

SANDBURG FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October 2008

Welcome to another exciting year at Sandburg Elementary School. My name is Rajy Abulhosn, and I am the Sandburg Foundation President. Our Sandburg community is one filled with energetic and enthusiastic families. The Foundation represents one way that those families are able to help our school maintain its level of excellence and high performance. The people that are involved in the Foundation have one thing in common – a desire to help our school and our children. For those of you unfamiliar with the concept of a school-based Foundation, we are a fully non-profit 501(c)(3) entity whose purpose is to enhance and enrich the educational experiences for the children of Sandburg. Funds will be used for additional programs, staffing and equipment/ supplies which will directly benefit the students of Sandburg. In the past 12 months, we have completely renovated the library, purchased 12 computers for our new computer lab, and provided each grade level with \$200 towards the supplies of their choice. In addition, that cool Tiger Mascot you see around campus was purchased via a Foundation fundraiser and donated back to the school. Unfortunately, our road to excellence is a never-ending experience, requiring continued support both financially and in terms of volunteers. Foundation meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 P.M. in our brand new library. As we are still a new and developing Foundation, attracting and retaining parents and volunteers is a very high priority. If you attend one of our meetings and feel as if there is something we could or should do better, please let me know. If you have an idea or something that you think would benefit our Foundation and our school, I am always willing to listen. The Foundation will work hard to support this great school of ours and that is our promise. Feel free to e-mail me at sandburgtigers@yahoo.com. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, and GO TIGERS!

- Rajy Abulhosn

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Get Involved Now!!

Here's how:

- ✓ Contact a board member listed below
- ✓ Go to the Sandburg Foundation website
- ✓ Come to the next Foundation meeting scheduled October 20
- ✓ Donate your time!
- ✓ Donate books, skills, supplies, cash
- ✓ Clip Box Tops
- ✓ Shop eScrip
- ✓ Shop Amazon via the Sandburg Foundation
- ✓ Write a tax-deductible check to Sandburg Elementary School Foundation

Sandburg Foundation - Who We Are

President: Rajy Abulhosn

Treasurer: Angela Halpin

Boardmembers:

Kari Abulhosn
Patricia Beck
Corri Burgess
Laura Edwards
Angela Halpin
Jon Labaw
Janine Miller
Holly Santiago Hilley
Sarah Spear-Barrett

... and YOU !!



Keep your eyes open! Future Foundation newsletters to be distributed via email and the Foundation website.

Go Green!
(and Blue!)

You've Got Mail



LIBRARY UPDATE



Have you seen the library?

If you haven't, take a peek inside and you can see the transformation taking place. There is new paint on the walls and new furniture spread about; there have been some new books added as well as 12 brand new computers (installed with MS Office, Student Version and with internet access) and a new printer. We still have many more books to buy and will soon support a position to assist with literacy programs.

And wait until the students start painting murals on the walls under the direction of Mrs. Jacot!

You won't recognize our library when it's finished. It will be a special place for your children to visit.

Come see for yourselves!

This wouldn't be happening without the support of this community. Together we can make a difference to enrich the education experience for all of our children.

Thank you for your support.

If you have a soft spot for helping in libraries, please contact Kari Abulhosn @ aunt2jade@hotmail.com.



Take a Tiger to Dinner

Congratulations Sandburg on our first "Take a Tiger to Dinner" fundraiser at Rubio's and Cold Stone Creamery! We are still tallying up the totals but it looks as if we raised approximately \$350. Wow!

Not only is this a great way to raise money for the school but it's a fun way to see friends and classmates. Every month the Foundation will host a Tiger Dinner at a different local restaurant. See the school calendar for the entire 2008 - 2009 schedule.

Flyers will be sent home a few days before the next fundraiser. If you need another flyer or want more information, please check out the Foundation's bulletin board at the front entrance of the school.

Chuck E. Cheese
Tuesday - October 7
3 PM - 9 PM

Tired of the plastic shopping bags? Help the environment, save space and most importantly, **Help Sandburg!!!**

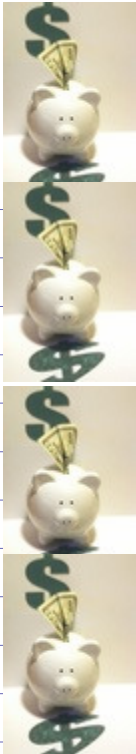
Reuseable, fabric shopping bags are available for \$3 each - or - four for \$10. The order form is on the Sandburg website. Return it in an envelope and we'll fill your order and send the bags home with your child.

All proceeds will go to the Foundation and in turn, directly back to the school.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! Please contact Patricia Beck at thebecks@san.rr.com if you are interested in volunteering. We need you!

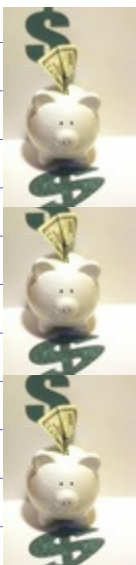




Sandburg Foundation Treasury 2007 - 2008 (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008)			
Income:		Expense:	
Jog-A-Thon	\$28,432.49	Jog-A-Thon	\$5,452.13
eScrip	3,535.03	Library Project	1,647.74
Box Tops	1,523.20	PAWS Mascot	975.95
Tiger Dinners	1,514.79	Refreshments	500.88
Auto Donation	1,162.00	Teacher Appreciation	302.34
Cash Donation	1,099.96	Fall Carnival	127.13
Refreshment Sales	880.11	Books	123.00
Fall Carnival	642.88	Office Supplies	121.42
Book Sales	273.00	Tiger Dinners	113.91
Amazon	40.33	Printing	95.29
Other Income	610.76	Other Expense	75.70
Ending Balance:			\$30,179.06

Notes: The Jog-A-Thon Income is earmarked for the library renovation project, including funding for staffing 12 hours a week. eScrip proceeds are earmarked for technology and, together with Jog-A-Thon proceeds, purchased 12 new computers for the technology lab, a printer, networking cables, and software. Box Top proceeds are directly returned to the classroom. The Foundation presented each grade, Art, Speech & Resource with \$200 for classroom supplies at the start of this school year. Reusable shopping bags will soon be available for purchase.

***** Full Treasury Reports available at the Foundation Website *****



Sandburg Foundation Treasury Year-To-Date (July 1, 2008 - September 27, 2008)			
Income:		Expense:	
eScrip	\$937.84	Library Project	\$6,931.05
Tiger Dinners	216.01	Shopping Bags	1,703.00
Cash Donations *	199.96	Classroom Supplies	207.32
Jog-A-Thon	180.00	Other Expense	340.60
Amazon Cash Back	36.15		
Other Income	106.01		
Ending Balance:			\$22,702.86

*** Thank you to Mrs. Peterson and to the Microsoft Corporation for their donations.**



Box Tops for Education:

We can make a difference for our school one dime at a time. You can find the Box Tops coupons on hundreds of your favorite products, such as Cheerios, Huggies, Fruit Roll Ups, Juicy Juice, Betty Crocker products, Kleenex products, Hefty products, certain Yoplait products, certain Pillsbury products and Ziploc products. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10 cents for our school. Turn in your Box Tops coupons to your teacher or to the Foundation Box and we will send them to Box Tops for cash. The money we receive from Box Tops goes directly back to the teachers and their classrooms. *If each student turned in just 10 Box Tops a month, we could earn \$650 a month or \$6,500 for the school year!*

Starting in October, we will begin the competitions to see who will win the tiger in their classroom for the month, so make sure you label the Box Tops with your teacher's name and/or room number. We will also keep a running tally of the number of Box Tops turned in by each classroom; the classroom with the greatest number of Box Tops turned in will win a pizza party.

Other ways we can earn money for our school through box tops:

1. Register on line to earn five bonus Box Tops. Visit www.btfec.com.
2. Shop online at the Box Tops Marketplace. Up to 8% of your purchase will be automatically donated back to our school, with no additional cost to you.
3. Purchase items from Barnes and Noble by clicking on the Reading Room tab on the Box Tops website. Our school automatically earns 6% on new book purchases and 3% on all other purchases.

There are also bonus opportunities each month in the Bonus Box Tops tab of the website to earn extra Box Tops and earnings for our school, so visit the Box Top website often.

Volunteers are needed to help count and tally the Box Tops turned in every month. Please email Holly Santiago Hilley at hdshilley@yahoo.com or leave a note in the Foundation box.

Foundation Meeting
October 20 - 6 PM
Sandburg Library

Visit the web site:
www.sandburgfoundation.org

Contact us:
board@sandburgfoundation.org

Tax ID# - 20-8262770



If you haven't signed up for eScrip, what are you waiting for? If you have registered, I challenge you to go out and get two or more friends or family to sign up under Sandburg's ID number.

If you have no idea what eScrip is, check out www.escrip.com for more details. It's an easy way for Sandburg to earn 'free' money.

We are 297 members strong now, up from 90 members less than two years ago; translating into \$300/month opposed to \$30/month. eScrip money so far has helped to purchase four of the computers in the library and earnings will continue to go towards supporting technology at Sandburg.

If you want more technology at Sandburg, get as many people as possible (near and far) to sign up with eScrip.

Our supporter ID is 139842843.

eScrip = \$\$ for Sandburg

Positive Attitudes Will Succeed!!

