

Dear Carden Parents,

We welcome new and returning families to Carden School of Fresno. This is a unique school where the mental focus on learning builds confidence in a child, which allows them to thrive and learn. They are taught that this is a motivation that comes from within. As the Carden Parent Association, our main focus is to support our students' academics by arranging social events for the children and their families. Our parent association is also responsible for organizing active and passive fundraisers. Consequently, families will have many opportunities to help by participating in our efforts.

With this letter we would like to first call your attention to these different ways of passive fundraising for the school, which do not take much effort! Passive fundraisers are as follows:

1. **Amazon Smile Online** -- Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Carden School of Fresno. Our school has received thousands of dollars so far with this opportunity.

- a. Sign onto amazon smile (<http://smile.amazon.com>)
- b. Click 'Settings'
- c. Insert Carden School of Fresno into your organization of choice
- d. Remember to shop under Amazon Smiles and not under Amazon!

2. **Box Top for Education App** -- The school will earn \$0.10 per box top just by using an app to scan your grocery receipts.

- a. Download Box Top for Education app
- b. Scan your receipt on the Box Top for Education app
- c. Click on Credit, input classroom grade.
- d. Click submit.
- e. Invite your friends and family to download the app and earn extra points on their first scan for the school.
- f. Our school's lifetime earnings: \$6,176.06. Let's earn even more!



We also would like to present our parent association supported school events!

Date	Event	Time
08/14	Movies Under the Stars	TBD
08/22	Welcome Coffee	7:30-7:55am
08/26	Back-to-School Ice Cream Social	2:30pm
TBD	Annual Welcome Social	TBD
10/14	Harvest Carnival	2:30-6:00pm
11/10	Jog-a-thon	8:30am
12/15	*Winter Program	TBD
TBD 03/11or 03/12	Lion Bowling	2:30-4:30pm
TBD	Middle School Super Social	6:00-8:00pm
04/17-04/20	Testing Week, CPA Provides Snacks	TBD
April, TBD	Spring Dance Event	TBD
5/7-5/13	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Day	7:30am
5/25	*Spring Program	TBD
5/26	*Olympics Day	TBD
6/1	*Graduation	6:30-8:00pm

*Academic events. Volunteers maybe needed. See SignUp.com

Additionally, we have some weekly/monthly tasks that parents can volunteer for on SignUp.com. They are as follows:

Weekly: Bake Sale, Pizza Friday

Monthly: Staff Lunch and Social Events

If you would like to take part in our Carden Parent Association, the first meeting will be on August 24, at 8:05am near the basketball courts. Beginning in October, the meetings are scheduled on the first Friday of each month after drop off. Finally, any changes to the dates or times above will be posted on the Carden newsletter or Facebook CSOF parent page.

Thank you for supporting our children and our school!

Respectfully,

Eric Simonians, Lead Coordinator

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The Coordinators of Carden Parent Association (aka PC)

