



Fowler PSO News

November 2016

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

First quarter ended and I hope that parents and students alike have found their routine for the year! There is always something going on at Fowler. Have you found a way to be involved with your student's Fowler Experience?

Thank you to all the families who contributed to the Staff Appreciation Taco Bar during conferences. There was plenty of food, and the staff did appreciate having dinner provided with some leftovers during those long days.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to chaperone at the fall dance. The Good Neighbor Center was thrilled to receive over 5 filled bins of food, and the students enjoyed both the dance and the raffles for gift cards.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered at the annual Scholastic Book Fair.

Thank you to all the voters who supported the district's Bond Measure! The district is doing all of the preparation work for selling the bonds, setting up design committees, and sending out RFPs. It will be very exciting to see all of the projects take place over the next few years.

- Karen Emerson

Meetings

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

Dining Out Nights

Burgerville is offering 10% of all sales to the Fowler PSO on **Wednesday, December 7** from 4-8 pm. The Leadership Kids will be there serving and bussing tables! \$10 Scrip cards will be available for sale that night.

Chipotle at Murray Scholls is offering 50% of sales on **Thursday, January 12** from 3-8 pm. You need to tell them that you are supporting Fowler when you order to get credit! Order a scrip card on January 9 and we will deliver it to you on Thursday before the event.

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

Box Tops

Our October Box Tops Collection Contest raised \$388.60! Please clip and save your Box Tops for the February contest and remember that each one is worth a dime.

Coin Drive for the Foundation

Please send your spare change with your student **December 5-9** for Fowler's Coin Drive for the Foundation! Coins will be collected every morning in the Commons before school. Can we raise more than last year's \$357 amount? Funds from the Foundation hire part-time teachers throughout the district and provide learning opportunities for all of our students. More Money = More Teachers!

Token Store Donations

Donations are 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."

Staff Appreciation Cookie Event

It is time to show our appreciation to the wonderful Fowler Staff! The PSO will be creating cookie bags for all 80 of our staff members! We need all of our bakers to commit to making some cookies by **Wednesday, December 14 at 10 am** when all of the cookies will be placed into bags to distribute to the staff. Please sign up with the type of cookie(s) you will make and how many you can provide at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0B4FA4AE2EA64-staff.

Smile.Amazon.com

Do you do a lot of holiday shopping on amazon.com? Please shop at AmazonSmile at smile.amazon.com and select "Fowler Middle School Parent Support Organization" to receive donations from eligible purchases. You can double up on your impact by purchasing Amazon Scrip cards and using them to pay for your purchases.

Parent Nights

We had a great turnout at the showing of *Screenagers*. We hope the family conversations about cell phones and computer games have continued since seeing the movie.

Our next parent night event is **Thursday, January 19 from 6:30-8 pm**. Fowler Staff and School Resource Officer 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!

Scrip Sales

Let us help you with your holiday shopping! All of the grocery options are available (Visa gift cards are accepted at Costco and Winco) and you can find many excellent holiday gift 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 dates are **Monday, December 5 and Monday, December 12** by 4 pm. Turn in your order form (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B2VCt5RKagg1OWFvR1ZE0G0xRnM>) 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! We have raised over \$210 so far this year with only a few orders, so this program has a lot of potential to raise money for the PSO.

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.

Online Auction coming 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 during December or early January.

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.

Upcoming Events

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| 12/5-9 | Foundation Coin Drive |
| 12/5 | Scrip Orders Due – 4 pm |
| 12/7 | Burgerville Night 4-8 pm |
| 12/12 | Scrip Orders Due – 4 pm |
| 12/14 | Staff Appreciation Cookie Event |

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

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