

FES PTO Fundraisers!

In an effort to not overwhelm parents with year-round fundraising, our parents have opted to have only two major fund raisers annually and supplement our funds generated with our many passive fundraising opportunities. We hold a fun run in the fall semester (Hawk Walk) and a spring semester Auction/Dinner to raise the majority of the funds generated each year. However, these events cannot take place without parent's willingness to volunteer. We can't stress enough the importance of volunteers, or the appreciation that we have for our volunteers at FES. Please review the information about our two major fundraisers as well as the many ways you can help our school through our passive fundraisers!

Our **Hawk Walk** is a fun and exciting day for students and parents alike. The students get to run around a 1 mile track while listening to some kid friendly tunes. The students go out and ask family and friends for a pledge per lap; or they can accept a flat donation. The students receive prizes for the amount of dollars they bring in. In recent years, we have generated anywhere from \$23,000 profit to over \$30,000.00 profit from Hawk Walk. Students bringing in \$500 or more have been able to grab for cash in a money blowing machine as well! The children and teachers love the Hawk Walk as it is truly a time that parents, grandparents and other family members can spend a fun day with their children at school.

Hawk Walk is a great way to get involved whether you want to run with your child, pass out water or Popsicle sticks to the students, or serve on a Hawk Walk committee. The bottom line is that if a parent wants to volunteer, there are plenty of ways to do just that during the first semester with Hawk Walk. If you would like to be a part of this fun-filled event, Please contact Jaime Baker, Hawk Walk chairperson, at 266-2580 or Jaime.mk@gmail.com. Our first Hawk Walk meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9th in the cafeteria.

Our Dinner and Auction is held in the spring and is just as exciting as Hawk Walk. In recent years we have generated between \$15,000.00 and \$ 20,000.00+ for FES through this event. We offer good food, live entertainment, and a live and a silent auction. Our themed classroom baskets are always a big hit in the live auction! We have had baskets such as camping, scrap booking, pampering mom, spoiling dad, a cooking basket, a golfing basket and so many more. Additionally, many businesses donate extremely nice items that can be found in both our silent auction and our live auction. We also offer an extremely fun and safe childcare option to school age children to make this event more fun for the parents and the children alike... (sponsored by Fox Insurance for the past two years!) This event cannot take place without volunteers however. If you would like to be a part of this exciting fundraiser, look for our Auction Meeting Flyer to come home sometime in the middle of the year. Additionally, it's never too early to find entertainment for this event. If you know or have a connection please contact Christi Hollingsworth at 799-7722 or 5nfairview@comcast.net!

Passive Fundraisers are another wonderful way to help generate funds for our school! Additionally, our passive fundraising opportunities cost parents nothing! They are simple ways to help our school when you make your purchases at supermarkets or other stores. For more information regarding the many passive fundraisers that you can participate in, please contact Judy Brown at 799-6016 or Mary Bell at 799-2285.