



Important Dates

FUN RUN: SEPT 21
DONATIONS DUE: SEPT 27

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ALL pledges must be entered online by Wednesday, September 27!

Dear Parents,

The year is off to a great start... with fabulous attendance and all-around fun at the Back to School Bash last month, we are grateful for your support! As you know, we are celebrating 20 years as a school community this year and we couldn't be more excited. September marks the time for DCS Montessori parents, teachers, staff and students to gear up for the Fun Run 2017. Our goal for this year is to raise \$65,000 and a student goal of \$125 each in donations will help us get there!

Fun Run sparks anticipation and enthusiasm in all of our students—from the little ones in our primary classrooms all the way up to our middle school teenagers. All students get to participate, from getting their own Fun Run T-shirts, to running the laps, and even winning prizes for their efforts!

The Montessori Educational Foundation (MEF) assists DCSM with all fundraising activities, and we have proudly hosted the Fun Run for the past six years. Each year our school community has exceeded our expectations of giving, quickly proving this event to be our most important fundraiser.

Our school's funding from the district unfortunately is just not enough to cover all the needs of our school. For that reason, the MEF raises money each year to help fund projects and improvements at the school that otherwise might not be possible. Previous years' donations helped fund wonderful improvements, including brand new play structures on the primary playground, new energy-efficient classroom lighting, new gym flooring, construction of the middle school campus, teacher training scholarships, and so much more!

Our primary focus this year is to raise funds to replace the outdated play structures on the elementary playground and enhance this area with some shade structures. We will also continue to supplement other funding needs throughout the year as they arise.

Thank you in advance for your family's generosity and for encouraging your child's participation in the Fun Run. We are very grateful for your support. Please review the attached information to help your child get started and contact us at info@dcsmef.org with any questions.

The MEF is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, and the value of your donation is tax-deductible.

Sincerely,

The MEF Board of Directors

Important Dates:

Fun Run: Thursday, September 21
Pledges Due: Wednesday, September 27

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YOU NEED A DCS MEF USER ACCOUNT

In order for your child to participate in the 2017 Fun Run fundraiser, you (the parent) will need to make sure you have registered or renewed for the 2017-18 school year on the DCS MEF website:

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1. Visit www.dcsmef.org
2. Click on the green "Register Now" button on the homepage
3. Select whether you already have an account or need to create a new one
4. Enter the registration code **dcs2017** and complete the process.

Flip Over for a pledging participation summary view

Send any questions or issues to info@dcsmef.org.

HOW DOES MY CHILD OBTAIN PLEDGES

in person?

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For in-person pledges, use the collection envelope that has been provided. Students can accept cash or checks made payable to "MEF" or "Montessori Educational Foundation." Be sure to collect as much of the information for each donor on the pledge form as possible because **we need you (or your child) to enter them online** to ensure that your child receives proper credit (see "Tracking Your Progress" below). If you are unable to enter your pledges online, please be certain to include your pledge form when you turn in your collection envelope. Please make sure your child does not go door-to-door on their own to ensure their safety.

HOW DO I (AS A PARENT) HELP MY CHILD RAISE PLEDGES

online?

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For raising pledges online, students are each assigned a custom website link (see "Tracking Your Progress" below). By emailing this link to friends and family, posting it on Facebook, or even sending it out via twitter, you can rest assured that pledges received via your child's link will be **credited to their account automatically** when the donor's payment process is completed.

TRACKING YOUR PROGRESS (REQUIRED)

earn more!

Once you have an account on the DCS MEF website, you can begin tracking your child(ren)'s pledge drive efforts as follows: go to www.dcsmef.org, log in at the top of the page, and click on the Fun Run 2017 Pledge Drive icon in the "Activities" section of the Bulletin Board. Note: If your children are not yet enrolled in the Fun Run, you'll see a button to "Enroll all Eligible Participants." Click that to get started. If no children are listed as eligible to participate, follow the instructions provided on the web page being displayed.

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As pledges are received in-person, click the "Enter more envelope pledges" link to enter each one into the website. This step is required by **SEPT 27th** to ensure that your child receives credit for their cash and check pledges. PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY PLEDGES ENTERED ONLINE BY SEPT 27th WILL COUNT TOWARD YOUR CHILD(REN)'S CLASSROOM, TEACHER AND OVERALL TOP EARNER PRIZES. Cash & check pledges not entered online, but received at the school by Sept 27th, will count toward individual prizes

In the "Website Pledges" box, you can view and then **copy & paste the "Website Link" into an email** to send to friends and family or use the Facebook and Twitter buttons to "share" the link with your social networking community. As pledges are made using the Website Link you will see their totals appear in the "Website Pledges" box automatically.

WRAPPING UP BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2017

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Envelopes with cash/check pledges should be turned in at the front office by Wed, September 27th. Please use the "Check your envelope contents" link on the Pledge Drive page to **check the contents of your envelope** before returning it to school. Ensure all of the cash and checks are present and that you have not missed any extra pledges that need to be entered online. **Online pledges will be accepted until 10:00 PM Mountain Time on Wed, September 27. Only pledges entered online by 10:00 PM on the 27th count towards classroom, teacher and overall top earner prizes.**

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Fun Run

Share your child's unique website link on Facebook and Twitter with a simple click!

Flip Over for more detailed pledge drive info

Website Pledges are collected automatically whenever a donor uses your child's Website Link to make a pledge.

Click View Website Link to display your child's unique Website Link that can be copied & pasted into email or other online postings.

Click View Website Pledges to see who has made pledges online using your child's unique Website Link.

Track what prizes your child has earned and how many more pledges need to be raised for the next prize by using the PRIZE BOARD.

Envelope Pledges are entered by you or your child as you collect pledges in-person using the envelope provided.

Total Pledges is the amount used to determine prize levels and overall winners.

Click Enter more envelope pledges when you are ready to enter pledges collected using the envelope. Try it, it's really easy!

Before returning your envelope to school, click Check your envelope contents to verify that all cash and checks are present based on what has been entered and to make sure you don't have any extra pledges that need to be entered. Thank you for your help!

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Envelope Pledges
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Enter more envelope pledges
Check your envelope contents

Total Pledges
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Jack's PRIZE BOARD

Lighted Bubble Maker	\$5 Goldstone Gift Card	AMC Gold Ticket	\$25 Target Gift Card	iPod Shuffle	Kindle Fire
earn just \$20.00	earn just \$76.00	earn just \$154.00	earn just \$254.00	earn just \$401.00	earn just \$1,001.00
more!	more!	more!	more!	more!	more!

**DCS MONTESSORI EDUCATION FOUNDATION
FUN RUN 2017 PLEDGE DRIVE PARTICIPATION**

DCSMEF.ORG

2017 Fun Run

DCS MONTESSORI

Prizes

LEVEL 1



Raise \$20 or more
Custom Fidget Spinner

LEVEL 2



Raise \$76-\$150
\$5 Coldstone Gift Card

LEVEL 3



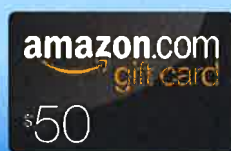
Raise \$151-\$250
Aerobie Squidgie Disc

LEVEL 4



Raise \$251-\$400
\$25 Target Gift Card

LEVEL 5



Raise \$401-\$750
\$50 Amazon Gift Card

** Each student who raises \$20 or more receives the level 1 prize
** All other prizes are not cumulative
** A gift card equal to the value of the prize can be substituted for Level 6, 7 & Peak Performer prizes
** Donations must be entered online by Wednesday, Sept 27th at 10:00 PM Mountain Time to qualify for Peak Performer prizes

LEVEL 6



Raise \$751-\$1,000
Raving RC Drone Quadcopter
Prize Value \$75

LEVEL 7



Raise \$1,001 or more
UE BOOM 2 Brainfreeze Bluetooth Speaker
Prize Value \$150

BONUS!!
Every student whose family is signed up on the DCSM Monthly Giving Plan by Sept 27th will receive a \$20 Fun Run credit!

Top Classroom



The class that raises the most money from each pod (primary, lower el, upper el) and also the class with the overall highest participation percentage will be treated to an Ice Cream Party
Prize Value \$50

Top Teachers



The teacher and assistants in the one class that raises the most money will each get a Kindle Paperwhite E-Reader
Prize Value \$100

Top Earner



The one student that raises the most money over \$1,001 will also receive a Chromebook
Prize Value \$200

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Pledge Form

HOW TO USE THIS FORM:

- 1. Complete this form for in person pledges.
- 2. Input this information online at www.dcsmfef.org, so that you quickly get credit.
- 3. Put your pledges in the envelope and send them to school.
- 4. If folks made their donations to you online, please do not record them on this form.

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