

SANDBURG FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



The Time is NOW!!

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By now, all of you are probably aware of the troubling news for our school regarding Governor Schwarzenegger's budget. This year's budget proposes cuts in school funding that far exceed anything we've seen recently. Unfortunately, this merely continues an ongoing trend. At Sandburg, we have been battling dwindling funds from the state and local level for many years. It is precisely for this reason that the Sandburg Elementary School Foundation was developed. The hope was that over time we would build a funding base for the school. However, I don't think any of us realized that "over time" would mean only six months! We no longer have the luxury of patiently waiting and slowly working up our fundraising activities. The budgetary requirements of Sandburg require immediate action. The time to act is now. Everyone can help and everyone needs to help if we expect Sandburg to continue to provide our children with a productive and safe learning environment and high quality academic programs. While I encourage everyone to contact their local representative to voice their displeasure with the proposed budget, what our children need right now is not phone calls, but library books. And school supplies. And cleaning supplies to make sure their schoolrooms and bathrooms are clean. And a nurse, a librarian, noon duty workers and continued support for our teachers, staff and principal.

The time to act is now and everyone can help. Through direct donations/contributions, through contributing ideas and attending monthly meetings or through volunteering at one of our fundraising events, we need everyone to come forward to help our kids. It is time to move, it is time to act, and it is time to do it now.

We live in different houses, speak different languages, have different schedules, and enjoy different activities but we all have the same number one priority – our children. We cannot do this with 5% support, or 10% support, or even 50% support. We need a 100% commitment from everyone. When the time comes for us to ask for a helping hand and support, we need the Sandburg community to come together and be there for our children.

Rajy Abulhosn

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Get Involved Now!!

Here's how.

- ✓ Contact a board member listed on the back page
- ✓ Go to the Sandburg Foundation website
- ✓ Come to the next Foundation meeting scheduled March 25
- ✓ Donate your time!
- ✓ Donate books, skills, supplies
- ✓ Clip Box Tops
- ✓ Shop eScrip
- ✓ Shop amazon via Sandburg Foundation
- ✓ Write a check to Sandburg Elementary School Foundation

They Run, They Walk, They Read, they Rock!

Who? Your kids! Get ready to support them every page and every step of the way. The 2008 Sandburg Elementary School Jog-a-thon is Friday, April 4th. Have your kids ready to run or walk with their Sandburg classmates, United States Marines, high school track and field stars, and the sounds of a top D.J! Every child who participates will earn a great t-shirt, delicious and healthy refreshments, and the cheers of the crowd. And when it's all over, our dream library will be one huge step closer.

This year parents and families will earn exciting awards and valuable prizes by raising money that will help create a new, state-of-the-art library and computer training center for our Sandburg kids! Set a goal of \$100 or more, reach it, and earn a nice gift. Sound simple? It is, and we will show you how. Look for the 2008 Jog-a-thon information packet your child will be bringing home the week of March 3rd. Did you know that several Sandburg families have each pledged to raise \$1,000 or more? Set your own goal today!!

If you can't wait until the week of March 3rd for more info, contact Steve Porter right now at 858-761-1405!

**SANDBURG
FOUNDATION**

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Next Foundation Meeting

March 25 - 7 P.M.

Sandburg Elementary School

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TAKE A TIGER TO DINNER.....

Wednesday, March 5th at El Torito

4 P.M. to 9 P.M.

El Torito will donate 25% of the proceeds!!

(not including alcohol)

BOX TOPS!!

**School Supply
Donations**

Have you already met the \$100.00 maximum donation for your child's classroom, but would still like to donate? You can submit a check to "Sandburg Elementary School Foundation" with "school-supplies" written in the memo line, and we will give 100% of that donation back to the teachers for needed supplies. Your tax-deductible donation can be earmarked grade or teacher-specific, or just stay in the general school supply account until we have a request from a teacher. Contact Angela Halpin for more information, or place a check in the Foundation Box in the front office

Tigers! So far we have exceeded our goal of \$1,000 for this year. In December, we received a check for over \$1,513!!

Great job Sandburg Tigers!

Keep clipping those box tops. Please remember to put your name and room number or teacher's name on the baggie/ envelope when you turn in your box tops. We are keeping track of the number of box tops each class turns in. The class with the most box tops at the end of each month will get to keep the tiger that is in the library in their classroom.

Calling all Room Moms!

I need your help counting the box tops that your child's classroom brings in. Please email me at hdshilley@yahoo.com for more information. Thank you for all your help.

Holly Santiago Hilley, Box Top Coordinator

Positive Attitudes Will Succeed!!