

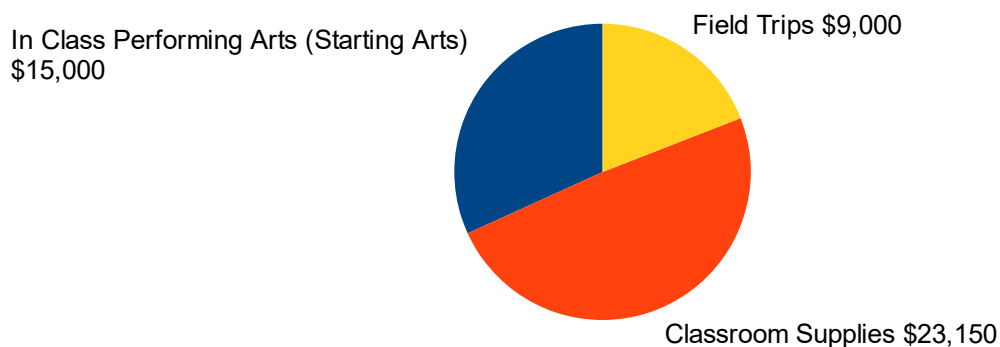


September 2021

Dear Fammatre Families,

As a member of the Fammatre Family for over 5 years I have learned how much my 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders' student experience is dependant on charitable contributions that supplement the limited school's budget. It is for this reason I have volunteered to coordinate the Home & School Club (HSC) annual Giving Campaign. The Giving Campaign is the largest fund raiser where 100% of donations go directly to the students and in which donations are tax deductible.

This year, Home & School Club (HSC) plans to invest over \$120,000 into the school and the Giving Campaign is hoping to contribute \$50,000 towards these funds. A few of the programs (and their approximate costs for the year) the HSC is trying to fund through the Giving Campaign are:



Regardless of age, grade, or academic level, the contribution you make to the Giving Campaign will positively benefit your child's experience at Fammatre this academic year. **To maintain the level of experience of past years, we recommend a contribution of \$300 per child.**

Contributions to the Giving Campaign can also be enhanced through "Corporate Matching". In 2019/20 we gained nearly an extra \$38,000 from corporation matching of our family's donations. This is valuable to the school and we have resources in place to help an employee discover "free" money from his or her employer.

The campaign to raise \$50,000 starts on September 13, 2021. A separate Q&A sheet, which addresses payment methods, processing and match funding is available on the HSC website and is attached. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [SJfamily4D@gmail.com](mailto:SJfamily4D@gmail.com)

We would like to thank you in advance for your contribution and the enhancement of all our children's education.

*Lacy Derringer*

Giving Campaign Coordinator, on behalf of the HSC Board

## Glossary

Below are definitions and a few more details regarding programs that may have been mentioned as part of the Giving Campaign communications. If you would like more information, please visit the Home & School Club tab on the Fammatre Elementary Web page, contact the Giving Campaign Coordinator or the HSC President.

**Classroom Supplies/Curriculum Support** – Needs vary year to year, but a large part of the the budget is spent on supplies such as crayons, pencils, glue, paper. Curriculum Support can include software licenses, Chromebooks and in class programs.

**Field Trips** – Off site or virtual programs have costs associated with them. Some of our previous field trips have been to Natural Bridges, Children's Discovery Museum, and Gold Rush for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Home & School Club (HSC)** - The HSC is Fammatre’s parent/teacher organization, which helps pay for certain school programs and equipment not provided for by government funding. The HSC works hard to support the rich experiences we provide for our children, both through fund raising and volunteer efforts!

**MakerSpace** – The MakerSpace provide creative time and space for students to build prototypes, explore questions, fail and retry, bounce ideas off one another and build something together. They are designed with the thought that students need to be able to think critically, problem-solve and collaborate in order to succeed in the future. The MakerSpace can utilize tools such Maker Challenges, Snap Circuits, Hexbugs, “Make it & Take It”, Tinker Kits, Legos, Tinker Toys, wooden blocks, K’nex, and PowerClix.

**Starting Arts** – Performing Arts learning experience. We utilize Starting Arts as a third party vendor to facilitate a winter play and in-class performing arts activities. (Our in-class visual arts program Art Vista is suspended due to Covid restrictions)

*\*Please note – all of our programs are dependent upon Covid protocols and availability.*

### Please visit the Home & School tab on the Fammatre Elementary website for:

Giving Campaign Information page, includes Q&A page and Corporate Matching and Donation Form

“Donate Now” link to PayPal or credit card donations

### Home & School tab on the Fammatre Elementary website also includes:

Agenda and Meeting Minutes from HSC meetings

Volunteer Opportunities

Details on many other programs coordinated by the HSC!



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