

REACH Foundation

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Message from the President

Dear REACH Foundation Community,

The holiday season reminds us of the power of community, generosity, and shared purpose. Together, in 2024, we have enriched, inspired, and engaged thousands of students across PYLUSD, and we are profoundly grateful for your unwavering support and dedication to their success. Below are just a few highlights:

- Expanding access to the First Lego League Robotics program, where students explored ocean health and innovation through the "SubMerged" theme. Five of six teams advanced from the Qualifier to the Regional Competition at UCR on Dec. 14th
- The inaugural Madrigal Cross-Country Invitational was a huge success! Together with OCDE, we hosted students from 8 schools, 3 Districts, and over 420 runners on a scenic 2-mile course at Yorba Regional Park.
- Supporting Educator Grants: The Foundation committed \$20,000 to empower educators with innovative ideas.

These accomplishments underscore what we can achieve when we unite around our shared belief in elevating the futures of our students.

Wishing you a holiday season filled with love, laughter, and hope. .

Gisele T. Nguyen,
President

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Spotlight on Success

Amy Madrigal Meet

The Amy Madrigal Middle School Cross Country Invitational happened on November 20th, and was a great success! Nathan Tang helped design the awards and filled roles such as giving reminders and taking pictures.

There were so many great runners, coming from eight different schools from three districts. Nathan's participation was vital to the success of the event!

FLL Success!



This past month, REACH Foundation's six teams competed in the FLL Qualifier Tournament. After a day of impressive competition and stellar performances, five out of six of the teams earned a coveted spot in the upcoming Regional competition. The Robotic Chickens won the first place award for the Innovation Project! The AquaKnots ranked second with the second highest robot score of 280 points. Robotics Chicken followed closely with 255 pts, Golden Cubs (240 pts), F.I.R.E. S.H.A.R.K.S. (175 pts) and Deep Sea Divers (165 pts).

The students are continuing to work hard to prepare for the Regional competition coming up on December 14th.

Behind the Scenes of FTI!



In the planning stage for the upcoming From the Inside event, FTI leadership is curating a group of speakers with diverse experiences in leadership across various sectors as well as working to advertise and finalize logistics. The aim is to explore how effective leadership drives positive change and lasting impact. Panelists will share stories of leadership challenges, successes, and the broader effects of their work on their communities. Our goal is to offer a high school audience actionable insights on how leadership can shape meaningful outcomes in today's world.

Upcoming Events and Programs



FROM THE INSIDE

Our From the Inside Speaker Series 12.0 event will be held on January 10, 2025! With the theme of “Leadership and Impact: Driving Social Change”, the event promises an evening full of positive spirit and unity towards a brighter future. Stay tuned for inspiring stories from our diverse panel of leadership experts, including Amber Raemer, founder of the Autism Collaborative Group, and other amazing speakers. Be prepared to take notes on their speeches and get to know them better with interactive breakout tables. See you on January 10, 2025!

EXPERIENCE YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Experience your environment is an event to expose students and families to environmental issues and the outdoors. This year, we are partnering with Inside the Outdoors to host this event. It will be held at Upper Newport Bay on January 25th for a hike followed by an Orange County wide beach cleanup. The beach cleanup will be open to the general public as it is combined with the MLK day of service event. Afterwards, the trash that is picked up will be weighed and classified.



Volunteer Opportunities



OC RESCUE MISSION TIMES SQUARE IN TUSTIN

Join the OC Rescue Mission team at their annual Times Square in Tustin event on December 31, 2024! You can volunteer to be part of the set up team, childcare activities, dinner servers, or clean up team. The lively event includes dinner, bingo, and karaoke to ring in the new year.



SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Volunteer at Harvest Solutions Farm, Founders Farm, or in the Distribution Center to alleviate food insecurity in Orange County. At the Distribution Center, volunteers process fruits and vegetables to serve. At the farms, volunteers plant, harvest, and weed the fields and the grow boxes.

Get Involved

Stay connected and informed by following us on social media and visiting our website regularly. Here's how you can stay engaged:

- Instagram: @REACH4pylUSD.org
- Facebook: REACH4pylUSD.org
- Website: www.reach4pylUSD.org

We are excited to see what this school year holds and look forward to working together to create meaningful and impactful experiences for our students. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the REACH Foundation.

Warm regards,

The REACH Foundation Team

P.S. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Together, we can make this year extraordinary!



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Our Intern program is a transformative opportunity designed to empower students with real-world experience and leadership skills. The Foundation supports selected highly engaged Interns to foster "innovation, imagination and intrapreneurship."

