



Steele Lane Elementary Foundation

This year, the Steele Lane Foundation has remained deeply committed to enriching the experiences and opportunities for all students at our school. We are proud to share some highlights from the 2024–2025 school year:

- **Community Events:**

In October, we hosted our annual **Harvest Festival**, which featured tea, fruit and vegetable starts, and sunflower starts—all **harvested directly from the Steele Lane Garden**. This event not only brought our community together but also showcased the vibrant work happening in our school garden. Steele Lane is proud to be part of the **School Garden Network** and a regular participant in **Harvest of the Month**, helping our students develop deeper connections to healthy food and sustainability.

December's **Posada** celebrated cultural traditions with food, music, and community, while our recent **Walk-a-Thon** added fun and excitement with a slushie for all students and staff from Kona Ice, color powder and a dunk tank featuring our brave teachers and staff!

- **Upcoming Events:**

On **May 23rd**, we're thrilled to host our **first-ever Career Day**, where students will meet professionals from various fields and be inspired to explore future possibilities. We'll close the year with our lively and much-loved **Field Day on May 29th**.

- **Academic Support and Intervention:**

This year, we made the strategic decision to **fund both an Instructional Aide and an Intervention TOSA**, expanding our capacity for **reading intervention** and providing targeted support to students who need it most.

- **Outdoor Education:**

We continue to prioritize **Outdoor Education and Sixth Grade Camp**, recognizing the immense educational and social-emotional benefits of learning beyond the classroom.

- **Site Planning and Needs Assessment:**

The Foundation remains actively engaged in an **ongoing analysis of our site needs**, ensuring our resources are directed where they will have the greatest impact on student learning and school culture.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we strive to make Steele Lane a place of opportunity, connection, and success for every student.

Ashley Tirado
SLES Foundation Member
Parent of 2nd Grader



Steele Lane Elementary ELAC

As a member of ELAC, I'd like to share that being part of ELAC has given us meaningful opportunities to actively engage in the life of our school and be a voice for our families.

I believe that events like the Harvest Festival and Winter Fiesta have played a key role in bringing our community together by sharing and celebrating cultural traditions. At the Harvest Festival, we were proud to offer tea, fruit and vegetable starts, and sunflower starts—grown right in our own school garden. These events not only create joyful memories for families but also give us a chance to highlight the amazing things happening at Steele Lane. They help us connect with each other, strengthen relationships, and build a safer, more unified community where everyone feels welcome.

In addition to these celebrations, we were fortunate to have Mr. Rafael Vasquez as a guest speaker at the beginning of the year. Mr. Vasquez, who is well known for his dedication and contributions to the community, shared important updates about immigration law changes and offered helpful resources for families navigating these challenges. His presentation was informative and empowering, showing the school's commitment to supporting all families.

Beyond these events, I've seen how ELAC provides a valuable space for parents to learn, share concerns, and contribute ideas that help improve our school. By participating in ELAC, families are not only staying informed but are also becoming active partners in creating a school environment where students can succeed and feel proud of their cultural identities.

Overall, I believe that these events and opportunities help parents feel more connected, involved, and supported—allowing our school community to continue growing stronger, together.

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