

Dear Parent,

First of all, let me say: Thank you. Thank you for your tireless support of your child at Fox Road. Through fundraisers, parent-teacher meetings, school clubs, after-school activities, and everything else that happens in the course of a school year, you have shown your commitment to giving your child the best possible education. As we partner with you here at Fox Road for the education of your child, I want you to know, that your commitment does not go unnoticed.

It is partly because of the busy lives we all lead that we are writing. As you know, Fox Road customarily has a fundraiser in the first part of the school year to pay for things that are not fully covered by the school budget: cultural arts, field trips, library books, teacher mini-grants and so on. We also understand that parents are tired of having their kids sell fundraising products door-to-door and have come to question the status quo of such standards as candy fundraisers and car washes.

When discussing several alternative fundraising options during our recent PTA Steering Committee meeting, one person proposed that we simply write to the parents and let them know the amount of our budget shortfall. We could ask each parent to contribute a little bit towards that amount, so that we can continue to offer the wonderful programs and extracurricular activities that will enable Fox Road students to continue to receive the enrichment opportunities.

And that brings me to you.

I wish I could tell you that we are raising money for a new program, or a special event. The reality is that we are raising money to simply continue the great programs we have been able to offer in the past: namely school-wide cultural arts programs, assisting in funding field trips and to offer a few mini-grants for our fantastic teachers. Specifically, this includes having a theatre group present two plays and for a Raleigh Symphony quartet to conduct two concerts in the Spring.

And partly out of consideration for you, one of our esteemed parents, and your valuable time, we have decided to ask if each parent could contribute \$25-\$75 by September 30th to make up for where the state budget has fallen short.

Like I said, we've considered many options, but in the end, we felt that the parents at Fox Road have all

given so much of their time already, the easiest and most convenient way to raise the needed money would be to just lay it at the parents' feet and ask if we can all work together to share this burden.

"Many hands make light work," so the saying goes. If each of the parents in the school can give an extra \$60, we will have enough for all programs and extracurricular activities to carry on through the year.

I want to end this letter by thanking you again. Thank you for taking the time to read it, and whether you are able to give or not, know we deeply appreciate your dedication to your child and our school.

Sincerely,

PTA Steering Committee

P.S. Don't forget, whatever you give towards the school is fully tax-deductible! Please submit in envelope marked **Fox Road PTA**. Families making a donation will have a paw print posted in the hallway as a thank you to your family!

What donation can you make today?

\$75.00

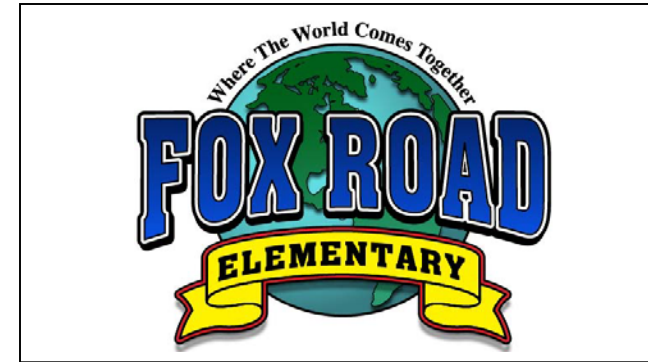
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\$25.00

\$_____ all donations appreciated and put to great use!



Name to post on the Donation Thank You Board – can be in honor of your child, your family, teacher, staff, administration, etc:



PTA Newsletter

September 2009

Welcome to the first edition of the 2009/2010 PTA Newsletter! We are very excited about this fantastic year! This newsletter will provide important updates for membership, events, leadership, volunteerism and communication.

The PTA Steering Committee began meeting last year to develop a plan. Last year the PTA was in a planning hiatus and now we are back and ready to go!

We have bigger than life plans and goals; therefore, we'll need the full Fox Road community to join us in making this year a GREAT year! Or Better!

First, we want to have a record membership year for the PTA. Your membership is how we are accountable to the County and State PTA council. Plus it is how we connect directly to YOU.

Join in September to Receive YOUR



FREE Check-fil-A Chicken Sandwich

as a Thank You for Joining the Fox Road PTA!!!

Membership is \$5 per person or \$10 per couple. For each membership, we send \$3.50 to the State PTA for much of the behind the scenes support we receive as a PTA. Their support, resources, information and help make all the difference. There is no need to recreate the things that exist and are proven. In addition, the PTA provides oversight to make sure all the PTA's are operating appropriately.



Reminder: McTeacher Night, Thursday October 1st.

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Nominations for 2009-2010 PTA Leadership

- President: Janny Flynt
- Treasurer: Lori Brown
- Secretary: Jennifer Stengel
- 1st VP: Courtney Allen
- 2nd VP: Nicole Blake
- 3rd VP: Tammy Hollowell

Committee Chair Appointments:

- Box Tops/Labels for Education: Velinda Prince
- Teacher Representative: Teresa Davis
- Cultural Arts: Yvonne Gayton & Family

Steering Committee Volunteers:

- Amberly Eaton
- Sharon Wood
- Melanie Rhoads
- David Moody
- Nancy Livolti

Membership Vote at Open House Tuesday 9/15.

Save the Date: **October 6th** – General PTA Meeting with special Guest Speaker on **Gang Recognition & Prevention** from Wake County Gang Prevention.

What DOES the PTA do for Fox Road?!?!?!?!?

We are charged with providing support to connect parents and families to the school community. The PTA seeks to increase resources through volunteerism or programs or initiatives that meet the goals of Fox Road and impact all of OUR students.

Some of the ways we have spent actual funds in the past includes:

- Increased Media Supplies – books and resources
- Cultural Arts Programs – performances for all the students during the school day that without support would not be possible to enrich OUR students educations through the arts
- Special purchases for teachers to enrich the education options
- Hospitality and appreciation for all the efforts of teachers and staff.

For this year we are coordinating a visit from a theatre group out of Asheville to perform two productions in October for our students:

- Jack’s Adventure in American History for our 3rd – 5th graders
- The Lady of Bullyburg for our K-2nd graders.

How do we make these contributions?

FALL Fundraising – NOT

For the second year in a row, we are making a strategic decision not to conduct a fall catalog sale of candy/wrapping paper/trinkets. The catalog type of fundraiser is VERY time consuming – collecting orders, processing orders, placing orders, sorting orders, delivering orders and handling all the assorted logistics. We are opting to take advantage of all the no-fuss type fundraisers that we can reach hopefully all of families.

This way, everyone should be able to find at least one way to support our school – whether by shopping at a particular store, turning in box tops or labels, making a donation, participating in a raffle or shopping through an online portal. Review these options, and pick one, two, three or all of them to help us carry on the work of the PTA.

Food Lion

Link YOUR MVP card to benefit Fox Road PTA:



All you do is link your MVP to Fox Road ES. Then a portion of your grocery bill will come to Fox Road PTA! How easy is that?!

Harris Teeter

Together in Education

Relink YOUR VIC Card today!

This must be done EVERY School Year! The reset their database and to have a portion of sales go to Fox Road requires to you designate Fox Road!



TIE 6188 Fox Road Elementary School

** Contest for most linked VIC cards in September ** Lets try to win!!!

Target RED Cards



Check Card; Visa Card.



Connect your RED Card to provide Fox Road with cash donation from Target based on sales. If you don’t have a Target RED Card Credit Card – no problem! You can actually get a special RED Card Debit card that acts just like your visa check card from your bank. Money comes straight from your checking account and the school still receives a portion of the sales. Great option when you don’t want to add another credit card!

Box Tops!



Each box top we submit is worth 10 cents – a dollar for each 10 box tops!! Those dollars really add up. We’ll

accept box tops in a bag or attached to blank sheet of paper or attached to fun contest sheets. Whatever works for you, works for the Fox Road PTA!

box tops marketplace® Shop for everything your child needs this fall at over 100 participating Marketplace stores, all from the convenience of home. Look for special deals and discounts, too! Just shop online as you normally would, get stocked up for school and earn up to **15% cash back for your school** with every qualified purchase you make. It’s that easy.

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Labels for Education



For more than 30 years, *Labels for Education* has been awarding free educational equipment to schools in exchange for proofs of purchase from the Campbell family of brands. It’s a fun, easy program where students, families and members of the community work together for a common goal.

Calling ALL Dads & Father Figures!



Watch D.O.G.S. – Dad’s of Great Students!

Provide positive male model and additional security/safety for the Fox Road!

Volunteer ONE day this school year and be part of the Watch D.O.G.S. initiative – new for 2009/2010.

All men (& their children) are invited to the Watch D.O.G.S. Kick-off Pizza Party – watch for details – will be a Tuesday or Thursday night in October!

Then be on the look out for these special Watch D.O.G.S. at Fox Road – lets see if we can get a volunteer for every day! Wouldn’t that be great?! Questions?

Contact: Mike Flynt at flyntfam@bellsouth.net or call: 919.455.0768.

Events in Planning Stages or on the Calendar:

- PTA Open House
- Internet Safety Night Program
- Go Green Program
- **Reflections** – Theme “Beauty is…”
- Bright Star Theatre – Cultural Arts
- Raleigh Symphony – Cultural Arts
- Scholastic Book Fairs with Media Specialists
- Family Bingo Night
- International Festival with Fox Rd Faculty
- Science Night with Fox Rd Faculty
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Increased Communications
- Watch D.O.G.S.
- And more!

Volunteerism:

All school volunteers must register each year on a school computer (media center; computer lab) – even if you completed a registration last year, you still need to complete one this year, too.

Reminder Checklist

- Register as 2009/2010 Volunteer
- Join the PTA (\$5 each membership)
- Link your MVP card – Food Lion
- Link your VIC card – Harris Teeter
- Link your RED card – Target
- Submit your volunteer interest form
- Submit a donation
- Save the date! Thursday 10/1 McTeacher Night
- Share your ideas! foxroadpta@yahoo.com
- Join the PTA email list!
- Pre-order your 2009/2010 Yearbook (\$15 now; \$20 later)
- Purchase Spiritwear.
- Join Fox Road PTA Group on Facebook

