

## Rippleside Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

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Dear Families and Friends of Students at Rippleside Elementary School,

As everyone knows, we are living in unprecedented times. These last couple of school years have been an incredible challenge for our students. This global pandemic has had an impact in all of the things that we have done in our school and we have had to come up with new and different ways to conduct our business. The needs in our school have not gone away through all of this and we are continuing to be called on to help, which brings us to the purpose of our reaching out to you now.

Fundraising is something we need to address. We are aware of the financial strain that many people are under right now, and our organization is no different. The Rippleside Parent Teacher Organization is funded entirely by donations and funds raised by our members, volunteers and students. Every single school year, we conduct two different, school-wide fundraisers to help fund the things that we do throughout the entire building. During the 2020-2021 school year, we were unable to hold our annual fundraisers and subsequently, our financial status will not hold through the current school year. Traditionally, the PTO pays for activities and supplies such as field trips, specialized school supplies, special equipment for classrooms, resident artists to teach specialized classes and incentives for our students. These happen in our building to enhance education and are looked forward to every year by our students.

In lieu of doing a traditional fundraiser, where we are asking students to sell some sort of goods, we are asking for the family and friends of our students, that are able, to please consider making a donation to the Rippleside Elementary School PTO, in honor of your student. Our goal is to have enough participation to fund our entire school year. It breaks down to \$25 per student. We are asking for those that can, please consider a donation in ANY amount. We are hoping to have enough participation at this time to not have to do another fundraiser this school year. If our entire school reaches the goal of \$12,000 raised, we will have a school wide surprise celebration!

What does this mean for you? Well, it means you are able to support your student and our school with 100% of your donation going toward them! No more buying overpriced merchandise. No more delivering products all over the place. No more begging for sales.

How can I donate? That's the easy part! We have set up a couple of options; you can chose which one is best for you and your family and friends.

- PayPal- You can make a donation to [PTO@isd1.org](mailto:PTO@isd1.org)
- Venmo- You can make a donation to [Rippleside PTO](#)
- Check- You can also send a personal check to school, made out to Rippleside PTO

Thank you for your continued support of your student and the Parent Teacher Organization at Rippleside Elementary School. We are looking forward to the many fun things that are planned for the remainder of this school year.

Sincerely,  
Rippleside PTO