

September, 2011

Dear Fleming Families:

Throughout the year, your Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) supports school-wide initiatives that add value to our school. These efforts can generally be broken down into three categories: events to support students, such as student lunch program relief, the Principal's Discretionary Fund, camp scholarships, the purchase of planners and books, and Chess Club; community building events, such as the Sock Hop and Fleming's Got Talent; and celebrating our staff through efforts such as Teacher Appreciation Week. Last year, Fleming parents, through the auspices of the PTO, contributed over \$2300 to support these efforts. During the 2011-2012 school year, in addition to our regular efforts, Fleming and the PTO anticipate undertaking 2 large projects: the biennial Artist-in-Residence program and the 100th Year Celebration.

The activities mentioned above, and countless others that aren't listed, could not happen without the generous support of families and community members. Traditionally, the PTO has solicited funds through multiple small fundraisers, which count on these groups to purchase merchandise from an outside vendor. While these have been successful and we appreciate the support they have received, many families have told us that, especially in this difficult economy, they are reluctant to purchase things they may not really need, especially since the PTO receives only a portion of the proceeds.

As an alternative, please consider donating directly to the Fleming PTO this year. When you return the attached form with a check today, you can feel great knowing that 100% of your tax deductible donation (a receipt will be provided upon request) goes directly to supporting the efforts that benefit your child's educational experience and the Fleming community. Any amount, large or small, will help the PTO realize its mission.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have ideas about other projects your PTO should focus on, if you would like to become involved in your PTO, or if you have questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact a PTO officer:

Tracey Williams, PTO President at 802.310.5105 (traceywilliamsvt.@hotmail.com)

Sara Chase, PTO Treasurer at 802.288.8051 (schase@chcb.org)

Karyn Roberts, PTO Treasurer at 802.878.6064 (karyn_roberts@myfairpoint.net).

Sincerely,

Tracey Williams – PTO President

YES, I would like to donate to the Fleming PTO to make great things happen for our young learners and the Fleming community! **I understand that 100% of my donation goes directly to support PTO programs and that my donation is tax deductible.**

\$5 \$10 \$15 \$25 \$ 50 \$100 Other _____

No, I do not need a receipt

Yes, please send me a receipt for tax purposes via email to: _____

Please attach a check payable to: Fleming PTO and return to your child's classroom.