

Dear Parents and Guardians of MPA Students,

As the current school year comes to an end, we need to answer a few important questions regarding the future of the Mounds Park Academy Parents Association.

Firstly, we have to vote on the Board of the Parents' Association. For the 2008-2009 school year, the following parents have been nominated to serve as officers:

Co-Presidents	Lori Tapani and Traci Tapani
Treasurer	Lance Dumond
Vice President of Grants	Mary Indritz

The positions for Secretary, Vice President of Grade Representatives and eComm Coordinator are still unfilled. **Please send an email to current MPAPA President Stacy Suberg (reglawrbr@aol.com) with your vote** on the above listed nominations and any suggestions you may have for the open positions.

Secondly, we are proposing a change in the way our primary fundraiser is to be conducted. This school year has been successful for fundraising, reaching over \$20,000 this year. We have yet to receive the proceeds from the Spring Recycled Treasures Drive and the Spring Plant Sale, but those numbers, as well as an accounting of the entire year, will be detailed in our annual report that will be available in July.

The Parents Association is funded two ways:

Voluntary dues: \$35 paid once a year to cover staff appreciation, school events, grade socials and graduation, and expenses incurred by the PA such as tax returns, copies, mailings.

Fund-raising: Magazine Drive, Book Festival, Plant Sales and Recycled Treasures. 100% of this money goes to the Grant Program established two years ago to fund projects outside of the school's operating budget solely for the enrichment of our students. The Grant Program replaced the Wish List Program. Examples of funding are pond re-nourishment and study program, new chess boards, Debate Team, Lower School music and more.

The Magazine Drive is our largest fundraiser, providing over 75% of all monies we raise. In order to simplify the process of our largest fundraiser, we have decided to further utilize and expand upon the current online sales program. By streamlining the process, we would eliminate the group kick-off and individual prizes for the students. Instead of prizes, we will provide a community building celebration for each division. There will be an additional advantage of providing gift wrap and other gift items to merchandize available through the program. More information will be available on this program in fall.

Thank you for your time. Please feel free to contact any member of the board with additional feedback.