## FOOTHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL Values Education



AUGUST 18, 2011

DEAR FMS FAMILIES AND FRIENDS:

WELCOME! WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN ARE ENJOYING YOUR SUMMER BREAK AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO BEGINNING THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE FOOTHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL AS OUR COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL, AS IT IS ONE OF THE <u>BEST</u> IN THE WENATCHEE AREA. OUR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, INCREDIBLE PARENT INVOLVEMENT, OUTSTANDING TEACHERS/STAFF, BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS AND ENRICHED PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES ARE SOME OF THE <u>MANY REASONS</u> WHY WE ALL CHOOSE FOOTHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR OUR CHILDREN.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT BUDGET CUTS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE AND HAVE AFFECTED MANY SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THROUGHOUT OUR STATE AND OUR VALLEY. THESE CUTS HAVE AFFECTED BASIC EDUCATION, STAFFING, ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, SPORTS, ENRICHMENT, SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE. QUITE FRANKLY, MANY OF US TAKE THESE EXTREMELY VALUABLE PROGRAMS AND EXTRAS FOR GRANTED UNTIL THEY ARE GONE. IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVELS OF EDUCATION AND ALL OF THESE EXTRAS, MANY SCHOOLS ACROSS THE USA HAVE ADOPTED ANNUAL ENRICHMENT FUND DRIVES WITH GREAT SUCCESS. PARENTS AT SOME OF THESE SCHOOLS ARE PAYING UPWARDS OF \$700.00 PER CHILD IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CURRENT STANDARDS. TODAY'S ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY IS ALL THE MORE REASON TO HELP SECURE OUR SCHOOLS CURRENT ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ENRICHED PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES. SOME SCHOOLS HAVE DONE SO WELL THEY WERE EVEN ABLE TO ADD OTHER NEW PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS SECURE THE ONES THAT WERE AT RISK OF BEING CUT.

Remember, Education is the key to



success!!

FMS IS NOW APPEALING TO OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, BUSINESSES AND OUR COMMUNITY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH THIS FMS PTSA FUNDRAISING DRIVE. TODAY, WE ARE REQUESTING YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW FOOTHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FUND DRIVE. THIS WILL BECOME AN ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE FROM NOW ON.

WE IMPLORE **EVERYONE** TO HELP REACH OUR GOAL OF 100% PARTICIPATION IN THE 2010-2011 ENRICHMENT FUND DRIVE. WE REALIZE HOW BUSY FAMILIES ARE TODAY AND HOW MUCH TIME AND EFFORT GO INTO PARTICIPATING IN MULTIPLE FUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE ENRICHMENT FUND DRIVE IS MUCH LESS WORK, QUICKER AND PROBABLY A LOT LESS MONEY FOR MOST FAMILIES IN THE LONG RUN. IF WE HAVE A SUCCESSFUL ENRICHMENT FUND DRIVE, THEN OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE MINIMAL FUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

We are asking <u>each</u> family to make an annual, tax-deductible donation of \$25.00 per enrolled child.

WITH OVER 600 STUDENTS ENROLLED AT FMS, THAT'S OVER \$15,000 INSTANTLY.

PLEASE KNOW THIS IS <u>ONLY</u> A SUGGESTED AMOUNT AND ANY AMOUNT YOU CAN GIVE IS WELCOME -- BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW THE \$25.00 LEVEL.

PLEASE REMEMBER HOW MUCH YOUR CHILD RECEIVES AT FOOTHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

& HOW MUCH MORE THAT WOULD COST YOU AT A PRIVATE SCHOOL!

PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A FMS VALUE'S EDUCATION WINDOW CLING.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOOTHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FUND DRIVE **TODAY** SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES AND MORE THAT WE HAVE LISTED ABOVE AS WELL AS REACH FUTURE GOALS FOR NEW PROGRAMS AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS. WHETHER YOUR CHILD HAS JUST ENTERED FMS OR WILL BE GRADUATING IN JUNE, FOOTHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOLS CONTINUED SUCCESS DEPENDS ON EVERYONE'S PARTICIPATION. WE WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OR ANY IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN. WE VALUE YOUR OPINION ON HOW THESE FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN THE PTSA AND JOIN US AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS TO DISCUSS SUCH PLANS AND DECISIONS.

## **DOUBLE YOUR FUNDS!**

MANY EMPLOYERS MATCH THEIR EMPLOYEES' CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS. ASK TODAY!! EXTRA PLEDGE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN OFFICE.

WARM REGARDS,

FOOTHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BUSINESSES.

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## FOOTHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

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## 2011-2012 FMS PTSA ENRICHMENT FUND DRIVE PLEDGE FORM

\$25.00 - SPONSOR	\$50.00 - DONOR	\$51.00	0 - \$1,000 - FRIEND
\$1,001 - \$5,000 - BENEFACTOR	\$5,001 or more - PATRON	\$	OTHER AMOUNT
FMS PTSA respectfully requests at least	\$25.00 per enrolled child, however	, any amount	is gratefully accepted.
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Student(s) and Grade(s) Level(s):			
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