



July 1, 2016

Dear Sope Creek Families,

We hope this letter finds you enjoying a wonderful summer. Chances are you're already putting together an expanding checklist for the upcoming school year. As you do so, we hope you will add a line item for the **Sope Creek Elementary School Foundation**.

For the second year in a row, the Foundation will be raising funds through the **"Check It Off"** campaign. As you may recall, this campaign will provide the bulk of our funding for the school year. Last year, Sope Creek families contributed over \$60,000 in donations to this campaign. These funds allowed the Foundation to purchase items such as new sound system for the cafeteria, targeted professional development training for our faculty and staff, and technology upgrades throughout the classrooms, the Learning Commons, and the STEM Lab. None of this would have been possible without the generous donations of our Sope Creek families to the **"Check It Off"** campaign.

In short, we have simplified and streamlined fundraising. In doing so, we're asking each family to make a **single** donation to the Foundation. That's it!

First and foremost, education is of the highest importance for our children at Sope Creek! We are hoping that you will make an investment in your child's educational future along with payments made to other sports and activities. Our suggestion is \$75 per child but any amount is well appreciated.

Listed below are a few items administration has asked us to consider for the 2016-2017 school year:

- ◆ GoPro/Movie Lab for movie production and editing
- ◆ Schoolwide subscription to Tynker, a coding software for K-5 students
- ◆ Weatherbug, a fully automated Weather Tracking Station with standards-based learning for grades K-5
- ◆ Continued financial support to assist our school in achieving STEM certification
- ◆ Teacher enrichment and technology development

The Sope Creek Foundation will continue to work together with the PTA to support Sope Creek and its programs. Our school greatly benefits from the fundraising efforts of both the Foundation and the PTA. We will continue to organize family-friendly events to enhance the sense of community that we all feel at Sope Creek. However, we intend to raise the majority of our annual funds through the **"Check It Off"** campaign, and hope we can count on your support. For questions about the Foundation, please feel free to contact our Co-Presidents Kristy Flowers and Barbara Malone at sopecreekfoundation@gmail.com.

Warmly,

Kristy Flowers

Barbara Malone

**YES, I want to join the
“Check It Off” Campaign!**

- The Principal's Circle (\$1,000 +) Soaring Eagle Club (\$250)
 Sope Creek Eagle Ally (\$500) Friend of Sope Creek (\$75)

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Child(rens') Name & Grade:

Address:

Preferred Email:

Preferred Phone Number:

- Interested in Corporate Matching?

Name of Company:

- Check here to “opt-out” from having your name listed as on published lists.

Mail your check in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, send through your child's book bag, or pay by credit card by visiting www.pay4schoolstuff.com.

What is the Foundation? The Foundation is a board made up of parents who work to bridge the financial gap between our allotted county funds and PTA raised funds. All funds raised go towards Sope Creek's educational offerings and bring additional resources to all of our students.

How is the Foundation different from the PTA? The PTA implements state and national PTA programs in the school and serves as a conduit between parents and teachers for the benefit of the students. While the PTA also raises funds to support Sope Creek, the Foundation has a more flexible budget which can provide support for large projects that might arise during the school year.

Is my donation tax-deductible? Yes, your donation is tax-deductible if you are writing a check or paying by credit card directly to the Foundation.

Are there incentives to being an Early Bird Donor? YES! When you submit your donation before August 31st, you will have the chance to win **ONE** of the following:

- The highly-coveted **VIP Parking Spot** for the entire 2016-2017 school year
- Two **front row reserved seats**, along with a **reserved parking space** at your child's grade - level performance

Early Bird Donors' names will be placed in a raffle drawing.

**For more information visit
www.sopecreekefoundation.org**

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