

MEADOWS PTA & MBEF

Working Together to Improve Education

QUICK FACTS



MBEF was established in 1983 to improve Manhattan Beach public schools. It pays for teachers and other educators whose positions the state of California does not fund but our parents and educators consider necessary for a quality education.

MBEF currently pays for classroom teachers so our children can enjoy reasonable class sizes, librarians at each of our seven schools, science and reading enrichment, computer teachers, music teachers and assistants, educational advisors, college and career counselors, and health assistants among other programs.

MBEF pays for "people." A record-breaking \$4.1 million was raised for 2009-2010 – saving 84 teacher/staff positions and retaining acceptable class size ratios and many specialists.

**Without MBEF we wouldn't
have the PEOPLE
Meadows' kids need
www.mbef.org**

Approximately 96% of parents join the PTA

Parents volunteer more than 15,000 hours in the classroom and for various programs

PTA pays for "stuff" with ~\$180-200k annual operating budget: classroom and office supplies, computers, science lab, musical instruments, art supplies, campus improvements and more

Meadows PTA conducts both programs and fundraisers. Our programs, like Movie Night and the Halloween Carnival, are intended for enrichment and community building and they're priced to cover their own expenses. Our fundraisers raise money for various classroom activities, equipment and supplies needed throughout the year. Our key fundraisers are Parent Party, Mustang Trot, Scrip and Innisbrook (wrapping paper).

**Without PTA we wouldn't
have the THINGS
Meadows' kids need
www.meadowsschool.org**



MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING 101

MBUSD ranks 5th in the state – most superior districts benefit from additional funding through parcel taxes or other mandatory local revenue.

Our children's top-quality education is not possible without private funding. Districts throughout California – which ranks LAST in per-pupil spending - must supplement their schools with private donations. We can bridge the gap at a fraction of the cost of area private schools and preschools.

MB home values remain very high – in large part because of our superior school district.

Meadows needs BOTH the Education Foundation and PTA to provide a strong education.