



Chapman Educational Foundation

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Welcome Message

Friends of Chapman is excited to share with you our new monthly newsletter! Different from the weekly Spotlight, this newsletter is designed to keep you informed and up-to-date on how your contributions help to make Chapman a great school. We'll update you on fund raising efforts, new projects and goals, PTA agendas, and reminders about how you can help make a difference!

Fall Fundraising Campaign

Our fall fundraising campaign is ON! We need your help to reach our **goal this year of \$245,000**. The Foundation's primary goal is to fund teachers, staff and educational assistants. Without these important people we cannot reach the levels of excellence that we strive to maintain. In addition, the Foundation money goes toward enrichment programs, reading support, as well as to the safety and improvements of our school.

This year the Foundation was able to help save a Chapman teacher from being cut and transferred to another school. Due to our lower enrollment and smaller class sizes in some grades, PPS requested consolidating a class into the other grade level classes, thereby losing one teacher. The Foundation was able to make a commitment to PPS to pay for a portion of that teacher's salary in order to retain all of our teaching staff. Your monthly and one-time donations provided the funds to keep our teaching staff whole!

We are **currently at \$45,000** toward our 2016-17 goal, which is about \$7k behind where we were last year at this time. We have \$200,000 to go! Funding the Foundation is crucial to the education of our children.

How Can You Help?

Glad you asked! In order to reach our goal **we need \$415 per student** this year. We know budgets are tight, but there are many ways to give that can add up. And, best of all, its tax deductible!

- One time donation
- Monthly giving – easy automatic payment of the amount that is comfortable for your budget
- Maximize your contribution by finding out if your employer matches (Intel, Nike...)
- Sign-up for Amazon Smile & eScript (Safeway, Fred Meyer or Zupans)

Please consider a monthly donation or a one-time [contribution](#) in support of Chapman!





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New Project: Chapman Playground 2017/18 School Year

We are very excited to announce a new project this year – the long overdue construction of a playground on Chapman School property. A safe, accessible and durable place for our children to let their imaginations and playful spirits thrive. Currently, the school has no playground equipment of its own; we share the public play structure at Wallace Park, which any member of the public can use during school hours. Children in grades 4-5 are not allowed to use Wallace Park equipment because it is too far away for teachers to safely supervise. Consolidating the students' play area on school property, and allowing only Chapman students to use the playground during school hours will increase the safety of all students.

The proposed playground will transform the field on the north side of the building into an all-weather, rubber surfaced area with multiple play structures designed for many levels of gross motor activities, muscle development, cooperative play, and eye-hand coordination. Replacement of grass will get rid of the soggy, muddy area that students are not able to use during rainy days; which we know are a lot here in Portland!

This effort is beyond the budget that the Foundation can support, and we continue to be dedicated to funding our educational needs here at Chapman. As such, with a playground budget of \$220,000, we are actively seeking funding from large donor sponsorships, trusts and grants. Already we've submitted for the NWNW (Neighbors West Northwest) grant, and working with the Nike Community Impact Fund grant, as well as the Trailblazers Take It To The Court grant.

We'll be kicking-off fundraising for the playground at the Art Auction on November 18th during the Paddle Raise to fund this wonderful new effort!



Stay tuned as we unveil more information about this exciting project!

If you have ideas or ways to help fund this effort please reach out to **Nici Griffith**, Foundation Chair.

Learn more about the playground at:

www.friendsofchapman.org.



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SwiftGatsby – Art Auction

Our biggest fundraiser event of the year is just a few weeks away! Students and volunteers are hard at work creating masterpieces that will be auctioned off to raise money for Friends of Chapman.

The auction generates approximately **60% of our annual funds**. We've grossed \$11,945 in ticket sales so far, which is about 180 tickets. Please remind your friends and family to purchase tickets - round up a table and have some fun! Tickets and auction purchases are all tax deductible.

Visit the auction page to [purchase](#) before November 11th!

PTA

Get Involved!

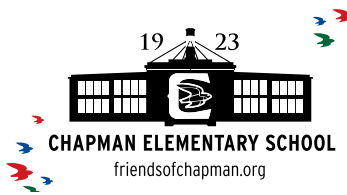
The next PTA meeting will be on **November 16th at 6pm in the auditorium**. Whether it's your first PTA meeting or you're a regular, we want to see and hear from you! Your voice counts and you can make a difference! *Mark your calendars, regularly scheduled PTA meetings occur every second Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise announced due to school schedules.*

See next page for November 16th's PTA Agenda.

THANK YOU for Your Continued Support!

Your volunteer efforts and financial contributions make Chapman a great place to learn and grow!





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PTA General Meeting November 16, 2016 Agenda

- 6:00 Call to Order/ Introductions
- 6:10 Principal's Report-Pamela VanDerWolf and Diana Kruger
 - Ramona Update
 - TAG Update
 - Other School News
- 6:25 Financial Report-Morgan Nystrom
 - Budget Overview
 - Current Balance
 - Fundraising Goals and Status
- 6:30 Friends of Chapman/Committee Reports
 - Friends of Chapman Communication and Inclusion Efforts- Anna Dvorcstak and Helen Shum (10 minutes)
 - Foundation- Nici Griffith (5 minutes)
 - Potential New Play Structure- Nici Griffith and Morgan Nystrom (10 minutes)
 - Auction-Veery Harper (5 minutes)
 - Volunteer Coordinator-Tiffany Goldwyn (5 minutes)
- 7:05 Announcements/Public Comments
 - We want to hear from parents and teachers about what they care about so we can direct our fundraising and volunteer efforts toward areas that are important to our whole community.
- 7:30 Adjourn

PTA President-Christy Marten
Vice President-Helen Shum
Secretary-Sarah Groom
Treasurer/Membership-Morgan Nystrom
Treasurer-Elect-Dania Cook
Volunteer Coordinator – Tiffany Goldwyn
PTA Teacher Representative- Anne Williams
Auction-Veery Harper and Janel Hanson
Ramona Representatives-Molly Porter and Emily Price

Chapman Foundation-Nici Griffith
Chapman Foundation Vice Chair-Monica Geller
Foundation Treasurer- Anna Dvortcsak
Outreach-Monique Eldridge
Room Parent Coordinator- Shaunna Levy
Communications Manager- Kari Carney
Dining Nights- Kelly Farrell
Chapman Store Lead- Brigitta Glanz

