

Anderson Mill Elementary PTA's 1st Annual No-Fuss Fundraiser

WHAT?

The fall is traditionally when the PTA does its main fundraiser – selling things from a catalog. *With typical fundraisers, we keep 30% - 50% of the money we collect.* Fundraisers can be a distraction to teachers, students, your friends, neighbors, families and co-workers. This year, based on feedback from families, we are trying something different. Other RRISD PTAs have had great success with “no-fuss fundraisers,” and we think it can work for us. This year, we won't be selling anything! Instead, we'll be asking families to simply write a check to the PTA and be done with it.

Our goal is to raise \$6000 with this fall fundraiser, which comes out to about \$14 per student, with 100% participation.

****OUR FUNDRAISER WILL RUN THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th****

WHY?

The PTA uses the money raised by fundraisers to support programs, such as:

- **Field Trips** for each student at Anderson Mill Elementary
- **Scholarships** for “Vintage ‘Dillo’s” graduating from Westwood H.S.
- **Parent Education Programs & Family Nights** at the school
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation** events
- **Campus improvements** (plants, stepping stones, etc.)
- **5th Grade recognition** event
- **Awards**
- **IB Programs**
- Miscellaneous expenses associated with printing, TXPTA, insurance, training, etc.

If we exceed our goal, our PTA will be able to look into offering more benefits to our school, like:

- **Library and classroom books**
- **After-school programs** like year-long clubs and activities
- **Teacher-requested items and tools for classrooms**
- **Curriculum-enrichment programs**

HOW DOES IT WORK?

There is a donation sheet and envelope attached to this packet. Simply **write a check to AMEPTA** or put cash in the envelope along with the donation form **and send it back to school in your child's backpack.** *The amount of your contribution will be kept confidential.* No amount is too big or too small – every penny counts. This year, there is also an option to make a monthly, recurring contribution. All donations are tax deductible. Please ask your employer if they match charitable contributions & include their check.

Write your student's name, the donor's name and his/her teacher's name on the attached handprint(s) and return it/them as well. We will display the handprints in the hallways and in the front of the school.

There will be a contest for the classroom with the most participation (not the most money raised). **The classroom with the highest rate of participation will win a party.** If we meet our overall goal, there will be a surprise that our whole school will enjoy.

Anderson Mill Elementary PTA's No-Fuss Fundraiser Donation Sheet

We hope now that you know more about what our PTA does for our school and how fundraising programs work, you will take action to help us by November 13th. Please consider participating on a level that you feel comfortable with:

____ I only want to get out of a little bit of work. I hope my **\$5.00** helps.

____ Because I don't have the time or energy to rearrange my closets to store all that wrapping paper, I'll donate **\$15.00**.

____ My thighs insist that I give a donation of **\$25.00** rather than subjecting them to selling (and eating) cookie dough.

____ On behalf of my friends, who don't want to have to go into hiding to avoid my sales pitch, I'm donating **\$35.00**.

____ I do not want to risk burning my house down with another scented candle or ask my relatives to do it either. Here is my **\$50.00**.

____ I didn't help last year and I feel very guilty about it. In fact, I don't plan on helping this year either. So here is **\$100.00** to forget my name until 2011.

____ Please accept the enclosed donation of \$_____ with my thanks and appreciation for everything that PTA does for Anderson Mill Elementary teachers and children.

____ I would like to make a **recurring monthly donation of \$_____** during the school year. Please send me reminder envelopes each month on the __ 1st __ 10th __ 20th of the month.

____ I would like a receipt for my records.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We thank you for supporting our PTA.

Child's Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Donor(s) Name(s): _____

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Please return this form, your donation, and a handprint with your name on it in the attached envelope to your child's teacher **by November 13th**.

If you have questions about the fundraiser, please contact the PTA President, Kirstin Seale at 512.657.5878 or amepta.president@gmail.com, or our Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs, Sara O'Donnell and Melinda VanTress.