



# Fowler PSO News

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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.

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## **Message from the President**

It is Spring! And that means we have reached the point in the school year where time goes by very quickly. We start to enjoy outdoor activities in the sunshine and longer days, we make plans for summer and the next school year, all while trying to stay focused on the activities at the end of this school year.

Our first main fundraiser was the Online Auction at the beginning of February, and some of the details are shared in this newsletter. The Falcon Dash being held on June 16 is our second main fundraiser, and the committee is exploring all kinds of ways to make it a fun and unique event for all of our students.

We have several fantastic volunteer opportunities to explore in this newsletter, as well as information about our more passive fundraisers. As always, please do not hesitate to ask me anything PSO related!

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## **Fowler sweatshirts**

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

## **Online Auction Results!**

The PSO's first online auction fundraiser is being called a success. We are about \$700 short of reaching our \$8,000 goal, but parents enjoyed the new opportunity to bid on unique items, and the staff did a fantastic job of volunteering their time for some fun student parties. We also raised \$435 to go towards an electronic reader board. **Thank you** to the parents who paid for their items with cash or a check. This saved the PSO about \$225 in credit card processing fees. **Thank you** to Mr. Walker, Mr. Reines, Ms. Harms, Mr. Kingsley, Ms. Scheller, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Walsh, Ms. Barendse, Ms. Lutu, and Ms. Flores for hosting after school parties for the students. **Thank you** to Claudine Payne, Yvette Baker and Judy Swiger for helping acquire the items that were all donated to the auction.

## **Falcon Dash**

The Falcon Dash Planning Committee is hard at work creating another great Falcon Dash event. **We are looking for a trailer that can haul 60 bales of hay in one or two trips.** Please contact Stephanie at 503-330-2190 if you have a large trailer available on June 15. We will also be recruiting volunteers to setup the obstacle course on June 15 and help guide the students on June 16.

## Homework Help

The after school Homework Help program needs your help! More students are attending the sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40-4:40, so more adults are needed. Ms. Foltz and one of the math teachers are there every time, and our ELL assistant is often there as well. When students are waiting to ask a question, they are not getting their work done. If you can offer your time to this important program, please contact Rachel at [rlamicgastudillo@ttsd.k12.or.us](mailto:rlamicgastudillo@ttsd.k12.or.us) or Ms. Foltz at [sfoltz@ttsd.k12.or.us](mailto:sfoltz@ttsd.k12.or.us).

## THS Mentoring Program

Attention current 8th grade parents: Are you interested in meeting one on one with Tigard High School juniors and seniors to help them plan and achieve their post high school goals? Do you want to learn more about post-secondary choices, scholarships and the financial aid process for your own student? Are you interested in volunteering in the school and being able to interact with the students? You would have your own list of approximately 8 students to mentor their junior and senior year.

If you have 2 hours per month to participate as a mentor and want to make a difference in the lives of our students, contact Jill Sims at [jsims@ttsd.k12.or.us](mailto:jsims@ttsd.k12.or.us). Training is provided.

## Spring Dance

While the elementary schools participate in Stuff the Bus for the Caring Closet in April, Fowler hosts a Spring Dance and asks our students to donate the jeans that they have outgrown to **Jeans for Teens**. If you are doing some spring cleaning, please set aside your student's jeans for the **April 13** event.

## Box Tops

We raised \$360 during the February Box Tops Collection Contest. Thank you for your donations, and please keep clipping and collecting over the summer.

## Parent Info Night

Our Parent Info Night event included Fowler Staff and School Resource Officers presenting internet safety and discussing teenage phone app usage. Lots of great information was provided! Our next Parent Info Night will be **Thursday, April 20**.

## 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:

- Beanie Babies
- Small stuffed animals
- Dollar coloring books
- 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."

## Coffee with the Principal

Principal Dan Busch started offering these hour long events in February, and he has already shared great information about our students' successes, the future of the Fowler Ed Tech program, and details about Fowler's Bond Construction that is due to start in May! We hope to see you at the next event on **Friday, April 21 at 9:30 am** when Dan plans on addressing Common Core Standards among other topics. Coffee is provided!

## Meetings

Our next meeting is **Monday, April 17 at 9:30 am** in the Staff Lounge.

## Summer Trips

If you are thinking about sending your student on the **East Coast** trip in late June 2018 or the **Japan** trip in 2019, check out the website <http://www.efexploreamerica.com/tour-website/1853333PB> and reach out to Mr. Kobor at [skobor@ttsd.k12.or.us](mailto:skobor@ttsd.k12.or.us) to get more details!

## Staff Appreciation

With the cancellation of March conferences, we moved our Staff Appreciation lunch event to **Thursday, May 4**. A link to [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) will be coming out asking for food and paper goods items so that we can serve soup, salad, and dessert to all of the Fowler Staff.

## Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Do you shop at Fred Meyer and use their Rewards card? You can continue to earn all of their great rewards PLUS earn donations for the PSO. It is as simple as linking your card to the Fowler PSO (NPO number 90387) at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).

## Scrip Sales

We have raised \$495 so far this year from scrip sales! You purchase gift cards at face value and the Fowler PSO receives funds from the stores. The next order collection date is **Monday, April 10** by 4 pm. Turn in your order form (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B2VCt5RKagglTGIHRDJ3MC1raE0>) to the green collection box in the office, or email Karen at [fowlerpsopres@gmail.com](mailto: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

The Fowler PSO wants your redeemable bottles and cans! 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.

Starting April 1, each can and bottle is worth 10 cents! Email Karen with any questions or to request a blue bag at [fowlerpsopres@gmail.com](mailto:fowlerpsopres@gmail.com).

## Updated Event List

- April 5 – THS Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grader Info Night – 6:30-8 pm at THS
- April 10 – **Scrip** orders due by 4 pm
- April 13 - Spring **Dance** – Caring Closet Jeans for Teens – 6:30-8 pm
- April 17 – PSO Meeting – 9:30 am
- April 20 - Parent Info Event Night #3 – 6:30 pm
- April 21 – Coffee with the Principal – 9:30 am
- April 24 – **Scrip** orders due by 4 pm
- April 28 – Incentive Field Trip
- April 28-29 – Spring Play Performances
- May 3 – **Staff Appreciation** Coffee Cart
- May 4 – **Staff Appreciation** Lunch Potluck
- May 8 – **Scrip** orders due by 4 pm
- May 8 – Oregon State Testing starts
- May 9 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Panoramic Picture Day
- May 15 – PSO Meeting - Elections – 9:30 am
- May 22 – **Scrip** orders due by 4 pm
- June 1 – Beadnell Mile Invitational
- June 5 – **Scrip** orders due by 4 pm
- June 12 – PSO Meeting – 9:30 am
- June 12 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Awards Ceremony – 7 pm
- June 15 – Falcon Dash Setup
- June 16 – **Falcon Dash**
- June 19 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Celebration at Oaks Park

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