

Hi, FAVE Families!

We wanted to take a minute to introduce ourselves and our THIRD annual PTO fundraising initiative. We are Deanna Sutandi (current 3rd and 5th grade parent) and Marissa Schaudies (current 5th grade parent) and we are your PTO co-presidents.

In brief: two years ago we introduced a new "no fuss fundraiser" - where we ask our families to come together and [DONATE](#) (whatever you can - no amount is too small) to support our FAVE PTO. No auction, no FaceBook pages, no selling wrapping paper, no fuss - just asking our FAVE families to chip in and support our PTO. This is our first email this week, we will send reminders Wednesday and Friday and then the fundraiser will conclude.

The extended version if you have the time and are interested in how the PTO works: If you have had a student at FAVE in the past, you may remember the spring Booster Dance-a-Thon. An outside company was contracted to provide a fundraising platform. It encouraged students to set up a page on their website, share via social media, and get pledges to dance during a specified school day. We feel that the success in raising money through that platform is more a testament to the FAVE community than to the organizing company (which also took a significant cut of the proceeds).

That is why we introduced a new Spring Fundraiser - a simple email campaign to our FAVE families. In its inaugural year, we tied it to a specific item (walkie talkies) and last year we transitioned it to support the committees of the PTO. This year we are going BIG: we are hoping to replace the cafeteria's outdated AV equipment AND continue to support our committees.

Our PTO relies completely on donations from our FAVE families and sponsorships from our community business partners (a big shout out to Green Orthodontics, and Kallenberg Intown Real Estate for being our biggest community sponsors, and Pinnacle Signage for being our biggest in-kind sponsor!) in order to accomplish all that we do.

Our biggest fundraisers are Adult Recess, Read-a-thon, and this Spring Fundraiser.

Every dollar goes directly back into FAVE: supporting our teachers, staff and students. Here are some examples:

- Cultural Celebration - the PTO funds various cultural and holiday celebrations and clubs throughout the year. We help celebrate each heritage month through various events and performances, including but not limited to: Hispanic Heritage Tasting, Pride tables, Lunar New

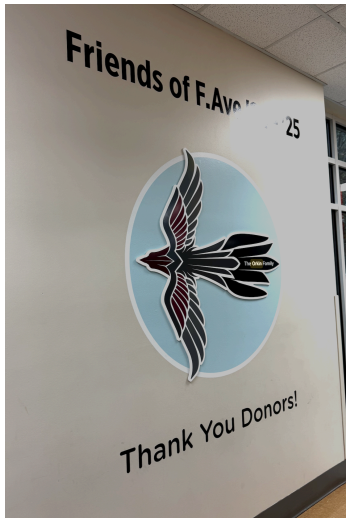
Year celebration, Affinity Clubs and Color and Culture Performances. We also partner with other schools' PTO/As to celebrate holidays such as Eid and Holi. We think it's important that all of our students at FAVE feel appreciated and supported and we are committed to making sure this is actualized.

- Staff Appreciation - We really try to go above and beyond to show our FAVE staff how much we appreciate the vital piece they play. The PTO provides each classroom teacher a stipend in August to help set up their classrooms. We also provide a gift card for every national professional day, each staff birthday, and a gift card to every staff member at both the winter holiday and end of year seasons. The PTO does pop up coffee carts, snack tables and break room re-stocks and provides monthly meeting snacks. We go above and beyond during our staff appreciation week and holiday and end of year celebrations. We also help with logistics, funding teacher needs such as the STEAM program's Ozbots (ask your kiddo!! They will be very quick to tell you how cool these are). In addition we provide dinners any time staff needs to stay late (like Curriculum Night) and stipends for custodial staff who stay late to support our community events. And this is just a snapshot - we try to go big to make sure our staff feels not just supported but celebrated.
- Student and Parent Support - The PTO covers the 5th grade gift and some of the celebratory luncheon fees. We also make sure to cover any unpaid student field trip fees and purchase yearbooks for any student who is not able to order one. We contribute to covering field day costs and library funds. The PTO partners with FAVE to cover the monetary cost of their monthly coffee chats, which help parents better understand their child's education at FAVE.

These are just a few of the ways in which PTO supports FAVE. Honestly, we try to say "yes" to any ask that we can: and that directly ties to your dollar support!!

So if you've made it this far, and are feeling inspired, [HERE](#) is the donation link, again.

In conjunction with our fundraising efforts, our partners at Pinnacle Signage Solutions designed this AMAZING Falcon that is living outside of the cafeteria. It is updated annually over the summer to reflect families who donate at the qualifying levels:



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Large Tailfeather: \$500

Small Tailfeather: \$300

Wing Feather: \$150

If you have any questions - please don't hesitate to contact us. As always, thank you for your support, which does so much to benefit our school and our children.

Deanna Sutandi and Marissa Schaudies

Co-Presidents, F.AVE PTO 2025-2026

