

.....from the Lost Mountain Middle School Music Department

# 8<sup>th</sup> 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 the 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. Most CCSD middle schools who take a trip of this size allow their 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only a portion of their Encore/Cheesecake Fundraiser profits, not the full amount as we do. *Please remember that the Poinsettia Fundraiser profits will also go entirely towards their trip. Many students over the years have fundraised their entire trip taking full advantage of both of their fundraisers!* **And to those of you who have participated in one way or another WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION! It has helped to sustain us over the years and we are grateful!**

## HOW THE ENCORE/CHEESECAKE FUNDRAISER WORKS FOR YOUR 8<sup>th</sup> GRADER

**If a student DID NOT sell their "Fair Share" of 10+ items in both their 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade years (not cumulative), and/or made a donation in both their 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade years of at least \$70 (the approximate profit of the "Fair Share", 10 items sold), then the first \$35 of profit (profit of approximately 5 items) will go to the music department. All additional profits will be applied to the student's Disney trip.**

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**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 glossy 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. You are responsible for making sure that order is correct. Any orders with than one form of payment will not be accepted.**