

August 2, 2016

Hello Everyone,

I can't believe how quickly the last two months have flown by. August has always been one of my favorite months and August 2016 promises to be one of the best ever. First, I want to let you know about fundraisers that are new to CNS this month that promise to earn us cash without too much effort on the part of our corporation members.

First for all folks who shop at Kroger and have a Kroger Plus Card you can go into your account and register as wanting Kroger to donate a portion of their profits to Carbondale New School through their community rewards program. Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) and you can enter our program number (10245) or you can enter our name to register. This will work in the same way as AmazonSmile and the Schnucks eScript do and the Target red card used to. Just be sure to register and then use your Kroger Plus Card or phone number associated with your account each time you purchase something. Kroger Plus Cards are free so there is no charge to sign up for an account.

Another new fundraiser we have going on is that we will receive a percentage of the sales at Five Below from August 7 through August 14. Please stop by the school to pick up a voucher to use or use the one attached to the email that was sent out on July 21.

Please remember to save those gently used items you no longer use or want for our yard sale on August 27. This will not only be a great way to earn money for the school, but will be a wonderful way for you to earn service hours and help us build our New School community.

Also, check your email from August 1 from our fundraising director, Melissa Camasta, about our other new fundraiser for Fit and Fresh.

On another fundraising note, although the labels for education program has been discontinued, the company is still honoring labels that are still out there, so you can still turn these in for us to use. Our other tried and true fundraiser, Box Tops for Education, is still up and running so be sure to save those box tops. Many items on the school supply lists have box tops attached. In case you are wondering why we are hitting the fundraising so hard, it's to save you all money on tuition. The more of our financial needs that we can meet with fundraising, the less we need to charge for tuition. We hope to have the color-coded calendar out to you by the end of the month with all the upcoming fundraisers and other CNS community events.

With the beginning of school, you may be feeling like you are getting information overload, but hopefully the emails and newsletters should slow down as the year progresses. Right now with so many new families, we want to make sure that we are communicating information as thoroughly as possible. Please, keep an eye on your inbox for information from your child(ren)'s teacher about upcoming orientations, needed supplies, field trips, and other helpful nuggets of knowledge.

I would like to take a minute to thank everyone who participated in our work days on July 22-23, as well as putting other extra hours throughout the month of July. So much was accomplished inside and out and many areas look like new. If you are interested in earning more service hours, there is another work day scheduled for Saturday, August 6 from 7:00-

11:30 where we will be focusing on deep cleaning the early childhood building. I will be on site, but won't be able to jump in as I usually do after my surgery last Thursday. Anyone who can't come during the work day times, can come and work on outside projects such as weeding at any time or other approved indoor projects whenever the school is open. Current school hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Don't worry, there is still a lot to be done for those of you who have some time before SIU classes reconvene. Remember to log your service hours in the book outside the offices in the main building.

Thank you to the two families who have volunteered to help serve at our ice cream social on August 17 and donate toppings and sprinkles. We still need donations of ice cream in assorted flavors, disposable bowls, and disposable spoons.

I will attach a list of upcoming events to this for you to mark your calendar, but watch for updates as we learn about them and get them out. I am sorry but some of the times were incorrect on last month's list. Please let me know if you have any questions. I hope you have a marvelous beginning to our back-to-school month.

Best wishes,

Carla