

SLAVENS SCHOOL

FUNDRAISING GUIDE

Fundraising is an essential part of what makes Slavens such a high performing, award winning, and sought after school. DPS funding covers only a portion of the diverse programming that is available to students. The very important giving of the Slavens' community allows our children to benefit from items like the STEM lab, paraprofessionals at every grade level to give teachers more time for student interaction, Chromebooks and iPads for student use, current, high-quality learning materials, and cutting-edge teacher training. These critical elements, and many more like daily PE, arts, and music education, help drive excellence at Slavens and cannot continue without your generosity.

PTA – Parent Teacher Association

Who We Are:

Slavens PTA is the school's largest fundraising entity. While a majority of our effort is spent on raising funds, our mission is to engage families, enhance school programs, and supply much needed educational supplies, equipment and technology. We foster our special Slavens community and the wellbeing of our children by encouraging parent involvement through volunteering, supporting our teachers, and collaborating with school administrators.

What We Do:

The money raised by the PTA funds paraprofessionals at every grade level, purchases needed classroom materials and technology, supports ongoing teacher education, and aids in facility upgrades. Through volunteerism, we also coordinate indispensable programming like after school enrichment, school safety, teacher appreciation, recycling and composting, and class pictures.

What We Need:

Participation! We encourage everyone to participate in the many fundraising and volunteer opportunities available. All adult members of a family are encouraged to join the PTA. Though attendance is not required, as a member you can support our kids' success by sharing ideas and voting on our initiatives at monthly meetings. The dues are \$15 per adult (a portion is paid to the Colorado PTA and National PTA for access to resources and the remaining funds offset our local administrative expenses).

FOSS - Friends of Slavens School

Who We Are:

Formed in 1996, FOSS is a 501©3 charity charged with the goal of raising money to ensure Slavens students don't lose out on a well-rounded education featuring key courses including art, music, foreign language and STEM.

What We Do:

Giving our kids access to these extras not only makes for a better school experience, but helps create future leaders and great thinkers. Recent FOSS funding includes paying the salary of our STEM facilitator, as well as providing a new sound system for the gym/auditorium, band scholarships, Spanish books and art festival support, among other gifts.

What We Need:

FOSS is dedicated to giving the extras to every child, every day but we can't do it without every family participating. We recommend \$150 per student (that's less than \$1 per day), but no donation is too small. If we all give what we can, we will reach our annual goal!

Please note that there are many opportunities to volunteer throughout the school year. This is just as valuable as any monetary donation, so please consider lending your time.

If you have any questions about when or how to volunteer you may contact your student's teacher or visit the website.

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