

SANDBURG FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



Sandburg Foundation Formed

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Welcome to the first Sandburg Elementary School Foundation Newsletter. We are a federally designated 501c3 non-profit organization. Our goal is to provide support for the school, staff, administrators and students at Sandburg

Elementary. Simply by taking the time to read this newsletter you have shown a commitment to making our jewel of a school even better. We encourage all parents, guardians, families and friends to become part of the Foundation Team. We are always looking

for volunteers to help improve this school. If you are interested, please talk to any of our board members or e-mail us at sandburgtigers@yahoo.com

We would also love to hear any feedback from you on this newsletter. Thanks again, and GO TIGERS!

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First Stop.... Library!

In collaboration with Principal Laurie Hinzman and other staff members, the Foundation has targeted improvement of the Sandburg library for our first endeavor. We envision a state of the art library, with updated books, improved technology (including a staffed computer lab), increased hours of operation and a

welcoming interior. We will be seeking grants as well as donations but we need the dream first. There will be a library meeting where dreams can be expressed. (Date to be announced). We need your input to make this YOUR library.

Everyone is welcome!!

Currently we are accepting used books. The library is in desperate need of updated books. Please donate your books (hardcover and soft) in the bin outside of the office. Soft backs will eventually be covered to increase their shelf lives and we are looking for help with this task. It could even be done at home. Please contact Kari Abulhosn at 858-638-7348 or aunt2jade@hotmail.com.

Tiger Mascot - PAWS

Another current project the Foundation is working on involves bringing PAWS permanently to Sandburg. The initial response to the Sandburg Tiger Mascot (knows as "PAWS") has been tremendous – from families, staff, administrators and, most importantly, from the students. Our initial fundraiser for this project, the Foundation Booth at the Fall Carnival, was a



huge success, generating over \$500. The Foundation is thankful for the support of all the family, friends and students of Sandburg Elementary School. And we are proud to announce that we have purchased our new mascot! Look for PAWS to be a regular fixture at Sandburg.

Way to go Tigers!!!!

Dinner Studio Dollars for Sandburg

The Sandburg Foundation has a fundraising account set up at the Dinner Studio in Tierrasanta. When you place an order with them, be sure to note Sandburg in the fundraising group box on the order form. To sign up to make meals for your family at the Dinner Studio, go to DinnerStudio.com.

The Jog-A-Thon Needs You!

Sandburg's Jog-A-Thon will take place in the spring, but it's not too early to start thinking about it now. It's a great event for the kids, and you're really missing something if you've never been on campus to see how much they enjoy it. It is also a major fundraising event for the school, and we'd like to thank everyone who has helped make the past events such a hit, as measured by both kid's smiles and dollars directly supporting school programs and activities for those kids. We'd also like to continue that success and build upon it... and we will, but not without you. Whether you can contribute time, ideas, money or other resources, the Jog-A-Thon has a parking space with your name on it!

If you've helped with past Jog-A-Thons or would like to help with this one, please contact Steve Porter at [spmmail@san.rr.com](mailto:spmail@san.rr.com) or 858-452-2447. All ideas and contributions are welcome...and the sooner the better!

Plastic Bags... Easy as 1-2-3!!

Ever wonder what you should do with those plastic bags? You know, the ones you get when you shop at Vons and raise money for Sandburg through eScrip (what, you don't know about eScrip? Make sure you check out the eScrip section in our newsletter!). Here's an idea.... Go grab a plastic bag in one hand and then, in the other, grab some money. Do your two hands feel the same? They should, because your plastic bags can turn into

money for our school. Simply collect all your plastic bags and bring them to the big bin at the Sandburg front courtyard. Then give yourself a pat on the back for helping to support your school.

To date, we've been able to raise

Clean out your garage, help the environment and raise money for Sandburg!!

over \$300. Or, more precisely, **you** have been able to raise over \$300! We just pick the bags up, turn them in and collect the check. Kind of like armored truck drivers, only with plastic bags inside. And we don't really drive the big trucks, just family cars. Minivans, actually. Anyway, just remember to keep bringing in those bags!!!!

Amazon.com - Cha Ching!

Overheard at the school lunch tables recently, "My mom asked us what we want for the holidays this year. She said she was thinking of buying a new bike for my brother and Hannah Montana tickets for my sister. But we all looked at her and said NO WAY MOM! WE WANT BOOKS!" So what is any Sandburg parent/guardian/ friend/ family member to do? If you're an eScrip member, you can always use their online mall (see eScrip article again) to buy books... and make money for your favorite

school. Additionally, shopping on Amazon.com can get you books... and raise money for your favorite school! How easy is this? Go to the Foundation website at www.sandburgfoundation.org and search for your Amazon.com products via our dropdown box. When you are directed to Amazon.com via our website, we get credit for the purchase and receive a finder's fee. We then use that money to help support the school, its wonderful group of teachers and administrators, and the greatest group of students in

the world, who happen to be our kids! All that just for going to a website. Buy something, make money for Sandburg. Point, click, cha-ching!!



Corporate Matching Program

Do you work at a company that offers corporate matching for donations to non-profit organizations? You do? Gee, wouldn't it be great if you knew of a non-profit that could use your donations? I don't know, maybe one that would help the things most important to you – your children. Oh wait, I got it!

How about the Sandburg Elementary School Foundation? Local companies such as Qualcomm, SDG&E, The Union-Tribune, Costco, Gen-Probe, Hewlett Packard, Intuit, Pfizer, and Motorola (and more!) all offer a corporate matching program. That means that when you donate, they donate and, in

the end, Sandburg wins. It's like giving two gifts at once. And it is all so simple. If you are interested, please contact your employer to see how you can sign up.

Oh, did we mention the donation is tax-deductible? Our tax ID information is located at the end of this newsletter.



eScrip - easy money

(January-August)	2007	2006
Average \$/ month:	\$333	\$95
Members:	265	90

This is the easiest way for us to earn 'free' money. If you still aren't familiar with this program check out www.escrip.com. Register your VONS club card number with eScrip and every time you shop, VONS will give back a certain percentage to Sandburg. You can also register credit/ debit cards and those will earn money for us as well. It is a safe, secure site and your information will not be sold. If you don't know your VONS club card number call: 1-877-723-3929.

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Certain vendors such as Macy's, Pick-up-Stix, Baja Fresh and Office Max will also give back to Sandburg. In order to give credit to Sandburg, you must use a credit card that has been registered with eScrip. www.escrip.com also offers a number of coupons that can be printed. Not only do you receive a savings, each coupon used will earn Sandburg money.

The more people/ cards signed up, the more Sandburg will earn. Sign up and get your friends and family to sign up, too. Register at www.escrip.com. Sandburg's ID number is: 139842843. Our goal is \$500/month. We cannot achieve this without your help.

If you are unsure how to sign up, please contact Kari Abulhosn at 858-638-7348 or aunt2jade@hotmail.com.

Box Tops! Box Tops! Who's Got Box Tops?!!

Attention all Tigers! Have you seen the tiger in the library? That tiger could be in your classroom if your class collects the most Box Tops! We will start a monthly contest between the classes in January so start saving your Box Tops TODAY. Bring your Box Tops in to your class each month. At the end of the month the counted Box Tops can be turned in to the Foundation Box in the

office. The class with the most Box Tops will get to keep the tiger in their class room for the month!

Sandburg made over \$1000 in Box Tops last year. Let's see how much more we can make this year! Show us your Tiger Spirit!

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Take A Tiger Out to Dinner - Foundation Fundraiser

Dec 5 - Mira Mesa Souplantation, 5 - 8 P.M.

Dec 11 - Callahan's, 3 - 9 P.M.

Dec 19 - Mira Mesa Islands, 5 - 8 P.M.

Next Foundation Meeting
December 18 - 7 P.M.
Sandburg Elementary

THANK YOU!!

The Sandburg Foundation would like to thank the following individuals for their generous donations to the Sandburg Elementary School Foundation:

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Positive Attitude Will Succeed!!