

### Fundraisers

Fundraisers at a private school like First Lutheran are a necessity. The tuition collected each month is used to pay the teachers and staff their salaries, pay utilities and cover other costs as well, that benefit the children's education. The school does not receive funds from anywhere else. The more that is raised from fundraisers, the less our tuition costs need to go up each year to cover the cost of running the school and educating the students.

Therefore, every family at First Lutheran School is expected to help raise a total of \$200, in profits, for the year. The school will set up a number of fundraisers for families to participate in throughout the year to help you reach the \$200 goal. Of course, if a family wants to, they may raise more than the set goal, which will only benefit the school more.

Some families are uncomfortable asking friends and family for support in their child's fundraising efforts and would rather make a cash donation. This too is acceptable.

If the goal has not been met by the last tuition payment, then the balance of that goal will be added on to the final tuition payment for the year.

### Parent Expectations

Parents are our most important partners in a child's education. At First Lutheran we want to help the parents stay in the partnership with the teachers so that the students can have the best chance for success.

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their child's education have better success rates in school. Involvement doesn't mean just on campus. The teachers have various ways of communicating with the parents so that they are informed with what is going on in the classroom, such as weekly newsletters and the school's website. Student planners go home nightly to be signed by a parent which will highlight the homework for the day (1st-6th grades). There is also a weekly school newsletter "Knightly Report" that highlights school events and a calendar.

It is expected that each parent stays in communication with their child's teacher and keeps updated on how their child is progressing in the classroom by reading the newsletters, talking to their child about what is going on in the classroom, helping them with their homework, attending parent teacher conferences and informing the teacher of anything that may be a concern of the parent.

Another involvement that First Lutheran expects of its families is participation in scheduled events throughout the year. Participating in the scheduled events can come in many forms; from setting or cleaning up, running the event, or just attending and building relationships with the other parents and students.

Parents are required to put in 21 "participation" or volunteer hours a year. It is expected that during each trimester, a minimum of 7 hours be accumulated towards the 21 hours total, by April 20th. At the end of each trimester the balance of the 7 hours will be charged, at \$10 per hour not met, and added to the next months tuition payment.

Parents who do not feel they can participate in this way can write a check for \$210.

It is the responsibility of each parent to fill out a "Parent Participation" form, have it signed by the appropriate staff member, and turn it into the school office no later than the week before the end of each trimester. (Reminders to do so will be announced in the "Knightly Report") The forms can be gotten from any staff member or the school office.

The following are some of the many ways, parents can participate at the school and accumulate hours:

Be a part of the PTL (Parent Teacher League) ~

Serve as a PTL board member, attend PTL meetings, help with PTL functions.

School Relations ~

Work in the library, bake for treat sales, class parties, etc., serve as room parent, chaperon/drive for field trips, lunch aid, serve hot lunch, rotate the wood chips, work fundraisers, jog-a-thon, coach a team sport, set up Accelerated Reader, sew/make costumes, paint, attend work parties, set up classrooms before the school year starts, collate papers for teachers, copy papers, donate copy paper, assist teachers with their requests....

I have read and understand the information regarding Fundraisers and Parent Expectations.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

Parent/guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_