




# **Friends of Albert Einstein Academies**

## **Open Board Meeting**

January 30, 2024  
6:30pm

# Thank you for joining us!

Session is being recorded.  If you do not want to be recorded, please turn off your video now.



Please ensure that your microphone is muted.

We have scheduled one hour for this meeting.



Questions/Comments? -



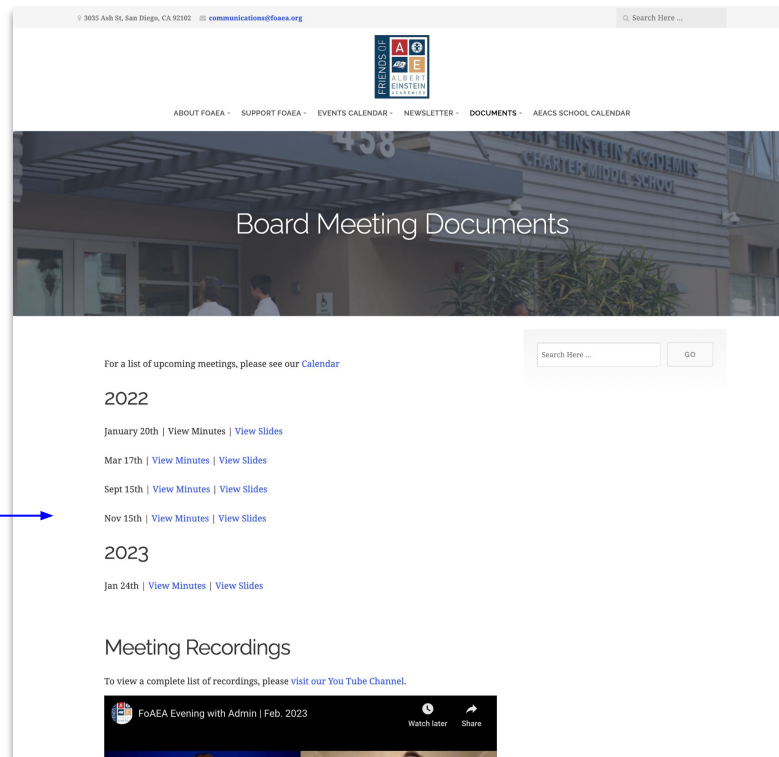
Please feel free to raise your virtual hand, communicate via the chat or wait until the end of the session. We look forward to hearing from you.

# Agenda

- Approval of Minutes
- Welcome and Introductions
- New Initiatives
- Treasurer Update
  - Friendsgiving
  - Staff Grants Program
  - Nov/Dec Income & Expenses
- Events
  - Recap Recent
  - Upcoming
- Family Engagement Opportunities
  - SSC
  - DELAC
- Ways to Support FoAEA
- Stay Connected
- Comments/Questions

# Approval of Meeting Minutes

To see a list of meeting minutes and slides from previous meetings, please visit [foaea.org/board-meetings](https://foaea.org/board-meetings)



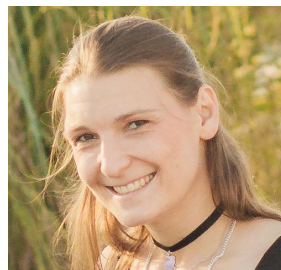
# 2023-24 Board Members



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Jen Frapwell

## ***ES Teacher Rep***

Ms Diane Calhoun

## ***MS Teacher Rep***

Ms Hana Granillo

# New Initiatives

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- Nikolaustüten for both campuses - Dec 6
- German intern host families needed for 2024-2025 school year; for more info please contact [bschafer@aeacs.org](mailto:bschafer@aeacs.org)



## LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES!

We are looking  
for host  
families for  
our interns in  
2024/2025!

AEA relies on host  
families to house the  
interns who add so  
much to our  
community!

Interested in hosting? Reach  
out to Birgit Schafer at:



bschafer@aeacs.org

(619) 795-1190 ext. 2105

Read about our 23/24  
Interns!



### All Of Our Students Benefit!

When hosting a German intern you will create great opportunities not only in our classrooms, in your home as well!

What you provide:

- A private room
- 3 meals per day
- Transportation to and from the host school, occasional rides
- Integration into the family and community

\* host families are not financially compensated for hosting an intern. Interns will pay for all of their own personal expenses.

As an thank you, FoAEA will gift you \$1000 per semester.

## Seeking German Intern Host families

2022-2023 school year = 6 German interns  
2023-2024 school year = 2 German interns

*The 2024-2025 school year only has 1 host  
family signed up.*

AEA needs host families for the  
2024-2025 school year. To  
learn more, please email  
[bschafer@aeacs.org](mailto:bschafer@aeacs.org)

# Fundraising



- Krispy Kreme fundraiser - raised \$473
- Giving Tuesday - raised \$197
- HundredX - give without spending
  - Now until February 6
  - Text SCHOOL to 90412
  - \$1+ for each completed survey



**KRISPY KREME DOZENS TO SUPPORT**  
*Friends of Albert Einstein Academy*



\$18 PER DOZEN



OVER 50%  
DONATED BACK



ENDS November 30.

**Designated Donations**

**Zweckgebundene Spenden**

**Donaciones Designadas**



# Fundraising

Annual Gala - Saturday, April 27th, Salt Drift Pointe

- **Volunteer opportunities**
  - Join the Committee - email Events Coordinator
  - Day-of Event Setup, Registration & Auction - via SignUp Genius closer to date
- **Corporate sponsors** - Requests in Process
- **Silent auction donations** - Requests in Process

# Treasurer Update

# Friendsgiving



This program assists teachers securing additional items they need beyond what is already budgeted to make the school year with their students an educational success.

Friendsgiving projects granted in November and December:

- ES Library bilingual German books ordered from Germany
- Nikolaustüten (bag for Sankt Nikolaus, December 6th, filled with a cookie, a mandarin and a note from Nikolaus) and visit from Nikolaus
- School Site Council (SSC) gift cards for raffle

# Treasurer Update - Nov and Dec

Income = \$12,788

- Dollar A Day: \$3,266
- Community Donations: \$259
- Lanternfest: \$1,669
- Readathon: \$666
- Wintermarkt: \$6,263
- Churro sales: \$665

Expenses = \$34,026

- Friendsgiving: \$1,072
- Staff grant: \$4,159
- Staff appreciation: \$7,045 (PD day, pie day, holiday party)
- Lanternfest: \$2,770
- Book Fair: \$10,030
- Wintermarkt: \$4,436
- Churro sale: \$509
- PE Support: \$227
- Coffee for teachers: \$1,162
- German intern support: \$1,000
- Gala: \$67
- Admin: \$1,549 (insurance/legal fees, board expenses)

# Room Parent Update

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## Room Parent Gift Givers

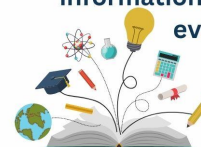
- Funds donated by families for teacher appreciation gifts are being spent on teachers. Holiday and birthday gifts are being purchased based on a favorites list each teacher filled out. Room parents are budgeting for later in the year (STAW & end of year gift).
- Purchases & receipts are being recorded.

## Room Parent Communications

- Continue to check the newsletter!
- Effort to reduce the number of emails to families
- If you are not receiving emails from your room parent, email: [esroomparent@foaea.org](mailto:esroomparent@foaea.org)

## FoAEA Newsletter

Check out the  
FOAEA  
Newsletter for  
up-to-date  
information and  
events



<https://qrco.de/foaeaneews>

# Recent Events Recap

# Wintermarkt

- Held Sunday, Dec 3rd at the MS
- 400+ attended
- 29 vendors (students and local)
- Live music and traditional food



# Recent Events

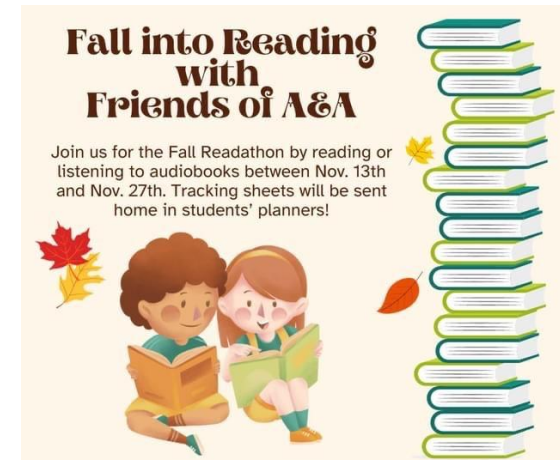
## Churro Sales

- We sold 225 and raised \$156



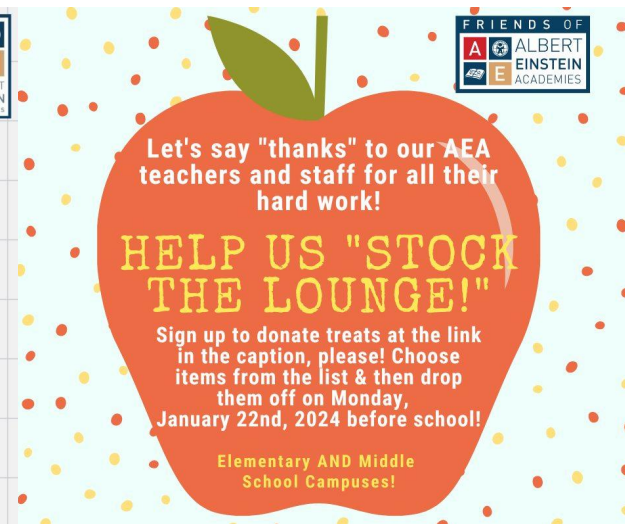
## Read-a-thon

- Raised \$700 for new audio books for the ES library
- Students read more than 136,000 minutes
- Pizza parties for the winners took place on Thursday, Dec 14th



# Recent Events

- Family Skate Night - 75+ people attended
- Uniform Swap - Jan 18th
- Stock the Lounge - Jan 22nd - Thank you for your donation!!



# Upcoming Events

# Newsletter

For a complete list of upcoming events, <https://www.smore.com/12508>

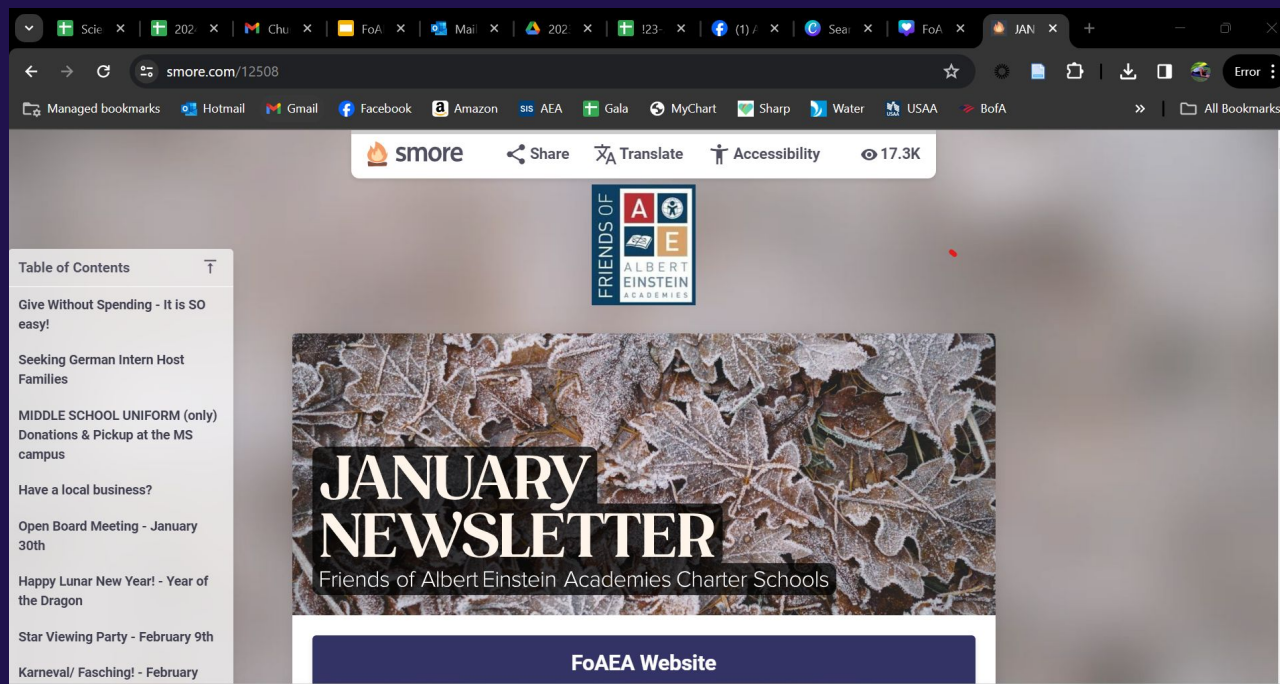


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- Happy Lunar New Year! - Year of the Dragon
- Star Viewing Party - February 9th
- Karneval/ Fasching! - February

**JANUARY NEWSLETTER**  
Friends of Albert Einstein Academies Charter Schools

FoAEA Website



# 100th Day Coin Challenge

- Week of February 5th
- Students can donate 100 coins for Monarch School and their Butterfly Boutique
- Last year we raised over \$4,000!



# Karneval/Fasching & Lunar New Year



**Karneval/Fasching** - a German tradition filled with colorful costumes, lively parades, and, of course, delicious donuts. These special treats, often filled with jam or cream, symbolize indulgence and enjoyment during the festive season.

**For sale \$2 each AFTER SCHOOL on Tuesday, February 13th**



**Lunar New Year** - celebrations include yummy feasts, fun dragon dances, and special red envelopes (hongbao). The red envelopes are like magic wishes for good luck and happiness.

**Free almond cookies will be given after school on Friday, February 9th**

# Star Party

- Friday, Feb 9th, 5-7pm at the MS Basketball courts
- Free event with the San Diego Astronomers Association
- Pizza, snacks and drinks available for purchase
- Weather permitting



# Glow Party

- Saturday, Feb 24th, 3-6pm at the German American Societies in El Cajon.
- Wear white or neon colors
- Volunteer opportunities!  
[volunteer\\_coordinator@foaea.org](mailto:volunteer_coordinator@foaea.org)
- Students \$10/Adults Free

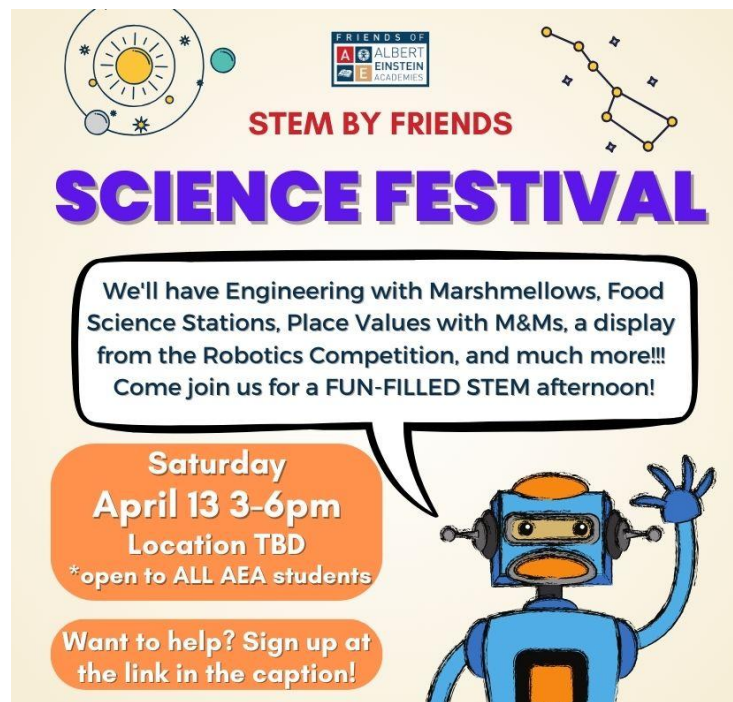


# Rock-n-Runathon

- Wednesday, March 20 at the elementary school
- Fun, music-energized way to celebrate fitness and our school
- Students will run or walk laps with their class while rocking out to music
- Sneakers drive: collection bins will be located outside the school
- Rock N Parents are NEEDED! Questions please email [runathon@foaea.org](mailto:runathon@foaea.org)

# STEM Event

- Saturday, April 13th, 3-6pm
- All students welcome
- Please sign up to be a volunteer!  
[volunteer\\_coordinator@foaea.org](mailto:volunteer_coordinator@foaea.org)

A colorful poster for the "STEM BY FRIENDS SCIENCE FESTIVAL". At the top left is a circular diagram with a sun-like center and planets. At the top right is a constellation-like diagram with stars and connecting lines. The "FRIENDS OF ALBERT EINSTEIN ACADEMIES" logo is in the top center. The text "STEM BY FRIENDS" is in red, and "SCIENCE FESTIVAL" is in large, bold, purple letters. A speech bubble from a blue robot character at the bottom right contains the text: "We'll have Engineering with Marshmallows, Food Science Stations, Place Values with M&Ms, a display from the Robotics Competition, and much more!!! Come join us for a FUN-FILLED STEM afternoon!". Below the speech bubble, an orange box contains the text: "Saturday April 13 3-6pm Location TBD \*open to ALL AEA students". At the bottom left, another orange box says: "Want to help? Sign up at the link in the caption!".

**STEM BY FRIENDS**

## SCIENCE FESTIVAL

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Location TBD**  
\*open to ALL AEA students

Want to help? Sign up at the link in the caption!

# Gala & Auction

- Saturday, April 27th
- Save the Date coming soon
- Interested in becoming a sponsor  
OR donating a good for the auction?  
[fundraising@foaea.org](mailto:fundraising@foaea.org)
- Please sign up to be a volunteer!  
[volunteer\\_coordinator@foaea.org](mailto:volunteer_coordinator@foaea.org)



# Family Engagement Opportunities

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## **School Site Council Meeting**

- Monthly meetings to help guide the school's plan to reduce the achievement gap and ensure all students meet state academic standards
- When: Tuesday, February 6 from 4:30-6:00 pm (dinner and childcare are provided)
  - 4:30-5:00 pm Dinner and Mingling (for those who are interested)
  - 5:00-6:00 pm SSC meeting
- Where: 3035 Ash Street, San Diego, CA 92102 (Elementary School MPR)
  - This meeting will be held in person and will be available via Zoom.

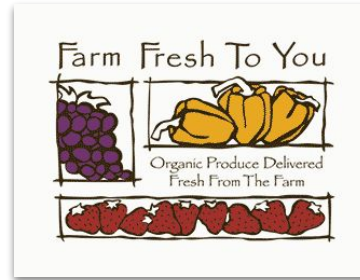
## **District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)**

- Meets 4 times per year to provide guidance on the needs of Multilingual Learners who are learning English; meeting is conducted in Spanish and translated into English.
- When: Tuesday, February 20 from 4:30-6:00 pm (dinner and childcare are provided)
  - 4:30-5:00 pm Dinner and Mingling (for those who are interested)
  - 5:00-6:00 pm DELAC meeting
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# Ways to Support FoAEA

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Donate directly at [foaea.org](https://foaea.org)  
Join our Dollar-A-Day donation program.

No gift is too small or large.

Subscribe to  
**Farm Fresh to You** CSA for your fresh vegetables & eggs.

10% comes back to FoAEA.

Volunteer for various events. Send an email to [volunteer\\_coordinator@foaea.org](mailto:volunteer_coordinator@foaea.org) to learn about volunteer opportunities.

For more information, visit [foaea.org](https://foaea.org)

# Ways to Stay Connected



Visit our website: [foaea.org](https://foaea.org)



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# Comments/Questions

**Thank you!**  
**Dankeschön!**  
**Gracias!**

Our next open board meeting  
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 @ 6:30pm

# Minutes - January 2024 Open Meeting

- Minutes from December meeting were approved
- The FoAEA Board and supporting members were introduced
- New initiatives were introduced and families were encouraged to host interns in the 2024/25 school year
- Results of recent fundraising campaigns were provided, followed by a general financial update about Friendsgiving projects, and Nov/Dec income and expenses
- The room parent update summarized the role of the teacher gift giver and allocation of funds. The newsletter was highlighted as central source of information
- Recap of events from December and January (incl. Wintermarkt, Churro Sales, Read-a-thon, ES Uniform Swap, Stack the teacher lounge, Skatenight)
- Upcoming events were introduced (incl. 100th day Coin Challenge, Karneval/Fasching, Lunar New Year, Star Party, Glow Party, Rock-n-Runathon, Stem Event, Gala)
- Family Engagement Opportunities (SSC meetings, Annual Title I Meeting, DELAC meetings) were discussed and promoted
- Opportunities to support FoAEA through donations and volunteering was shared and encouraged