



Fowler PSO News

December 2016 – January 2017

The Mission of the Fowler Parent Support Organization (PSO) is to enhance the learning of our kids by purchasing equipment, curriculum aids and other supplies, making field trips and assemblies available, and providing volunteer assistance to the teachers and staff.

Message from the President

Snow, snow, snow! I think this became a four letter word in some homes recently, but I hope everyone was able to stay safe and warm. Several events from December and January will be rescheduled, so stay tuned for new dates.

Thank you to all the families who contributed to the Staff Appreciation Cookie Bags right before Winter Break. The staff appreciated having treats provided during that busy time of year.

Thank you to all of our families for your generosity during recent fundraising events. The Burgerville night raised \$254.23, the Coin Drive for the Foundation raised \$112.03, and the Scrip program has raised \$413 so far this year.

February is the Foundation's Annual Fund Drive. You will be receiving mailings and emails describing the important role that the Foundation has in the Tigard-Tualatin community and our 15 schools. Learn what the Foundation funds and please consider donating this year at www.the-ftts.org.

Tuesday, January 17 is the deadline for applying for the TTSD Bond Oversight Committee. To learn more, check out [http://www.ttsdschools.org/files/_XJLHq_/681de1fa18514bd73745a49013852ec4/Revised Bond Oversight Committee Application.pdf](http://www.ttsdschools.org/files/_XJLHq_/681de1fa18514bd73745a49013852ec4/Revised_Bond_Oversight_Committee_Application.pdf).

- Karen Emerson

Online Auction coming very soon!

Donations are coming in for the PSO's Online Auction! Disney tickets, concert tickets, passes and tickets to museums and shows, and many other great items have arrived for the event that starts January 30 and goes until February 4. The Fowler Staff is thinking creatively about their possible donations, and we need all of our Fowler families to think about what they can donate too! Bidding is not the only way to participate in an auction.

- Does your business offer donations?
- Do you know of a unique experience?
- Do you have a vacation home?
- Do you want to donate a Scrip card?

We are also looking for volunteers to visit local businesses to ask for donations. Please contact Karen at fowlerpsopres@gmail.com if you can visit 5-10 businesses and distribute donation request paperwork this week.

Treasurer Position is Open

Do you have accounting skills? Bookkeeping talents? Do you enjoy reconciling your checkbook each month? The PSO's Treasurer board position is open and we are looking for a volunteer. Contact Karen at fowlerpsopres@gmail.com.

Parent Info Night

Our next parent night event scheduled for Thursday, January 19 **needs to be postponed**. The Winter Band Concert has been rescheduled for that night and we want to include our band families in the discussion. Fowler Staff and School Resource Officers will present internet safety and discuss teenage phone app usage. Lots of great information will be provided and all of your questions will be answered!

New Fowler sweatshirts

The new Fowler sweatshirts are available for sale in the Student Store on Thursdays during lunch for \$20 cash or check payable to Fowler PSO.

Meetings

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, January 17 at 9:30 am** in the Staff Lounge. (Weather permitting!)

Dining Out Nights

We earned \$254.23 at the Burgerville Dining Night Out! The Leadership Kids did a great job serving and bussing tables.

Chipotle at Murray Scholls is offering 50% of sales and has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, January 24 from 3-8 pm**. You need to tell the cashier that you are supporting Fowler when you order to get credit!

We are still looking for a volunteer to set up the rest of our Dining Out opportunities this year.

Coin Drive for the Foundation

Thank you for looking for spare change for the Foundation's annual Coin Drive. Fowler raised \$112.03 to help fund more teachers in the district.

Box Tops

Please clip and save your Box Tops for the February contest and remember that each one is worth a dime.

Token Store Donations

Donations are still needed for Fowler's Student Token Store! Students earn wooden tokens from their teachers and they can spend them in the store on Thursdays during lunch. We are looking for new, or gently used, items:

Small stuffed animals

Small toys

School items like rulers, mechanical pencils, and mini size notebooks

Packages of stickers

Locker items like magnet clips, mirrors, small white boards, and battery operated lights

Mini flashlights

Mini sized boxes that can hold earbuds

Ear buds

Small games

Please bring your donations to the office in a bag or box marked "Token Store Donations."

Scrip Sales

All of the grocery options are available (Visa gift cards are accepted at Costco and Winco) and you can find many excellent restaurant options through the scrip program. You purchase gift cards at face value and the Fowler PSO receives funds from the stores. The next order collection date is **Monday, January 23** by 4 pm. Turn in your order form (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B2VCt5RKagglOWFvR1ZE0G0xRnM>) to the collection box in the office, or email Karen at fowlerpsopres@gmail.com with your order. If you don't have easy access to printing the order form, just email Karen with the number of each gift card you want. She will deliver your order and collect your payment!

Bottle Drop Center Blue Bags

Are you looking for an easy way to get rid of your recyclable cans and bottles? The Fowler PSO can help! Ask us for a labeled blue collection bag, fill it up with your aluminum cans and plastic and glass bottles, and take it to the 24 hour drop box in the back of the Bottle Drop Center on Highway 99 near Bull Mountain Road.

If you already have a personal account set up or use green bags, you can still support the Fowler PSO by selecting us to receive the proceeds from your deposits.

Email Karen with any questions or to request a blue bag at fowlerpsopres@gmail.com.

Staff Appreciation Cookie Event

Thank you to all the families who baked for our amazing Fowler staff. We were able to get treat bags out to over 80 staff members just before the Winter Break.

We are still looking for a volunteer to coordinate the staff appreciation dinner on March 8.

Upcoming Events

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| 1/17 | PSO Meeting – 9:30 am |
| 1/23 | Scrip Orders Due – 4 pm |
| 1/24 | Chipotle Night 3-8 pm |
| 1/30-2/4 | Online Auction |
| 2/6 | Scrip Orders Due – 4 pm |
| 2/13-17 | Box Tops Collection Contest |

Questions? Comments? Email Karen Emerson at fowlerpsopres@gmail.com

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