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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over 1700 families participated in last year's **for kids!** Annual Campaign which raised **\$163,000**. Thanks to your generosity all of our school libraries will stay open and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will continue to have an instrumental music program this school year.

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Our community has a history of providing the financial support that makes a difference in the life of every child, in every school, in the San Mateo-Foster City Elementary School District. Over the past twenty years **for kids!** has donated nearly **\$3 million** to the District to help ensure an excellent education for all students.

**For the 2010-2011 school year, the State of California continues to face drastic educational budget cuts.** The full cost of providing a quality education to our children is no longer being funded adequately by the State. Our district alone has received \$18.7 million in budget cuts since 2007-2008. To continue providing the academic excellence our community expects and our children deserve, we ask for your generous support.

For these past twenty years, **for kids!** has contributed to programs as diverse as

- school libraries
- computer labs
- counseling services
- classroom and instrumental music
- and after-school sports

Now more than ever, your support is critical for your neighborhood schools. You have reaffirmed this support over and over, demonstrating what we, as adults, believe to be important: the belief that an educational community should ask the very best of everyone so that our children can grow into their dreams.

We have embraced the vision that every child deserves the opportunity to reach their greatest potential and that excellent public schools are an investment in our community's future.

Thank you, in advance, for your tax-deductible gift and your unselfish generosity.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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