

DAP Donation Drive '08/'09

Dear DAP Families,

We're once again kicking off our fall fundraiser for the '08/'09 school year...the DAP Donation Drive. You've asked and we've listened. We're starting the drive earlier this year and running it a bit longer than last year.

Attached you will find 4 copies of our donation drive brochure. It gives a brief description of autism, tells a little about DAP and it's history and how we use our money. It also includes a detachable donation slip. You should give a brochure to friends, family, co-workers or anyone who would normally buy from you in a traditional buy/sell catalog fundraiser. They can give you the completed donation slip and check back directly or they can mail it right to DAP. This way no one is put on the spot and families can avoid the awkwardness that may come if you asked for a cash donation directly.

Please feel free to make as many copies as you like for distribution to friends and family. Please feel free to make as many copies of this brochure as you need. Also, for those who would like to send the donation request to a business or feel a full-color copy would be more appropriate for your purposes, you can obtain one via email from Colleen Grier at jamesgrier@comcast.net. You can also make an online donation at our website by clicking on "Fundraising" at <http://DAP-Families.bravehost.com>

Last year we earned \$9735 during our donation drive. If every family would donate or collect just \$28 from friends and/or family, we could easily shatter that number. We are setting a goal of \$10,000 to fund all of the student and staff events we have planned for this school year including our 30th Anniversary Events and our ever-popular Day of Fun. This is an easily attainable goal if everyone commits to participate.

Remember that the money we earn is used to fund events that benefit ALL staff and students, onsite and off. The PAC donates cash to the Dinner Dance Committee, the high school's field day in June not to mention our movie nights as well as individual classroom and department needs (i.e. New Adult Trikes for Phys. Ed). Staff events include the 3 staff appreciation events where ALL staff members, onsite and off, are honored. So whether your child is in a classroom at Brennen School or at one of our 15+ offsite schools, your money counts for all of our youngsters with autism and the amazing men and women who help them to learn!

To make things more fun, the top earning classrooms during the drive will earn a **PUMP IT UP PARTY!** So start sending the brochures out to Grandma in Florida, Aunt Grace in Ohio and Uncle Henry in Texas. For some families this is the only way they can or know how to give back to their loved one with autism.

The drive will run from today until Monday, October 31, 2008. We thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

The Parent's Advisory Council Executive Board

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