

SIGN UP FOR SPRING CONFERENCE STAFF POTLUCK

It's the last Staff Appreciation potluck of the year!! The PSO is coordinating a Mexican Dinner Potluck for Fowler staff on **Thursday, March 5** during conferences. Please sign up to bring a dish at the link below.

We will be serving dinner from 4-5pm, so please have your food is on site by 3:45. The potluck will be held in the staff break room. You can drop off your dish early. If you need to drop off food the night before please contact Laura at laura@thewordbridge.com to make arrangements.



Sign up here -- <http://bit.ly/falconpotluck>. Thank you in advance for helping feed the Falcon staff!!

Head's up!! Our Staff Appreciation chair is moving on to Tigard High next year! Want an easy way to volunteer for the PSO and spoil the staff a little? Staff Appreciation is fun, a great way to get to know the Fowler staff, and doesn't require much time on site to complete the job. Contact Laura if you want to learn more. laura@thewordbridge.com

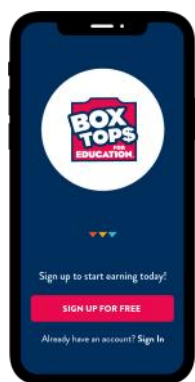
JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT DINING NIGHT OUT

Please join us on Tuesday, February 11 for our next fundraiser: Sanchez Taqueria!

13050 S.W. Pacific Highway in Tigard, 3:00 p.m. to close.

See the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information!

COLLECTING BOX TOPS IS NOW EVEN EASIER!



It's that time of the year again to bring in your BoxTops. Our spring BoxTops collection drive will be from February 1-28th.

Students should bring clipped, unexpired BoxTops in an envelope or baggie with their name and homeroom on it. Students who submit 10 or more will be entered into a drawing for prizes. As a reminder, you can donate BoxTops using the app all year long; check out <https://www.boxtops4education.com> for more information on the new app or contact FowlerBoxTops@gmail.com.

The PSO thanks you for your continued support in submitting your BoxTops; they add up and help the PSO fund their activities!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

1-28 TTSD Foundation Fund Drive

1-28 Box Tops Winter Homeroom Collection Contest

11 - Dining Night Out Fundraiser at Sanchez Taqueria (3pm to close)

13 - PSO Meeting - 1:15 pm

March

5 - Staff Appreciation Mexican Dinner Potluck

12 - PSO Meeting - 1:15 pm

STAY IN TOUCH!

There are many ways to keep tabs on PSO activities:

- Visit our website (www.fowlerpsa.org)
- Like us on Facebook ([@FowlerMiddleSchool](https://www.facebook.com/FowlerMiddleSchool))
- Read this newsletter
- Come to a PSO meeting

DONATE YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS FOR FOWLER!



BottleDrop[®]
Oregon Redemption Center

Keep those bottles and cans coming!

Thank you to everyone that has donated redeemable bottles and cans to the Fowler Middle School Parent Support Organization. Our current balance is **\$454.55**, of which more than half has been collected by the students in leadership.

There are several ways to donate. The PSO can either supply the bags for you, or if you're an existing Bottle Drop customer you can use your own bags and donate existing account balances to the PSO. When redeeming your bottles and cans, PLEASE follow the rules to help us maximize your bottle and can donations:

- No bags inside of the blue bags
- No trash
- No crushed cans or plastic bottles (the machine can't read them)
- Only include REDEEMABLE bottles and cans (look for the OR 10 cents) on the label. If it's not there, then it's not redeemable. If it's not redeemable, please recycle curbside.
- Please securely tie-off the bags. Unless bags are securely tied, it's highly likely the bottles and cans will fall out of the bags, which means no credit given.
- Fill bags but no more than 20 pounds (mix glass bottles with cans and plastics, if possible).

Blue bags can be obtained from the Fowler school office or by reaching out to Cheryl Payne at fowlerpsotreasurer@gmail.com. **Want more information? Check out <https://www.fowlerpsso.org/fundraisers/bottle-drop-blue-bags/>.**

SAVE THE DATE FOR FOWLER'S SPRING ONLINE AUCTION!

The 2020 Spring Auction is set for April 30 through May 6. We will be asking the families of Fowler's 800 students to join the online auction bid and win gift cards, merchandise and services in our effort to raise \$9,000 to complete our fundraising goal for the year.

We are currently – AND ACTIVELY!! - asking parents to sponsor and assemble a theme basket. Reach out to your squad and fill a basket with items that meet theme of your choice! Some ideas are:

- Sports
- Anime/WEEB
- VSCO Girl/Save the Turtle Club
- Content Creator
- Local Pride
- Music Maestro
- Glamping
- Say cheese!
- UO/OSU
- Staycation
- BINGO and Brew
- Cabin in the Woods
- Wine and Chocolate
- Oregon Coast Wonderland
- Beauty Basket
- West Side Food and Drink
- Gamer Station
- Crafty Wonderland
- Spirits and Sweets
- Local Scavenger Hunt

We are collecting donations through April 22, 2020. All donations are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law. The Fowler PSO is a 501(c) tax exempt organization, EIN # 93-1064862.

If you will sponsor a basket, please reach out and let us know your theme. And if you have any questions please contact Heather Listy at 503-405-2092 or email us at fowerschoolauction@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and support!

Heather Listy, Corry Hinckley, Laura Wiekling (Auction Committee Co-Chairs)

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JOIN US

Join us for the FEBRUARY
PSO MEETING

February 13

Staff Room

1:15 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PSO meetings are usually held the 2nd Thursday of each month.

FEBRUARY FUND DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

Strong Schools Build Strong Communities

Public schools are in a marathon race to reduce class size, increase instructional time, decrease classroom disruptions and raise graduation rates with perennially short state budgets. In 2008, when the economy stumbled and state budgets contracted, The Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools (FTTS) focused its considerable grassroots force to galvanize local education supporters to step up and preserve teaching positions in Tigard-Tualatin School District. Ever since, FTTS has stayed the course to motivate donors to fund grants that bring more teachers into each school building.

TTSD is one of the best districts in the state, and many families move to this district specifically for its schools. The most recent report on Oregon graduation rates shows that TTSD have risen to 87.6%, 7.7% higher than the state average. The Foundation is helping with this performance by increasing the ability of our educators to say 'YES!' to new ideas and opportunities that benefit students and the community.

FTTS awards annual equitable-distribution and competitive grants that close learning gaps identified by each school. Grant amounts are determined by how much is raised each year. In 2019-2020, FTTS provided schools with \$193,000 in grants, raising its total district-wide contribution to over \$2.2 million.

Giving principals the flexibility to address core subject instruction as well as emerging issues is a potent tool. For example, FTTS was an early funder for social emotional skill building to reduce classroom disruptions, which is now a broadly recognized priority in education.

FTTS grants fund instruction during and after the school day. For many schools, offering after school instructional programs keeps students engaged and on track, especially if they don't have a supportive or safe environment outside of school. Students who take advantage of FTTS-funded after school homework help at both high schools are better prepared for their classes, are more confident, and are able to use time more efficiently because they've received small group and one on one help from dedicated instructors.

FTTS will continue to align our funding priorities based on what TTSD students need to achieve their educational goals. This is why we ask our community to 'aspire higher' for our schools. When we rally behind education, our kids can reach for bigger goals.

The Foundation raises roughly 50% of its funds each February during the annual Fund Drive. On February 18 and 19, volunteers will be calling TTSD families to encourage donations and answer questions about the impact that FTTS has on schools.

In recognition that donors want to give in different ways, FTTS welcomes donations by mail, text (text ASPIRE to 243725), phone, employer matching, or online at the-ftts.org.

Donate today and help us bring more learning to TTSD students!



Please join us at Sanchez Taqueria
13050 S.W. Pacific Highway in Tigard
Tuesday, February 11th 2020
3:00 p.m. to Close

Proceeds will benefit the Fowler Parent Support
Organization when you mention the fundraiser or
show this flyer

If you have questions, please contact Naomi at:
counselorpdx@hotmail.com

Thanks very much for your support