

Commodore Sloat School 2015-2016:



FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT A GLANCE

Fundraising efforts pay for many of Sloat's student enrichment programs (physical education, the learning garden, visual art, poetry, field trips, cultural assemblies), as well as teacher supplies, office assistance, and more. There are numerous opportunities throughout the year to contribute to Sloat, and not all involve giving money. You are not obliged to step up each time, so please use this document to plan how you'd like to support your student's education at school, financially and with your time, through our scheduled fundraising efforts and events. Visit commodoresloat.com for more information about these programs and events. Click the **Calendar** link for current dates and times. Information regarding other critical volunteer opportunities are provided in the weekly bulletins and through email communications.

— AUGUST —

TEACHER REQUESTS: Specific classroom supplies or a small amount of money to cover special activities or snacks. Requests vary by classroom and are completely voluntary. You can also volunteer your time in class. *100% goes to classrooms.*

CASH APPEAL CAMPAIGN: The PCO asks every family to participate at their comfort level. Recommended donation is about \$300 per student. *100% goes to the general fund.*

GREEN UP, CLEAN UP: Come give your time and energy to make the school look cleaner and brighter!

— SEPTEMBER —

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: A week-long book fair held during Back to School Night week. You can also volunteer to work a shift at the fair. *25% of sales goes to the general fund, and 15% of sales generates credit to buy classroom books.*

— OCTOBER —

SLOAT STRIDE: Our annual walk- or jog-a-thon. Students get pledges for number of laps completed and collect the \$ after the event. Every pledge helps! Besides pledging your student, you can also volunteer the day of Sloat Stride. *100% goes to general fund.*

GREAT SHAKEOUT FUNDRAISER: Earthquake and Ready Response First Aid Kits sold during the "Great Shakeout" on October 15th. *Up to 50% of sales goes to general fund.*

"SCHOOL DAYS" AT BOOKSHOP WEST PORTAL: They donate 25% of all sales during a certain period. *100% goes to school library in the form of a store credit.*

PUMPKIN PATCH/HAUNTED HOUSE: PCO sponsored. Every student gets to pick a pumpkin. Suggested donation \$1-2 per pumpkin to cover costs. You can also volunteer to work a shift and decorate. *This event makes no profit.*

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ASSEMBLY: Come give your time and energy to help plan an assembly celebrating indigenous peoples.

— NOVEMBER —

HOLIDAY GIFT FUNDRAISERS (TBD): We are considering different options for holiday gift sales, a portion of which would go to Sloat. We will keep you posted!

— JANUARY —

eWASTE/eRECYCLE: Sloat hosts an e-waste/e-recycle day and receives a percentage of the total collected. *100% goes to general fund.*

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— FEBRUARY —

CULTURAL ASSEMBLIES: Come give your time and energy to help plan assemblies celebrating Lunar New Year and African American Heritage.

ART CARDS: Greeting cards & other merchandise created from your child's artwork. *Up to 38% of sales goes to general fund.*

— MARCH —

AUCTION: A themed, evening event for adults only with get-aways, art, jewelry, clothing, kids camps, sports tickets, etc.

Featuring beautiful classroom art projects! Tickets include food & open bar, and were \$30 each in 2014. Auction item prices vary. You can also solicit auction items and/or volunteer to work a shift. *100% of profits go to general fund.*

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: A week-long book fair held during parent/teacher conference week. You can also volunteer to work a shift at the fair. *25% of sales goes to the general fund, and 15% of sales generates credit to buy classroom books.*

— APRIL —

"SCHOOL DAYS" AT BOOKSHOP WEST PORTAL: They donate 25% of all sales during a certain period. *100% goes to school library in the form of a store credit.*

RAINBOW-A-FAIR: A massive school festival with bounce houses, games, prizes, live music, a raffle and fabulous food. Expect to buy a ride/game wristband, lunch, and raffle tickets. You can also volunteer to work a shift (this event takes a lot of parent power!) *100% of profits go to general fund.*

— MAY —

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CINCO DE MAYO ASSEMBLY: Come give your time and energy to help plan & work with kids on Cinco De Mayo assembly/performance.

FOOD DRIVE: Students can donate non-perishable food items for the those in need over the summer months. *This event makes no profit. Donated at discretion of the San Francisco Food Bank.*

5th GRADE GRADUATION: If your student is graduating, expect to offer some financial support for the 5th grade yearbook, overnight field trip, and graduation party.

See reverse side for year-round opportunities

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS:

At different times during the year, we take advantage of relationships with local restaurants. We'll announce the restaurant and the date and (when required) send out a coupon you can use. You present the coupon with your bill (when required) or simply mention you are with Sloat, and they donate a percentage to Sloat. When lots of families come, it's like a huge party. *Percentage varies by restaurant.*

EVENT FOOD SALES: Either the PCO or the 5th graders offer dinner for sale at evening events such as Back to School Night, Holiday Sing-Along, Literacy Night, etc. *100% goes to either the general fund or the 5th grade graduation fund.*

DONORS CHOOSE WEB SITE: Teachers enter requests for special donations on donorschoose.org and anyone can fulfill requests. Open to the public. *100% goes to individual requests.*

LOGO T-SHIRT, SWEATSHIRT, WATER BOTTLES, CAR


MAGNET, & GARDEN TOTES: You can buy Sloat logo wear, stainless steel water bottles, car magnets, or garden totes any time of year, either for your student or for yourself! Zip hoody sweatshirts cost \$30, t-shirts cost \$15, water bottles are \$6, magnets are \$5, and totes are \$10. *100% profits go to general fund.*

AUCTION SOLICITATION: It's never too early to begin hunting for auction items. Visit the auction page on sloatparents.org and learn more about what kinds of items to solicit, parties to put together, etc. *100% of auction profits go to general fund.*

DONATE SIMPLY BY DOING YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING!

We have many business sponsors who donate a small percentage of any sale in which you identify Sloat as the beneficiary, at no cost to you. (see below)

DONATE, SIMPLY BY DOING YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING! It couldn't be easier, and there is no extra cost to you. Check the list of shopping donation opportunities below. In most cases, you sign up once, and the donations will keep rolling in to Commodore Sloat until you tell them to stop. This is a GREAT way for aunts, uncles, grandparents & friends to help our school. Spread the word!

Business Partner	Percentage	How To Get Started
Amazon.com	6%	Click through the Amazon.com logo on sloatparents.org home page and then do your Amazon shopping. Sloat gets up to 6%!
eScrip	.5-8%	Go to escrip.com and register the payment card and grocery club cards you regularly use. Donations are automatic when you use that card at any participating merchant. Popular club card is Safeway. eScrip merchants include grocery stores, cruise lines, airlines, newspapers, and more! Really easy.
OneCause	.5-6%	Register at onecause.com and then always start at that site and click through to the online merchant you want. Family of merchants is HUGE.
Rainbow Scrip	10%	Buy paper Rainbow Grocery scrip (not electronic), and Sloat gets a whopping 10%. You spend the scrip like cash.
Lucky scrip card	.5-6%	Ask in the office for a Lucky scrip card and swipe it when you shop. Donation is automatic.
Target Red Card	1%	Sign up at any Target store and designate Sloat as beneficiary. You get a 5% discount, and Sloat gets 1% of the sale.
AmEx Points	varies	Call American Express customer service and tell them you want your reward points converted to a cash donation to Sloat!
Sloat Garden Center	TBA	Usually twice a year, Sloat Garden Center offers a percentage of every sale back to Commodore Sloat, which is given to the learning garden.
Sports Basement	5%	Mention Commodore Sloat any time you go buy at Sports Basement; you get a 10% discount, and Sloat gets 5% of the sale.
Box Tops for Education		Look for the box tops coupon on products from companies like General Mills, Kleenex, Ziplock, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Avery, Hefty, Juicy Juice, and more. Sloat gets \$.10 for every box top coupon collected. We conduct box tops drives once or twice a year, so set aside a jar or envelope in your kitchen and clip and save those box tops! Check boxtopsforeducation.com for a full list of participating companies.
Whole Foods	TBA	For one week during the year, Whole Foods offers a percentage of every sale back to Commodore Sloat.
Farmigo	10%	Order fresh produce and other items online and pick up weekly at Sloat. Go to http://www.farmigo.com/sloatelementaryschool to get started.