There is also an EXCITING live auction with a professional auctioneer along with an online auction that helps raise funds for our amazing school. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** for this year's Annual Gala and Auction.



## Joy of Giving

Joy of Giving is an annual fundraiser run by the WAVE Foundation. Teachers create a wish list of items needed in their classrooms and parents can donate items on the list or money to purchase items.

Joy of Giving takes place Sept 4-20 this year and all funds collected will be spent in your child's classroom this year. Parents can learn more at [gusd.net/vw/jog](http://gusd.net/vw/jog) and can send donations to school with their kids or donate via PayPal at: [goo.gl/AsbtEf](https://www.paypal.com/USbtEf)

**Please consider contributing! All donations are tax deductible.**

Contact Pamela, JOG Lead, if you have any questions at: [pamelasimaie@outlook.com](mailto:pamelasimaie@outlook.com)

