

JUNE
2017

SEF

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INTERNATIONAL TEACHING INTERN PROGRAM

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6

End of the Year Party
EHSI 4:30-8:30 pm

June 8

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Have a fun and safe
summer!



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INTERN UPDATE

ADIOS... TE EXTRAÑAREMOS

The 2016-2017 school year has slowly come to an end. The interns had their last Professional Development day during the last week of May and learned some activities to use during the end of the school year when we are all scrambling to finish up curriculum and fit in some fun learning as well. We enjoyed a pot luck style meal together and a time of reflection. We have always started out our PD days with a Morning Meeting, with the different elements lead by the interns. As we were sitting in a circle, participating in the "Compartir" (sharing) part of Morning Meeting, one of the quieter interns said, "Can we all go around and share today?" It was great to see all the interns WANT to share, and to see the deep, powerful things they had experienced and learned throughout this whole year.

We also had a short assembly to say goodbye to the interns. I read 3 clues about each intern, the classes had to listen carefully, and then guess which intern those clues were about. The kids were on fire, and they even guessed which intern it was with only 1 or 2 clues!

While I am sad to say goodbye to this beautiful group of interns, I am so excited for them as they go back to their home countries. I know that what they are bringing back both in themselves and all the learning they have done this year is going to benefit their families, cities, and future students in a big, big way.

Marin Lindberg, *Intern Program Coordinator*

HOST & BUDDY FAMILIES FOR NEXT YEAR

The SEF Intern Program relies completely on the financial and volunteer support of our parent community to continue from year to year. Thank you to all the families who have committed to hosting an intern or being a buddy family for next school year. Your generosity and willingness to open your heart and home to an intern is important to the program and rewarding for you and the interns.

HOST FAMILIES

We are still looking for **a few more Host Families** for next school year. If you are interested in hosting, please fill out the [Host Family Application](#) and return it to Sara and Karl Hemmesch at karlandsara@netzero.net.

If you have questions about hosting, please contact Karl Hemmesch at 612-290-2416.

BUDDY FAMILIES

We need about **8 more Buddy Families** for next school year. Buddy Families support the Host Families by helping with intern transportation, taking interns to dinner or events with their families, and offer an additional support system for the interns.

If you are interested in being a Buddy Family, please fill out the [Buddy Family Application](#) and return it to Kim Pederson at sefbuddyfamily@gmail.com or mail it to the address at the end of the form.

Have questions? Please contact Kim Pederson at sefbuddyfamily@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SEF ROLES

We are excited to have several new committee members for next school year. We are still looking to fill the following roles. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Toni Alcantar at tma@bluedoglaw.com.

COMMUNICATIONS CO-CHAIR

Assist the other Communications Chair to communicate SEF and intern related events, fundraising and other needs to immersion families via emails, back pack flyers and Facebook posts to help support the intern program. Templates and training will be provided and will be able to shadow current Communications Chair for one year. Can divide up duties between chairs. As a standing committee chair, is a voting member of SEF board. Attend monthly SEF board meetings, could alternate attendance with the other chair. Reports to SEF Board of Directors.

ASSISTANT INTERN TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

Assist the Intern Transportation Coordinator by helping interns find transportation throughout the school year for their activities, maintain list of volunteer drivers on transportation website, and help coordinate drivers for intern cultural exchange events with Intern Events Coordinator. Help maintain and update Intern Transportation website. Reports to the Intern Committee Chair.

FUNDRAISING

CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA

Thank You!

The SEF would like to thank all the parents, staff, teachers and interns that attended this year's 12th annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta. It was a fun evening of food, dancing and games celebrating another great year of the International Intern Program and our children's immersion education.

Through the Live Auction, Silent Auction, Cork Pull, Beer Pong Tournament and ticket purchases, **we raised \$9,578**. Although significantly less than raised in past years, it was anticipated since this was our first year without an online auction, intentionally scaling back the event to be more of a celebration.

Thank you again to everyone who attended Cinco to celebrate and support the International Intern Program!

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS CAMPAIGN

August & September

Thank you to all the families who contributed to the SEF Intern Program through the Annual Contributions Campaign this year. Through your generous support, we can provide this unique educational resource to our students and teachers.

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to remind families to mark their calendars for the EHSI Open House on Thursday, August 31. Please plan to make your Annual Contribution of \$150 per child at Open House or online in August or September.

This is the SEF's main source of funding for the Intern Program. Our goal is to raise \$80,000 through Annual Contributions each school year. If the majority of families contribute the recommended amount of \$150 per child, we will reach our goal. If we don't reach our goal, we will have no choice but to begin reducing the number of interns we can invite to our school each year. Your support is vital to the continuation of this important component of our children's immersion education.