

As the school year winds down, the Montgomery Education Foundation (MEF) would like to thank everyone for all of their support in making this a memorable school year. The year started off with a bang in the form of the Big Monty, held in September to celebrate Montgomery High School's 50th anniversary. Another big event sponsored by the MEF was the inaugural Crab Feed held in January. It was well attended and raised money to help support the grants funded by the MEF. Next year's event is already scheduled for January 30, 2010, so save the date! Other events sponsored by the MEF included the Senior Breakfast and Staff Appreciation lunches. In addition, the MEF helped support the Santa Rosa High vs. Montgomery High Blood Drive Competition and Project Grad.

During the 2008/2009 school year, the MEF approved over \$20,000 in grants to support the following Montgomery High School programs: Freedom Writers Project, AVID, Green Building Academy, Industrial Arts, Science, Photography, Performing Arts, "Every 15 Minutes", Technology, STAR testing incentives and for general school supply needs. As even larger budget cuts loom ahead, the MEF's role in providing grants for school programs will become even more critical. We raise our money through fundraisers and donations.

How you can help:

- Attend MEF meetings. Come join us the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Student Services Center to find out more about our organization.
- Participate in or assist with our events held throughout the year.
- Register your Safeway Club Card at www.eScrip.com and select the Montgomery Education Foundation as the beneficiary. It is free and easy. A percentage of each purchase will be donated to the MEF.
- Make purchases at Amazon.com via the MEF website www.montgomeryhigheducationfoundation.org and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the MEF.
- Donate any amount you would like using the MEF website www.montomerhigheducationfoundation.org.
- Become a Founding member of the Montgomery Endowment with a gift of at least \$1,000. To obtain more information, you can either contact Robin Warren at rtwarren@sbcglobal.net or go to the Montgomery High School or MEF websites, and click on the Viking 1000 Endowment Fund.

The MEF is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

If you have any questions, you may contact Priscilla Vivio, MEF President, at pvivio@neteze.com.

Have a safe and fun summer!