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Dear Parents,

I am writing this letter to prepare you for our Fall Fundraiser which is kicking off this Thursday, September 17th, 2009. This is a very important fundraiser for our school and the PTA. All the money that is made from these product sales goes right back to the school and the kids. Last year, we made a little less than \$18,000. This was short about \$4000 from the 2007-2008 school years. We depend on the previous year's numbers to base our proposed budget each year, so you can imagine how much we had to cut with the \$4000 shortfall last year. Being a parent, I understand that fundraising can be tedious and even sometimes annoying but you have to look at the bigger picture. With the funds we raise, here are some things that the PTA pays for each year:

- Transportation for all grade level field trips
- Art Supplies
- Yearbooks for the 6th grade class
- Field trip to Hemlock for the 6th grade class
- Field trip to Jamestown for the 4th grade class
- Scholastic newspapers for some of the classes
- Reduced priced events like the Fall Carnival which will now be held in the Spring
- International Night potluck dinner w/entertainment (**which will be held Friday, October 23rd**)
- Food and beverages at our educational activities
- Two teacher appreciation brunches each year
- \$ to teachers to help offset classroom setup expenses

On the reverse side of this paper please take a moment to look at our proposed budget for the 2009-2010 school years. I realize that some of you do not have the time or the energy to fundraise for your children, so feel free to make a donation instead. Please earmark your check as a donation to the PTA if you decide this is the route you would like to take instead.

Sincerely yours,

Jessica Parker

PTA President