

THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF COMMITMENT

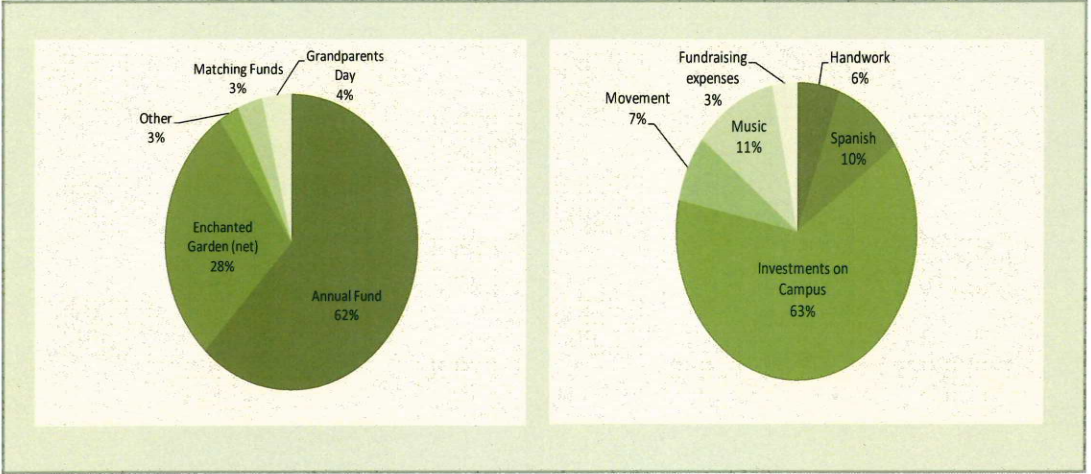
Parents' contributions to the Annual Fund and support for the Enchanted Garden Annual Auction Gala have not only safeguarded and enriched the school's exemplary Specialty Programs- Music, Handwork, Performing Arts, Movement, Organic Gardening & Spanish - but have funded the stunning transformation of the school's campus that began in the summer of 2014.

The benefits to students of a quality, well-rounded education, imparted by exemplary teachers in a beautiful environment cannot be overstated.



SOURCES OF FUNDS

INVESTMENTS



THE CLASS FUND

The Class Fund is an essential catalyst for educational excellence at the Novato Charter School.

It provides precious sensory experiences in the Kindergarten, creating and equipping nurturing spaces of beauty with natural materials, and serving daily nutritious food to the children.

It makes learning come alive in unique and memorable class trips, artfully integrated with main learning blocks:

3rd Grade - Working Farm: Practical Life Block (Organic Farming and Animal Husbandry).

4th Grade - Gold Country: California History.

5th Grade - Yosemite: Botany.

6th Grade - Mt. Lassen Volcanic National Park: Geology.

7th Grade - Oregon Shakespeare Festival: Renaissance Studies.

8th Grade - Open: Learning experiences have included the Catalina Island Environmental Leadership Program, and sailing down the California Coast to learn navigation and study marine biology.

The Class Fund also provides students with every instrument they need for their musical journey across the grades.



5th grade student and chaperone in Yosemite

“A memory I will carry with me for the rest of my life.”

— 8th grader writing about his last class trip

THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COMMITMENT

As the lowest-funded school in the County, the Novato Charter School relies on voluntary contributions from parents to retain and support its amazing Faculty, constantly improve its core educational Programs, safeguard its Specialty Programs, and invest on its campus and buildings.

Were it not for the unwavering commitment and support from parents, the school would have not been able to weather the Great Recession of 2008 and the drastic funding cuts experienced as a result (See Graph).

