

Dear Parents, Teachers, Staff & Friends of Mariposa School of Global Education,

CAPTnS has launched an innovative fundraiser, in line with the school's environmental education ethos, that can help us all protect the future for our children while raising significant funding for our school's needs.

If you install solar power through Solar.com (aka, Pick My Solar), an award-winning company in LA's Clean Tech Incubator, the company will donate \$1000 to our school (for each installation, as well as more possibilities listed below for installing battery storage, electric vehicle chargers, and heat pump water heaters). It's a win-win-win for the school, for the planet, and for your utility bills.

The reason why we need to do so is becoming increasingly clear every week. After struggling through the Woolsey Fire and its aftermath and watching so many other cities and communities being impacted by extreme climate-exacerbated wildfires, storms, heat, and, particularly here in Southern California, megadrought, we as a society need to move much more quickly to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Mitigating energy use in our homes through the installation of solar power is one of the most-effective low-hanging fruit ways to do so. Roughly 20% of US energy-related greenhouse gas emissions stem from heating, cooling and powering households.

With all of that in mind, Julie and I installed our solar panels through Solar.com and have been pleased with the cost and ease of installation, the customer service, and the overall outcome.

Solar.com acts as a kind of Travelocity for solar power (and the rest listed below). They help you find the best prices from proven, reputable installation companies they do business with on an ongoing basis, and have a customer service rep who comes with you through the whole process.

If you are in a frequent power-outage zone due to high wind events, like we are, you might consider installing battery storage, so you will be self-sufficient, no matter what So Cal Edison does.

Solar.com will donate to the school:

- \$1000 for the purchase and installation of a solar energy system
- \$250 for the purchase and installation of a battery storage system
- 25% (of the total "take rate") for purchase and installation of an electric vehicle charging station
- 25% (of the total "take rate") for purchase and installation of a heat pump water heater.

When CAPTnS and I approached the Solar.com folks about setting up a fundraiser, they thought it was an excellent idea and model that could possibly be used elsewhere. So we are blazing an important trail for other schools.

If you have any questions or would like to chat about our experiences, I'm happy to do so. A text message is the best way to get my attention: (310) 770-4217.

All the best,

Andy Shrader

(Cora and Henry's dad)