

PTO Welcomes You to the FES 2009-2010 School Year!

Your Guide to Parent Involvement!

The FES PTO formally welcomes you to the new school year of 2009-2010. It is so exciting to see friends reuniting and hear the pitter patter of little feet walking our halls once again. If your child is new to our school, be assured that they are in an exceptional place. FES received all A's in academic achievements on the TCAP State Report Card last year! This report card focused on Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. We are truly blessed with the teachers, staff, and principals that we have. Their care and concern for our children are apparent inside and outside the classroom!

Also, we are very proud to have the strong parent involvement that is shown at Fairview Elementary each and every year! FES parents have consistently shown a sense of unity for the cause of their children's education. In an effort to further enhance their education, we strive to provide our school, teachers, and children additional assistance and resources. Because of this, we have been awarded several consecutive Honorable Mentions, the 2008 Editor's Choice Award, and were a 2009 Finalist for Parent Group of the Year from PTO Today; a nationally recognized Parent Teacher Resource and Magazine. Additionally, we have been asked by many other parent organizations the reason for our success. Our answer is always the same ...***our parents and community***. FES has a long history of success and support. Listed below are some of the ways that parents and community members were able to support FES last year! Please review the many awesome resources provided!

2008-2009 PTO Financials for Fairview Elementary

April 2007 purchases for Fall 2008: **\$17,363.00**

- 7 Projectors
- 3 Smartboards
- Hawk Walk Mascot Costume
- Fall Enrichment Clubs, Tutoring, and Transportation

August 2008- April 2009 purchases: **\$40,084.00**

- Timers for Special Education Classes
- Scales, Tunnel nets, and Climbers for Physical Education
- Spring 2009 Enrichment Clubs, Tutoring, and Transportation
- 24 MP3 players (used with Quantum Learning in the classrooms)
- 6 Elmo Projectors
- 13 Projectors

- 7 Smartboards
- 2 LCD Screen
- Junior Achievements “BIZ TOWN”
- New Two-Way Radios for Faculty
- Sponsored 5th Grade Party (May 2009)
- PTO Computer Supplies

Funds Generated in 2008-2009:

\$43,149.00

- Hawk Walk
- Spring Auction/Dinner
- Winter Breakfast
- Family Fun Nights & concessions
- Passive Fundraising

***These figures are based on individual passive fundraiser report findings and may have a small margin of error from the exact totals held by our treasurer!*

As you can see, our parents and community make a HUGE difference in the school, classroom, and overall educational experience. Not only is it obvious that we have tremendous support, but you can also see that our PTO spends your money wisely in order to provide as many resources as we can for academic excellence and safety in our school. Our greatest goals right now are to get “Smartboards” & projectors in every classroom that needs one, and to continue our FES Enrichment Clubs and Tutoring Program! One thing we take pride in is that we refrain from enlisting our parents and students to “sell” merchandise to generate funds. Instead, we hold two major fundraisers and involve ourselves in many passive fundraising opportunities in order to support the many enhancements provided. Check out our fundraiser page for more information on our fundraisers at FES!

There are many exciting opportunities awaiting you at FES if you would like to be a volunteer. We have so much fun doing what we do, and we make new friends while doing it! The rewards go even deeper than the wonderful resources provided, and that’s why our parents keep coming back asking... “What else can I do?” We wish you and your child a successful year and hope to meet many of you throughout the year as well!

Sincerely,

FES PTO