

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11

SEF Board Meeting
JJ's 7-9 pm

September 13 & 15

CMS 7th Grade Curriculum Night
6-8 pm

September 14

EHSI Picture Day

September 16

CMS PTO Meeting
12-1 pm

September 19

EHSI Parent Information
Night/Curriculum Night
5-5:30 pm - Grades K & 1
6-6:30 pm - Grades 2 & 3
7-7:30 pm - Grades 4, 5 & 6

September 20

CMS 8th Grade Curriculum Night
6-8 pm

September 26

EHSI PTO Meeting
Media Center, 6:30 pm

September 26-27

EHSI Instrument Display Night
EHSI Gyms, 4:30-7:30 pm



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INTERN UPDATE

MEET THE 2016-2017 INTERNATIONAL INTERNS

Our interns are here and excited for the first week of school. They have been busy learning about our schools, and you may have met some at Open House last week.

Here are some fun facts about this year's interns...

- 14 interns at EHSI, 1 at CMS and 1 at EPHS
- 7 male interns and 9 female interns
- All full year interns
- 6 from Colombia, 5 from Spain, 4 from El Salvador and 1 from Chile
- Range in age from 21 to 27

To learn more about the interns, visit the [SEF website](#) and read their bios. Their email addresses are on the website as well if you want to invite your student's classroom intern over for dinner or on your next family outing.



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FUNDRAISING

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS CAMPAIGN

Many of you stopped by the SEF table at Open House to make your Annual Contribution or made your contribution online. So far we have raised just over \$24,000, which is well over what we had raised by this time last year and about one quarter of our annual budget. THANK YOU!

If you have not made your Annual Contribution for this school year, it's easy. Go to the [SEF Annual Contributions](#) web page and click the donate button to make your donation online through PayPal.

Want to spread your Annual Contribution out and make monthly payments instead? You can, [click here](#) for step-by-step directions.

We want to remind parents... our goal this year and going forward is to focus our fundraising effort on Annual Contributions to raise the majority of funds needed to support the intern program and reduce the amount of volunteer requests we make of our parents.

Think of it this way - "One and Done." Write one check, make one online payment, or set up monthly payments one time... and you are done!

As part of shifting our fundraising focus, the annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta is being scaled back to be more of an end-of-the-year celebration. It will still have some of its past fundraising elements (live auction, silent auction, games, etc.), but will no longer include the online auction which required large amounts of volunteers and volunteer hours.

We look forward to celebrating with all of you this coming spring at Cinco and thank you for your continued support of this unique educational resource.

VOLUNTEERING

INTERN TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS

Now that the interns are here, they are eager to get out and explore all that the Twin Cities have to offer. In order to be able to do that, they need parents who are willing to volunteer their time to drive them to local destinations. It is a great way to get to know many of the interns. Transportation is often the most challenging part of being an intern, so the more parents who volunteer to drive, the better.

The SEF has set up a separate Intern Transportation google website where parents can volunteer to drive and that interns can use as a tool to find rides. The guidelines on how interns should seek rides are as follows:

- Check the Monthly Driving Schedule to see if anyone is signed up on the day and time they need a ride.
- Ask buddy families.
- Send out an email to the multiple people listed on the Volunteer Drivers list.
- Ask host family.
- Look at using taxis, Uber, buses, etc. or cancel/reschedule plans.

Want to help? You can sign up for a shift each month on a specific day/time slot that fits your schedule and could be available to drive on the [Monthly Driving Schedule](#). If you sign up on the Monthly Driving Schedule, you may or may not be contacted to drive depending on if any interns need rides that day at that time or not. If you sign up for a shift, please add your information to the Volunteer Drivers list so interns know how to contact you if they need a ride.

You can be an 'on call' driver by adding your information to the [Volunteer Drivers](#) list. Interns will contact you and others on the list to see who might be available to drive them. You can respond to the intern yes or no depending on your availability.

To learn more about being a volunteer driver or to sign up, visit the [SEF Intern Transportation](#) website.