



Dear SMS Families,

As our children settle into their new classrooms, new schedules and new routines we are reminded of what a remarkable school **SMS** is. During a time of constant change with a lack of direction from the state, our students are still made to feel welcome, secure and heard. Numerous different levels of knowledge are assessed and recognized. We have extraordinary teachers, a passionate and gifted principal and assistant principal, and exceptionally dedicated families who are committed to education in so many forms.

As a PTA, we want to be able to fund social and emotional wellness events, educational speakers for both students and parents about topics that are relevant in our everchanging world as well as assemblies, grade level events and activities like field day. We are able to help fund language learning libraries and fill teacher grants for specific classroom requests. The PTA spends nearly \$100 per student in SMS. This past year we were able to bring in King Kone's ice cream truck, help send the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Kiwi and re-establish field day due to your help.

We, as a PTA, made the decision to not sell you cookie dough, wrapping paper, coupon books or magazine subscriptions this year. Our fundraising is still impacted by Covid. However, we do still greatly need your support which is why we are writing to ask for a direct donation. In the past, our fundraisers have involved a portion of the money you spent coming back to the students and a portion going to a direct marketing company. However, Direct Donation Dollars go entirely to the school; there's no middle man and no acquisition of a product you may not have wanted all that much!

In short, your donation will go directly to your child and other children in the school. Every dollar we raise goes to programs and opportunities for your kids and my kids. We are asking you to please make a donation to our PTA today. No donation is too small and every amount is appreciated. We thank you in advance.

With sincere thanks,

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P.S. Donate by using the attached form today! You can slip it into your child's folder that can be delivered to our PTA mailbox attn: Direct Donations. **If you prefer to donate online, visit [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) and click on the 'Donate to SMS PTA' button in the school store.**

### **Donation Form – SMS PTA**

Please know that any amount is appreciated – the following are just some suggestions.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 - I do not want to bake; here is the money I would have spent on cupcakes and cookies.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 - I do not want to sell cookie dough or wrapping paper to my friends and co-workers; here's what I would have spent on that project.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 – I don't want to participate in any sort of thon – here is the money I would have spent getting ready for a walk, run or swim event.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 – I really don't want to go to any evening events or fancy balls so here is the money I would have spent on a babysitter.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 – I really just want to help the PTA.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ - I am making this donation to express my appreciation for only having to fill out this form and you made me laugh while not requiring me to sell or bake anything.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_