

OCTOBER  
2016

SEF

SpanishEducationFund.org  
INTERNATIONAL TEACHING INTERN PROGRAM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1

Maratón de Lectura Begins

October 8

Fun Run, CMS Fields, 10am

October 9

SEF Board Meeting, JJ's  
7-9pm

October 10 & 11

Food for Funds

Noodles & Company, EP  
4-8 pm

October 13

Picture Retake Day

October 13 & 18

Conferences & Book Fair  
4-8pm

October 14

NO SCHOOL

Conferences & Book Fair  
8am-4pm

October 20-21

NO SCHOOL – MEA

October 28

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Kindness Retreat

October 29

Día de los Muertos



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## INTERNS

### FALL INTERN FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 6-8PM | EHSI GYM

Mark your calendar! We hope you can join us on Thursday, November 17 for the fall intern festival. Our interns will create presentations and displays about their home countries of Chile, Colombia, El Salvador and Spain. It is an opportunity for families to learn about their countries, traditions, celebrations, games, dances, and much more.

Right now we are in the planning stages for this event. We will need parent volunteers to help with set up and clean up. If you are interested, please contact Toni Alcantar at [tma@bluedoglaw.com](mailto:tma@bluedoglaw.com).

## FUNDRAISING

### ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS CONTEST

The SEF is having an Annual Contributions Contest for a chance to win a \$100 gift card! All annual contributions made from July 1 – November 17 are entered for a chance to win. If you have already made your contribution, you are automatically entered in the contest.

If you have not made your contribution, make it online, by mail, or in-person at the Fall Intern Festival to be entered. The drawing will take place at the Fall Intern Festival on Thursday, November 17. You do not need to be present to win. Winner will be notified by phone or email.

The suggested contribution is \$150 per student per year, or whatever amount fits your family's budget. Remember... to make contributing even easier, we offer a **monthly contribution option** which allows you to 'set it and forget it.' You can spread out your contribution in monthly payments instead of one lump sum making it easier on your budget. Payments could be as little as \$12.50 per student per month! Learn more about this great, convenient option at [www.spanisheducationfund.org/annual\\_contributions.html](http://www.spanisheducationfund.org/annual_contributions.html).

### FOOD FOR FUNDS

SUPPORT THE SEF THROUGH LOCAL BUSINESSES!

October 10 & 11 | Noodles & Company | 4-8pm

On Monday and Tuesday, October 10 & 11 from 4-8 pm, Noodles & Company in Eden Prairie will donate a percentage of your eat-in or take-out food purchase to the Spanish Education Fund. Families need to present the [flyer](#) to the cashier to show they are supporting the Spanish Education Fund when paying for their food.

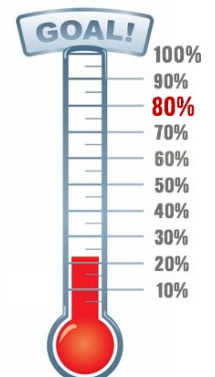
13300 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie | (952) 975-0002

[www.noodle.com](http://www.noodle.com)

### ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

A quick thank you to all of the families who have made their Annual Contribution so far this year. We have received more than double over last year at this point. We have had 22% of families contribute so far, but we still need 58% of families to make their contribution to reach our goal of 80% by November 17. So if you have not yet donated, please consider donating online today.

Percentage of Families who have made their Annual Contribution



## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SEF

WWW.SPANISHEDUCATIONFUND.ORG

Have questions about the SEF or the Intern Program and don't know how to find the answers? Check out our new FAQs page on our website at [www.spanisheducationfund.org/faqs.html](http://www.spanisheducationfund.org/faqs.html). We answer questions about the SEF, intern program, program costs, hosting interns, intern transportation and much more.

While you are at the website, be sure to check out the intern bios, fundraising and volunteering pages. Our website is a wealth of information not just about the SEF and intern program, but upcoming events at EHSI, CMS and EPHS each month right on our home page with links to the PTO, school and district websites, lunch menu, and more. You can also sign up to be on our email/newsletter list using the 'SEF Email Signup' button at the bottom of every page.

And as always, if you still have questions, please contact the SEF at [info@spanisheducationfund.org](mailto:info@spanisheducationfund.org) or contact me directly; Tracy Bredehoft, *Communications Chair*, at [tracybredehoft68@gmail.com](mailto:tracybredehoft68@gmail.com).

## VOLUNTEERING

### INTERN TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS

#### MONTHLY DRIVING SCHEDULE

Last month we talked about intern transportation as the biggest challenge for the interns and the SEF. We outlined the options interns have in finding a ride. This month we are going to explain more about probably the most important, easiest to use, but least supported option the interns have, the Monthly Driving Schedule.

The interns' first step in finding a ride is the Monthly Driving Schedule. Here's how it works... Parent volunteers go to the SEF Intern Transportation Website (<https://sites.google.com/site/sefinterntransportation/home>) and click the link at the top of the page for Monthly Driving Schedule. Here there are instructions on how to add your name to the schedule. There is a calendar for each month of the school year and each month is divided into days/weeks with 3-4 shifts; 9am-1pm (not applicable for school days), 1pm-5pm, 5pm-9pm (two shifts on busy weekend nights). There are approximately 60-70 shifts per month. We ask parents to pick one shift each month so we can fill the calendar with volunteers. If you sign up for a shift, it is important to fill out your contact information on the Volunteer Drivers page so if an intern needs a ride for the shift you are signed up for, they know how to contact you. Most of the time, you won't get asked for a ride except the busy times like weekends and some evenings.

How do the interns use this calendar? When an intern needs a ride, they go to the SEF Intern Transportation Website, go to the Monthly Driving Schedule and see who is signed up for the date and time they need the ride. They contact the person signed up for that shift and give them the details about the ride like the number of people needing a ride, where to pick up/drop off, and a flexible time range if possible.

Here's the problem, if no one is signed up for the shift, their likelihood of finding a ride drops dramatically. They then have to contact all of the drivers on the Volunteer Drivers list with a mass email, and if that doesn't work they ask their Buddy and Host Families, who already do a lot for them.

So if everyone signed up for even just 1 or 2 shifts for the whole year, we could fill all of the slots each month and make finding a ride for the interns a whole lot easier.

Check out all the ways you can be involved in supporting the Intern Program on the SEF Volunteering page at [www.spanisheducationfund.org/volunteering.html](http://www.spanisheducationfund.org/volunteering.html) or contact Toni Alcantar at [tma@bluedoglaw.com](mailto:tma@bluedoglaw.com).