



The Vanir Foundation

In Memory of H. Frank Dominguez

Creating Pathways to Success ~ One School at a Time



Vanir Employees Give Back

We are proud that **100% of net proceeds** go directly to the benefit of our partner school students. This year with the support of local businesses, we were able to offer exciting opportunity drawing prizes at Vanir's Annual Meeting & Banquet.

The Disney vacation with hopper passes and a 2-night stay in Big Bear were popular items this year. In addition to a wonderful golf outing, iPad and shopping spree, provided with the support of Vanir Employees, the opportunity drawing was a huge success and raised over \$5,000 for our students.



Families in Schools



Parent engagement plays an important role in the academic success of students. In December, the Vanir Foundation provided food baskets and gift cards to over 200 families in recognition of parent involvement.

While the food basket and gift card program occurs in the Fall, the lasting impact of having parents engaged continues well beyond the holidays. As a result of the Vanir Foundation's parent incentive program, Mother of Sorrows School in Los Angeles and Bret Harte Elementary School in Sacramento, obtained over 85% parental involvement in school activities!

Robots & Legos

The first Robotics team of Laurel Elementary School in Oceanside, has completed building and programming the Mindstorm NXT Lego Robots.

The school will add a second student team that will begin using the Mindstorm NXT kits. Since the first student team has already built the Mindstorm NXT Robots, they will develop leadership skills by assisting the second team with the building of their Robots.

Vanir Ambassadors Luann Salado and Edgar Espinoza are excited to be a part of this program, which is developing the student's 21st century skills!



Science & Math Night

On February 5, Noralto held their first Science/Engineering combined with math activities night. The school event was held in the cafeteria to accommodate the 240 families in attendance! Experiments, games and math puzzles were a few of the activities available to parents and students.

Vanir Ambassadors, Jordi Rodriguez and Jake DePierre, led an engaging and fun activity, which involved students learning about electrical

engineering and making their own electric currents. When reflecting on the Vanir Foundation sponsored event, Principal Bradley Allen stated, "We are extremely thankful for their continued support toward closing and eliminating the achievement gap."

Literacy Awareness



Working to excite students about reading, St. Philomene School in Sacramento invited students to a reading party. Hosted in the school's auditorium, pajama-clad students joined together to listen to teachers, parents and community leaders read some of their favorite stories. Vanir Ambassadors Jake DePierre and Ashley Morris stated "we had a wonderful experience and trip down memory lane," reading from their favorite books.

Reading Day was part of a week-long school program focused on literacy. "We want to celebrate literacy by getting kids excited about reading.

Allowing them to come in their pajamas is just the icing on top for them", stated Principal Michele Hamilton.