

6th and 7th Grade Fundraising

WHY WE DO IT! – It is extremely necessary and trust us, if we had a choice, we wouldn't! Teachers do not get paid more, nor is it in our job description. However, in order to deliver the music education that our students deserve, we must have additional funds available to pay for equipment, music, and services we would otherwise not be able to buy. We are given an allotment by CCSD County Office, but we are limited as to how we can spend that. For example, we cannot pay people for services (i.e., accompanists, outside instructors) with the allotted money and fundraising allows us to provide for those who cannot do so. We do it because we feel it is necessary in order to run a quality music program and provide great experiences for our students. The LMMS Music Department has been financially supported in the past by the profits collected by our community who have purchased/sold the food products from the Encore/Cheesecake Fundraiser in the fall. We end our year with a Spring Plant Sale featuring beautiful hanging baskets, if you choose to participate. **To those of you who have participated in one way or another WE THANK YOU! It has helped to sustain us over the years and we are grateful!**

All 6th and 7th grade students are expected to sell their "Fair Share" or 10+ items in both their 6th and 7th grade year (not cumulative), and/or made a donation in both their 6th and 7th grade year of at least \$70 (the approximate profit of the "Fair Share", 10 items sold). If this goal is met, the student will receive all of their profit towards their Disney trip in the 8th grade.

If the student does not meet the "Fair Share" goal of 10+ items in both of their 6th and 7th grade years, then as an 8th grader, the first \$35 (profit of approximately 5 items) of fundraising profit will go to the Music Department. The profit from all additional items sold will go towards the student's Disney trip.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE AND CALENDAR FOR TURN IN AND DELIVERY DATES.

How to turn in your order:

1. Fill out the **Complete and Final Order Form**. Parents must sign the *first* blank to verify that your order is correct. DO NOT sign the second blank yet.
2. Turn in your **Complete and Final Order Form** with ONE form of payment (Cash OR one check made payable to "LMMS")
3. If you are making a donation OR a donation + ordering cheesecakes to the Music Department, **PLEASE** make it very clear on your Customer Order Form AND on the payment envelope for clarity while processing the orders.

Note: We will order what is printed on the Complete and Final Order Form. We will NOT go by the Customer Order Form. You are responsible for making sure that the Complete and Final Order Form is correct. Any orders with than one form of payment will not be accepted.

Although our sales don't always reach 100% of our goals, please know that our appreciation of your participation and donations is unlimited. Thank you, parents and students for making our goals and achievements possible!

Q: How is the money allocated?

A: We use 6th and 7th grade profits to pay for the entire music program; so it is critical that 6th and 7th graders participate in our fund raisers. 8th graders who go on the Disney Trip (which are most of them) are allowed to use 100% of the profits to defer the cost of their trip, if they sold their "Fair Share" in 6th and 7th grades.

Q: What if I don't want to participate?

A: We do not require students to participate. Some parents have reservations about fundraising or do not have ample opportunities to do so effectively. In the past, parents have inquired about simply making a donation in lieu of fund raising. We are certainly grateful for such a thoughtful consideration. In lieu of selling ten items, we ask for a \$70 donation to our department.

Q: What if I'm a doubler?

A: We would love for you to sell 10 items for both music class. But, if you don't, your total profit will be divided equally to benefit both programs. Only half of your items sold will count toward your total class goal in each class. You will still receive all the rewards for selling 10, 20, etc. You will even be entered to win \$100 twice!

Q: Do I have to sell more if I'm in Boys/Girls/Chamber Chorus or String Choir?

A: Officially, no. Unofficially, it would help a lot! If you wouldn't mind selling 15 instead of 10, that would make up for the extra money we spend on those ensembles.

Q: Who should my customers make checks payable to?

A: Your customers should make checks out to your parents. Parents should turn in one check or money order made payable to "LMMS". You may also turn in cash, but please don't send your child to school with a large amount of cash! We ask that you bring it in yourself.

Q: Why do I have to ask my customers to make checks out to my parents?

A: Our bookkeeper must make a deposit for every check received. If all the 6th, 7th and 8th graders in Band, Chorus, and Orchestra (that participate in the fundraiser) turn in one check, that will require around 1,000 deposits. As it is, this takes over a week to do. If there were 10, 20, or 30 checks per student, this would take the rest of the school year to complete!

Q: Why do 6th, 7th and 8th graders have different turn-in dates?

A: Our bookkeeper must deposit every check within a certain time period of receiving it, so the staggering helps out!

Q: What do I have to do to be eligible to win the \$100 drawing?

A: Three things: 1. Sell 10 items (even if you are a doubler). 2. Turn in your order form correctly and on time according to your designated turn-in date. 3. Pick up your order on Delivery Day. (We appreciate the donations, but your student WILL NOT be eligible for the prizes offered through Encore Fundraising.

Q: How do I turn in my order?

A: We collect three things on turn-in day: 1. The sales catalog. 2. The FINAL ORDER FORM. and 3. Payment in a single form (i.e., check, cash, money order etc.) The parent/guardian is responsible for transferring the total order from the catalog(s) to the colored FINAL ORDER FORM. *We will NOT look at the Customer Order Form with individual orders on it, so please make sure you transferred your order correctly. We will only order and distribute items according to the FINAL ORDER FORM, not your catalog.* Once the parent has transferred the final and complete order from the catalog to the FINAL ORDER FORM, they must sign *****the first blank***** on the order form to verify that their order is correct. The bottom blank should not be signed until the order is picked up and filled correctly on Delivery Day. Payment must match the amount on the FINAL ORDER FORM. Please double check your math before writing a check or turning in money. On Delivery Day, we will return your catalog to you and ask you to sign your FINAL ORDER FORM.