

BACK TO SCHOOL DONATION DRIVE 2010-2011

Invest in Your Children - Invest in Thornhill

The Thornhill Parent Faculty Club (PFC) welcomes the new and returning families to the 2010-2011 school year! We are proud of the strong school that we as a community have built – one that fosters social and academic growth – as well as an environment that is fun and enriching for our children. In order to sustain this, we need your help.

The *Back to School Donation Drive* is Thornhill's first major fundraiser of the school year. Since this is a public school, you may expect that your taxes should cover your child's education. The reality is that our school is funded both publicly and privately. Some of the most basic services your child receives at Thornhill would not be possible without your contributions. The PFC's operating budget for school programs is approximately \$184,200; which equates to \$500 per student. Here are some details of where your money goes:

- **Personnel:** 60% of the operating budget is for personnel which covers our librarian, P.E. teacher, a technology assistant, classroom aides and music instructor
- **Art:** \$40 per student is used for art supplies and for field trips related to the arts and visual arts. Thornhill's art instruction is largely provided by a group of dedicated volunteer parents.
- **Teacher and Staff Supplies:** Our wonderful teachers and staff regularly reach into their own pockets to supplement supplies and materials needed to provide an enriching learning experience. The PFC also pitches in with a small fund for each teacher to use at their discretion for classroom needs.

Our annual fundraising activities encompass a wide range of events throughout the school year. You can review a summary of the year's activities on the school's web site and we welcome and encourage your participation. *We would love for each family to make a donation of \$500 per child, for the year, across all of our fundraising events.* We realize that families are able to give at different levels and appreciate donations of time as well as funds. However, to reach our budget needs for the year, it is critical that we raise a minimum of \$500 per student. Last year, just 30% of the families donated to the *Back to School Donation Drive*. This year we strive for 100% participation! Please give as your budget allows. Whether you donate \$10 or \$1,000, we welcome your contribution. Check with your employer to see if they will provide a company match. With everyone's support, our children will have a great year!

Deadline: Friday, October 8, 2010

1. Please fill out the following and return it to school (mail it in or drop it off in the office) OR
2. Donate online at: www.thornhillschool.org and click on "Back to School Donation Drive." The site accepts all major credit cards through PayPal.

Any questions? Please contact Sandy Lowe or Ellen Staples at backtoschool@thornhillschool.org.

Parent Name(s) Phone # Email address

Student Name (s) Teacher Grade

Donation Level Selected:

- \$500 I would like to fulfill my annual commitment with this donation – OR - Please bill me in five installments of \$100 per month for my pledge of \$500.
 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$ _____

Payment is enclosed; write checks to Thornhill PFC and note "BSDD" in the memo

Paid online at www.thornhillschool.org

My employer and/or my spouse's employer will match my gift. *Thornhill PFC Non-profit tax ID #94-2529197*

Firm name: _____

The firm's matching gift form is enclosed will be mailed

For donations of \$100* or more, please indicate:

This book donated by: _____

This book dedicated to: _____

**To thank those donors contributing \$100, we are continuing a tradition of donating a paperback book to the school library in your child's name. For \$250 or more, we will donate a hardback book to the library. Our librarian, Ms. Kay Fitelson, has compiled her wish list of books needed for the library. Your child will have the opportunity to select the book to be donated from her list.*