

Sixth Grade Academic Program Donation

September 30, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year in 6th grade, our students participate in activities that are in need of a voluntary contribution of funds. Each activity is described below. **We are requesting a donation of to cover the cost by Friday, October.** Donations to support other students would be greatly appreciated.

Pursuant to Education Code section 35335, all children will be able to participate in a field trip with or without a donation. Children will not be singled out in any way and donations received will not be assigned to the child of the adult making the donation. All donations will go to support the total costs of the field trip and will not be applied to costs associated with your child.

The California Constitution mandates that public education be provided to students free of charge, unless a charge is specifically authorized by law for a particular program or activity. This constitutional right of free access encompasses all educational activities, whether curricular or extracurricular, and regardless of whether credit is awarded for the educational activity. Asking parents or guardians to sign a waiver, for an otherwise mandatory fee, charge or deposit, does not render it constitutionally permissible.

Sixth grade activities are only sustainable through voluntary donations from participating families and other donors. No child will be excluded from an activity due to an inability to contribute; a donation is not required for participation. All donations are non-refundable and are not associated with a particular student.

If we do not receive enough donations, one or more of the activities may need to be canceled.

Description of Activities

1. Tech Museum Field Trip — **\$24.00**

All sixth graders will take a trip to the Tech Museum in San Jose by bus. Students will participate in a scientific lab, see a curriculum-related IMAX movie, and explore the museum.

2. DeAnza College Planetarium — **\$5.00**

Villages will walk over to the Planetarium to a presentation exploring space.

3. Blackberry Farm — **\$2.00**

All 6th graders will walk to an all day end of the year picnic at Blackberry Farm on Wednesday, 6/7. This amount will cover the cost of admission.

4. Web Socials — **\$3.00**

Sixth graders will be able to attend four socials this year, three of which will be after school (9/16, 10/21, 2/10). The Greek Olympics will be held during the school day in the spring. This amount will cover the cost of supplies.

5. Kennedy Planner — \$5.00

The Student Planner is used daily to write down homework assignments. It also contains all the rules and procedures of the school for both students and parents.

If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact one of the sixth grade teachers. Thanks again for your support of your child's educational program at Kennedy.

On behalf of the sixth grade teachers,

Lauren McGrath

(6th Grade Department Co-Chair)

Donation Methods

Preferred payment method is through the Kennedy CEEF Cares website

1. Go to <https://kennedy.ceefcares.org/> and locate the button for **Grade Level Contributions** and click on it.
2. On the next page, please select the **6th Grade** level option from the drop down menu.
3. Please enter your child's name when checking out in the cart to help keep track of the contributions..

Check

If you would prefer to pay by Check, please make the \$60.00 check payable to "**CEEF**" and write "**6th Grade Donation**" in the memo line and have your child deliver it to his/her first period teacher no later than Friday, October 7th.

Also, many companies have programs that match their employee's donations. If you work for a company that may have a donation matching program, please check. [This information is also on the CEEF Cares website at the bottom of the page and you will be able to search for your company.](#)

Please return this bottom portion to the 1st Period teacher and indicate your donation method.

Student Name _____ 1st Period Teacher _____

_____ I have already made the donation via the CEEF website.

_____ I am attaching a donation check.

Parent Signature

Thank You for your generous contributions to the Kennedy Cougars!