

October 30, 2012

Location: Ms. Nancy Library

Meeting started at 6:45pm

SOPA Meeting Notes

Mrs. Mitchell's and Ms. Amber's classes opened the meeting with a performance. Dinner was provided by the Local Peasant, Buttercelli and Domino's Pizza.

Meeting Food/Family Nights

For tonight's meeting, Local Peasant and Buttercelli provided dinner and dessert. Amy encouraged everyone to attend the next family night at Local Peasant on Mon., Nov. 5th as a way to thank them for catering the SOPA meeting for free. Local Peasant will donate 15% – 20% of the proceeds back to the school if you mention you are from SOEC. As a way to thank all the businesses that sponsor the school, we encourage you to visit their establishments and let them know that SOEC thanks them for supporting our children's education. Local Peasant is located at Hazeltine and Ventura across from the rebuilding of Ralph's at 14058 Ventura Blvd.

Innisbrook Update

Adriana Abrego announced that Innisbrook was very successful this year. The fundraiser grossed \$47,000 and the school will earn \$20,000 of that. Items are expected to come in next week. They will be delivered to your child's room for them to bring home.

Halloween Carnival Update

Amy thanked Shannon Komsky and Ronna Elbaz for putting on a great Halloween carnival. Ronna and Shannon then gave an update on the Halloween Carnival after thanking all the hardworking volunteers who helped with the carnival. The carnival was extremely successful this year, both at putting on an amazing evening, but also raising a record-breaking \$31,000.

Laker Ticket Raffle

To encourage families to donate to the annual fund, Andy Berenson raffled off 2 seats in the 100's section of a 2013 Lakers game donated by the Abrego family. The winner was the Chandler family.

Annual Fund

Andy Berenson announced the Annual Fund, our biggest fundraiser for the year, is officially underway. We have raised about \$17,000 so far. Andy encouraged everyone to donate before the Phone-a-thon so that they would not be called the night of. Andy also announced that the Phone-a-thon will be November 7th from 6:30 to 9:00. Andy is providing food and will also provide a script so you know what to say. We need volunteers to help make phone calls and calls will be made on your cell phone. If you are interested in helping with the Phone-a-thon, please contact Andy at andy@shermanoaksparents.com.

Annual Fund Benefits

There are many benefits to giving beyond improving the education your child receives. To receive the benefits below, the donations needs to be submitted by Jan. 31, 2013. The donation levels with benefits are:

- \$100 donation: SOEC car magnet
- \$500 donation: A tile for their family to decorate at a party, which will then go on the Great Wall of Tigers and the SOEC car magnet.
- \$1,000 donation: Two tiles to decorate and the SOEC car magnet
- \$1,500 donation: An elegant dinner and wine pairing party as well as all the previous benefits.

If you work for a company that matches charitable donations, that matching gift will count towards the benefits. So if you donate \$250 and your company matches \$250, your family is entitled to receive a tile on the Great Wall of Tigers. There will be more information distributed in the next few months. If you have questions or to make a pledge, email donate@shermanoaksparents.com.

Display My Art

Ronna discussed the Display My Art fundraiser. In Art Explorers, the students created a drawing of an owl that you can now have placed on the item of your choice, from mugs to bags to notebooks and mouse pads. The children's artwork went home in the children's backpacks last week as a magnet. Just go online and you can order anything you like. You can also use the order form that your child brought home in his/her backpack and turn them into the office. The deadline is November 6th, next Tuesday. Items will arrive before the Christmas break. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Ronna Elbaz at ronna@shermanoaksparents.com.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Don Lukenbill and Andrea Riddell are the co-chairs for this charitable giving event. There are many families at SOEC that are in need and the Thanksgiving Drive is designed to collect food for those families at our school that need extra help for the holiday. Please donate food items associated with Thanksgiving, canned goods, unexpired, no glass. The best items are things like canned green beans, canned yams, and other boxed food items like stuffing. We also need cash donations to help with the purchase of turkeys. For more information or if you would like to help, please contact Don Lukenbill at wordsmith_works@yahoo.com.

Movie Night

As a way of thanking our families for volunteering and giving to our school, SOPA is holding a movie night November 11th. Gates open at 5pm and the movie will start at 5:30pm. Please come and join in the fun. We will have popcorn and drinks for the kids. Bring lawn chairs and blankets, and even a picnic if you like. There will also be food trucks to buy dinner as an option. For more information, or if you would like to help, please contact Amy Cross at amy@shermanoaksparents.com.

Earning for Learning

With the Earning 4 Learning Program, twenty local schools compete for cash prizes between \$100 and \$2500 from the Westfield Fashion Square Mall. Every time you shop at the mall our school can earn points for every dollar spent with lots of additional bonus point opportunities throughout the program period. All you need to do is shop at the Fashion Square Mall from November 1st through April 30th and then log your receipts at the concierge desk. Just tell the concierge you want to log receipts for Sherman Oaks Elementary Charter. **All receipts logged in the month of January receive double points, so please shop now, hold on to your receipts, and log any time in January.** You can also drop your receipts in the Earning 4 Learning box in the front office, and we will log your receipts for you. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope, if you'd like your receipts returned to you.

Last year we came in third place and earned \$1500 for the school. In the past, we have used Earning 4 Learning awards to purchase improvements for our computer lab including: a color laser printer, keyboards and keyboard protectors, wireless networking, headphones, and more. For more information, visit the Earning 4 Learning website at <http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/points/westfieldfashionsquare.htm>. There you can also sign up for Earning 4 Learning and Westfield Mall emails and earn a bonus 1000 points. A flyer will soon be distributed with more information. If you have any questions, please contact Mariana Rodrigues at mariana@shermanoaksparents.com.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm