

Cash Appeal 2010-2011

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What will the Cash Appeal donations be used for? I am not sure where this money will go and how it will benefit my child.*

This year, money donated will be used in part to fund: Poet in Residence, Music, Physical Education for all grades two times a week, and Learning Garden for all grades. The Parents' Club will also fund the marine studies program (MARE), three multicultural assemblies (Chinese New Year, African American Heritage, and Cinco de Mayo), stipends twice yearly for teachers to help cover the cost of supplies, field trips for all grades, plus an amazing 5th grade overnight field trip. We are also supporting the school's copy machine contract and supplies this year. The PCO keeps a rainy day reserve that carries over from year to year and allocates any extra funds to special requests for necessary expenses. Examples of special requests include updating the costumes for the Cinco de Mayo assembly, a new slide for the Kindergarten yard, materials for the art class to make new wall hangings for the auditorium, a supply shed for PE equipment, etc.
- 2. How do I pay?*

Return your checks in the envelope we have provided. Make all checks payable to CSS PCO. Don't forget to include a pledge form with your donation(s). You can also pay via PayPal on our web site sloatparents.org under "Donate Now." Keep in mind however that PayPal deducts a percentage of your donation, so to maximize the donation, a check or cash is best.
- 3. How can I return my Cash Appeal contribution to the school safely?*

Use the attached envelope and put your cash or check (payable to CSS-PCO – Cash Appeal) in with the donation form. Then hand the envelope directly to your child's teacher or put it in the locked PCO mailbox in the office. If you use your own envelope, be sure to mark "Cash Appeal" on the front.
- 4. When do I need to send in my money?*

Please make your donation or pledge as soon as possible so our programs can continue uninterrupted. If you can give the target \$200 per student now, that is wonderful. Otherwise, give what you can now and indicate on your donation form how you plan to pay the remainder of your pledge (monthly, quarterly, etc.)

We will accept donations throughout the school year, but ask that you let us know your intentions. That way, we can monitor our program's progress as well as make sure programs continue uninterrupted. We can help you with donation reminders throughout the year.
- 5. Will I receive a receipt for my tax records?*

Yes. Once we receive your donation, we will send a confirmation/thank you letter to you directly. Please make sure that you fill out your donation form completely so we have the necessary information to send you this receipt.
- 6. Can relatives and friends contribute money to the Cash Appeal?*

YES! You can either make a copy of the donation form for them or they can simply send their check (payable to CSS-PCO – Cash Appeal) directly to the school, including their name, current address, and the child to whom they're related on the check.
- 7. What if my employer has a company match program?*

Many companies have matching funds programs. This is a great way to provide extra funds to our schools. Commodore Sloat is a qualified recipient of many company-matching programs. Please check with your employer, you may be able to double or triple your school donation!
- 8. I contribute in other ways to the school, why must I send you a check too?*

We appreciate that our parents support our school in many ways. Please remember that the funds we raise through the Cash Appeal, as well as other community-wide fundraisers throughout the year, support the entire school, not just specific teachers or classes.
- 9. Do other public schools ask parents directly for money?*

Yes they do. In fact, many schools request more than \$200 per student. Your participation in the Cash Appeal is strictly voluntary, and we hope you will place a high value on what your student receives as a result of this fundraising.