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The Panther Page

Invest in Your Child

As an adult responsible for the care of their mother, I am very aware of the times and how difficult it is to keep afloat. I also realize that many of our parents have lost jobs and we are all cutting back on our spending. With this in mind, I hesitate to include this column in the newsletter but for those of you who are able to "Invest in Your Child," we need your help.

The PTO budgeted \$25,000 income from Invest in Your Child based on the \$28,000 that was raised last year. The budgeted funds are earmarked for the third mobile lab. With a third lab, each grade level would have access to computers. Mobile labs are even more necessary than before for we have disassembled our computer lab for a regular classroom. Those computers that were in the lab were placed in classroom throughout the school that either did not have computers or had a need for more computers. As you know, no classroom has more than four computers and most classrooms have fewer.

The middle schools that have a computer lab for every team in the school are Sunset, Grassland, and Brentwood. That is the goal of every school and would be ideal.

I am reaching out to say, if at all possible, please make a pledge to Page Middle School. I understand that the pledge that the PTO requested was \$50.00 a family. I would say, it would be most helpful if every family gave what was possible at this time.

The PTO will, of course, accept monies throughout the year, but they do need in the next three weeks to determine a working budget so that adjustments can be made in the original budget.

Your help is needed for Page Middle School and our students.

"Java with Josie"

We will have the next Java with Josie on Thursday, October 8th at 1:00p.m. The topics for discussion are:

Learning Targets – Stephanie Gilbert

Formative and Summative Assessments – Angie Smith, Jennifer Zoky, Jennifer Adkisson

State Standards – Josie Jacobs, Quen Williams, Brian Nelson.

Annual PAC Tailgate Party

We expect you to come out and join us at the annual Page Middle Tailgate Party. The tailgate party will begin at 4:00 p.m. There will be many activities for the students, dinner of hotdogs, hamburgers, or chicken and the big game at 6:00. We play Woodland and we expect to WIN! We are now 5-2 and want to end the season with a 6-2 record.

Tomorrow and Thursday the dinner tickets will be on sale in the cafeteria. If you buy a dinner ticket before the afternoon of the tailgate, the price is \$6.00. This \$6.00 includes admission to the game.

If you purchase your ticket at the tailgate, the tickets are \$7.00.

At 5:30, we will all leave the Page Middle School campus and walk to the high school for the game. If you do not plan to attend the game with your student, please pick them up at the high school by 7:30 p.m. for the students will not be allowed to walk back across the street to the middle school.

We will not be allowing students to stay after school. They will need to go home and come back to the tailgate. We encourage you to make this a



family affair!

Josie

