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PTO Corner

At the September meeting of the Mesa PTO, we approved a budget with expenditures nearing \$47,000. Of that, \$38,500 is designated towards tutor support in literacy and math. An additional \$4,000 is budgeted towards academic support through mini-grants and enrichment programs. Further budget information is posted on the PTO bulletin board by the office.

Fundraising to support this budget has gone very well to date. Thanks to the dedication of Chris Hunt, the King Soopers Gift Card Program is on track to double its proceeds. If you haven't already obtained a card, please pick one up from the display across from the office. Every time money is added to one of these cards, Mesa PTO receives 5% of the amount. If you spend \$500 on groceries per month and use one of these cards, Mesa PTO receives \$25.

Other PTO fundraisers and activities have also gotten off to a tremendous start. The Fall Festival was the most financially successful ever, raising over \$4,000. A big thank you to the Fall Festival organizing committee: Sally Hoechstetter, Margee Sullivan-Watkins, Alison Janecek, Marcey Cote, Tammi Willmarth, Tammy Livingstone, Eve Rose, Karen Nielsen, Laurie Ruzic, Amy Harpool, and Gila Steinbock.

We also want to thank these volunteers for heading up the following activities: Marie Kertzer for Bike-to-School Day, Julie Okada for Picture Day, Betsy Shehigian for Vision/Hearing Screening, Lisa Gillespie for the Parent-Teacher Conference Dinners, Helen Devereux for the Mesa T-shirts, and Kate Kupferer for the School Directory. These activities couldn't happen without these folks and without those of you who chip in and assist. Again, thank you.

Join Mesa for the CU/Arizona football game on Saturday, November 12. For every ticket sold, Mesa PTO receives \$5. Go to this link, <https://www.groupticketwindow.com/groupticket/college/Bufs/group>, and type **MESAPTO** into both the user name and password.

Other Mesa Community Fund Raisers are planned through the year. We hope to see you at one.

~ Renae Foxhoven, PTO President

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