

OCTOBER
2019



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10, 11, 15
EHSI Book Fair

October 10, 11, 15
EHSI Conferences
4-8 pm

October 10
EHSI Picture Retake Day
PAL | 9 am-3 pm

October 11
NO SCHOOL
Conferences | 8 am-4 pm

October 17-18
NO SCHOOL – MEA

October 29
EHSI Coffee with the Principal
Lower Library | 10 am
EHSI Evening Chat with the
Principal
Lower Library | 5 pm

November 1
Maraton de Lectura Pledges
Due

November 2
El Dia de los Muertos
EHSI Gym & Cafeteria
12 pm-3 pm



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INTERN UPDATE EHSI FUN RUN!



Last Saturday was the EHSI Fun Run and many families came out to run and meet their intern! The interns got their first taste of cold and wet Minnesota weather, bravely finishing the race with smiles on their faces. Thanks to all of you who came out and had a quick moment to connect with your intern! A special thanks to EHSI gym teacher Craig Schewe for leading the event and everyone who volunteered.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 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 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 the interns while fulfilling a huge need for them.** Transportation is often the most challenging part of being an intern, so the more parents who volunteer to drive, the better.

Options for interns to find rides:

- **Monthly Driving Schedule:** check if anyone is signed up on the day and time they need a ride. ***This is the most important way for parents to volunteer to help.***
- **Buddy Families**
- **Volunteer Drivers List:** Send an email to the people on list asking for a ride.
- **Host Family**
- Consider taxis, Uber/Lyft, Southwest Prime, buses, etc. OR cancel/reschedule plans.

Want to help? You can sign up for a shift each month on the [Monthly Driving Schedule](#) for a specific day/time slot that fits your schedule and you could be available to drive. 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/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 or contact the Intern Transportation Coordinator, Sarah Bailey, at sarahb11278@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING

SAVE THE DATE FOR TEACHER TIME RAFFLE

The always popular Teacher Time Raffle returns **November 11-15**. We have amazing items again this year. Who will win? Winners will be announced at the Fall Intern Festival the evening of November 15. Flyers and more information will be coming home soon.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all the families who have made their Annual Contributions. To date, we have raised \$34,000 for the Intern Program!

It is important to remember that the money raised through the Annual Contributions Campaign this year is for 2020-2021 interns.

If you have not yet made your Annual Contribution, you can donate online at www.spanisheducationfund.org. You can even set up budget friendly monthly payments using the new subscribe button!



EMPLOYER MATCHING

Don't forget... employer matching and workplace-based donation campaigns are another source of funding for the intern program. Many employers will match their employee's donation, doubling the gift. Several families participate in these each year.

To find out if your company matches, contact your human resources department or contact our treasurer, Wayne Bailey at waynerbailey@gmail.com.

If you have already made or are planning to make a matching donation, please send any documentation or instructions from your employer to Wayne. If you don't receive anything from your employer about your matching donation, please send an email to Wayne which includes your name, employer, amount of donation, date of donation, email address, phone number, and student's name, and he will look into it for you.

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Communications Committee Members

The SEF is currently seeking parents to join our Communications Chair. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Toni Alcantar at tma@bluedoglaw.com.

Description: The Communications Committee distributes all information from the SEF to Spanish immersion families regarding the International Teaching Intern Program. Information is distributed via flyers sent home with students, e-blasts, Facebook posts, SEF website and SEF monthly newsletter. Information sent to families includes: upcoming intern and fundraising events, volunteer needs, intern needs and updates. A working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Adobe Acrobat, Facebook and email software (Mail Chimp) is helpful but not required.