Parent Community Organization (BFCCPS PCO)



Our mission is to enrich the educational and interpersonal experience of students, while fostering a sense of community and commitment among all families and staff. Initiatives will be achieved through focused committees, fundraising and volunteer efforts; while being mindful of our pillars.

Spring Family Social & Basket Raffle

We can't thank the parent community enough for the huge success of our recent Spring Family Social. With your help, we were able to raise over \$10,200 which surely exceeded our budgeted goals! Whether you contributed to your class basket, purchased raffle tickets or volunteered your time the night of the social you contributed to making this event a smashing success. Some photo highlights from the night are included on the PCO Page of the website, but you can look forward to even more photos in this year's Yearbook!

PCO Board Openings – Nominations Now Open

Several spots on the PCO Board will open later this spring. Available positions include: President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary and 2-3 Members at Large. Membership on the PCO Board is a wonderful way to become actively involved in the parent community.

Job descriptions and responsibilities for each position can be found within the PCO Bylaws. You are welcome to nominate yourself, or nominate another BFCCPS Parent with their consent. The nomination form is now live and can be found at

<u>http://tinyurl.com/PCOBoardElections15</u>. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the PCO Board or write us at <u>PCO@bfccps.org</u>.

Got Photos?

The 2014-2015 Yearbook is underway but we need photos. If you have photos to share from classroom life, academic assemblies, field trips etc, please contact Janice Clark. The Yearbook also needs a few volunteers to complete page layouts, if you've ever created a photo card online, or a digital scrapbook you can do this! The Helper Signup is located here or you can contact this year's Yearbook Editor, Janice Clark at janice.clark@gmail.com

Planning for Fall 2015:

Co-chairs are needed for a few of the Fall 2015 Committees:

<u>Fall Fundraiser:</u> Work with the vendor to distribute fundraising packets to students, promote the fundraiser and generate excitement with families, gather orders for the vendor & secure volunteers to help with distribution.

<u>Destination Imagination:</u> This program provides open-ended challenges for children in grades K-13 to solve while promoting creative thinking and teamwork. The program runs October through May.

<u>Lego League:</u> Introduces students in grades 5-8 to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface.

Please contact Christine Santos at calbert@meditech.com if you are able to help with any of these positions.

Stay Connected!

PCO General Meeting &

Elections: Our final meeting of the year will be held in the school library on Monday May 18th from 7-9pm. We will review and vote on the 2015-2016 PCO Budget, and hold elections for open PCO Board Positions. We hope you will join us!



Keep in touch with all the latest BFCCPS PCO Information through our Facebook Page: B.F.C.C.P.S PCO or check us out on the PCO Page of the BFCCPS Website

Save the Dates!

PCO Movie Night: The final PCO Social event of the year will be held on June 12th. The PCO Movie night was such a hit last year, we can't wait to do it again. Watch the Ben's Buzz for more details!

Thank You!

Christine Santos, President
Joanne Fu, Vice-President
Deb Leonard, Treasurer
Joanne Basile, Secretary
Laura Markarian, Member-At-Large
Stephanie McGovern, Member-At-Large
Leah Mercurio, Member-At-Large