



## Cupertino Middle School Parent Teacher Organization

### Monthly Newsletter - December 2023

#### Season's greetings from PTO!

As we approach the end of the year, we want to take a moment to extend warm wishes to all our wonderful families. Happy holidays to each and every one of you! This festive season provides a precious opportunity to step back from our busy lives and cherish the moments spent with family and friends. It's a time to create lasting memories and enjoy the company of those we hold dear. May this holiday season bring you joy, laughter, and the warmth of shared moments. As we reflect on the year, let's embrace the spirit of togetherness and gratitude.

Wishing you all a joyful and restful holiday season!



#### Direct Donations

##### Help to strengthen our school community.

A heartfelt thank you to those who have generously contributed to the CMS PTO – your support is truly making a difference! We are thrilled to share that during Giving Tuesday, we witnessed a remarkable leap towards our fundraising goal. We're now nearly halfway there, closer to realizing the incredible initiatives we have in store for our school and CMS community.

If you haven't had the chance to donate yet, please consider doing so; every contribution, regardless of size, brings us one step closer to achieving our collective vision.

Your continued support ensures we can fund the amazing projects and activities that enhance the educational experience for all. Together, let's make our goals a reality!

[Click here to Donate TODAY.](#)

### E-Waste/ Goodwill Drive

Thank you to all who donated to the E-Waste/ Goodwill Recycling Fundraiser. The CMS fundraiser brought in a total of 6,500 lbs of donations which means CMS will get a check for \$945. Special thanks to the Goodwill Team and Hema Lakhani of Intero for helping organize it. Our next E-Waste event will be in April so please hold on to your e-waste until then.



*Big shout out to our volunteers (not all pictured): Janet Wang, Sharon Francis, Zach and Zoe Varghese, Prachi Padiyar, Alejandra Alliende, Javier and Juan Gonzalez, Hema Lakhani and Gaffney Barnett.*

### Chipotle Fundraiser

Thank you to all who participated in the Chipotle Fundraiser on 12/6. Together we raised an additional \$416 for CMS.

## Events

### Soft Goods Drive for Refugees

Thank you for all your donations to The Refugee Resettlement Village. This Resettlement Village provides services to resettle fully vetted refugees from countries such as Afghanistan, Ukraine, Myanmar, Russia, and more in our community. Over 160 refugees have been helped in the last 11 months. They appreciate your support!



### 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7pm PTO meetings

The CMS PTO Board meets online through Zoom every 2nd Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to join and stay on top of PTO and school updates. Zoom links are shared through the Principal's update the Monday before the meeting.

### Join the CMS PTO Board

We are looking for a 6th or 7th-grade parent to join Denise Twum as **Co-Secretary for CMS-PTO**. The PTO Secretary prepares meeting minutes for our monthly Board meetings and other administrative tasks. Please consider joining if you have a few hours a month to volunteer for PTO! Reach out to Marie and Manuela @ [president@cms-pto.org](mailto:president@cms-pto.org) for more details.

Are you interested in volunteering at PTO events? Email Marie and Manuela @ [president@cms-pto.org](mailto:president@cms-pto.org)

### Stay Connected - Use Konstella

We use [Konstella](#) for PTO communication, connecting with parents, and providing important information about PTO events, our newsletter, access to a directory of students and parents, and other school reminders. Joining is easy and takes less than 5 minutes. Simply use the provided code to enter and select your class (for example: Class of 2024 for our current 8th graders)!

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