

FOG President's Welcome!

The Friends of Gondos (FOG) Board of Directors would like to welcome new and “new” continuing Gondo families to our school community since this may be your child’s first-time attending classes on campus. To the many continuing Gondo families, “Welcome Back” for the 2021 – 2022 school year! This is my second year as the President of FOG. As with many of our students, this will feel like the first year for me since it will be my first time as President on campus.

FOG is a parent organization that is ran under the umbrella of the Gondolier Booster Club. During the these unprecedented times, FOG has been pivotal in continuing to support teachers by fundraising to support school-wide purchases such as: the Turn It In program and 9<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirts; additionally we were able to fund the following school programs: in the ALPS Academy we reimbursed teachers for tech-related expenses; in Media Academy we replaced Digital Stylus pens, wireless dongles, and printers; in the Sports Medicine Academy we paid for a mobile hospital bed and a picnic table for an outdoor work space; in the STEMM Magnet we paid for teacher trainings, classroom clocks, Gel Electrophoresis (I have no idea what it is, but it sounds important), as well as project materials; and in the WLGS Magnet we reimbursed teachers for instructional materials. This year we plan to continue supporting the needs of our school community as well as hopefully, funding field trips. FOG also provides parent volunteers for school events, and we keep Gondo families updated with the most recent school information regarding what is happening on campus at our monthly meetings and via our Sunday newsletter.

This year will continue to bring challenges for parents as we transition from remote learning to in person instruction, while still in a pandemic. I know many parents have elected to continue remote learning through City of Angeles, there are still many of us that have decided to entrust the safety of our children to LAUSD.

If you are interested in being an active participant in FOG you must be a parent or family of member of a current student, an alumnus, or current or former staff member. To become an active member of FOG you must either sign up for the FOG newsletter or attend one of the monthly meetings. We are also looking for two parents from the Academies to fill open board seats. If you are interested send an email to [friendsofgondos@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgondos@gmail.com).

Our FOG/PTSA meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month during the school year, except for January, at 6:30pm. Meetings are normal held in the Cafeteria, however, due to distance learning meetings will be held via Zoom. Links to the meetings will be sent in the FOG newsletter or on our website at <https://www.friendsofgondos.com>. Make sure to sign up for the FOG newsletter if you are not already a subscriber. I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, where you will hear from our new Principal, Ms. Cynthia Headrick, and Lead Teachers.

We will continue to need your support as we learn how to navigate this new normal!

WE are Rowing not Drifting!

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