

Fundraising

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- Smart Money Committee – Wamoola program, Target Visa, Provident Credit Union, book sales, etc.
- Box Tops, Campbell's Labels, eScrip, Albertson's and Cala
- eScrip -Ink jet toner cartridge and cell phone recycling
- Jump Rope for Heart

The reality for all public schools in California is that the money received from the school district does not cover everything that parents and teachers want to offer the children. A major goal of the PTA is to raise money for a variety of programs, events, capital improvements, and supplies. Parents are critical in this effort as parents realize how beneficial such programs and materials are to the success of all children in the school. *Let the PTA know if you have a new idea for raising money.* Throughout the year there are many ways to contribute money to the school:

F.A.C.T.

The direct donation fund at Lafayette is called F.A.C.T., which stands for Families, Alumni, and Community Together. This is our biggest source of income and every contribution, large and small, helps our school. Parents are encouraged to support our annual F.A.C.T. drive by making a tax-deductible contribution. These funds are used exclusively for Lafayette enrichment programs (visual and performing arts, science) and school improvements. Lafayette asks that families contribute whatever is comfortable for them, with a target of \$275 per student annually. If your company has a matching gift program, your tax-deductible contribution can go even further. We would love to get all families contributing to F.A.C.T., whether you can contribute \$5 or \$500.

Silent Auction

The annual silent auction, started just last year, was our 2nd biggest source of income. We are excited to continue the success during this school year. At the festive event, donated items and services are auctioned off to the highest bidder. This event also serves as a great opportunity to donate services and skills that could be auctioned off.

Other Fundraising Programs

- **Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough Sales** – During the fall the children sell items from catalogs; 50% of the proceeds go to Lafayette.
- **Boxtops Program** - Box Tops, Campbell's Labels and Tyson A+ for Education - these participating companies and their products have coupons to cut out on their packages which the PTA collects and sends in twice a

year. Just cut out the coupon and drop them in the Labels for Education box in the main hallway.

- **SMART Money** – Lafayette has many partners that offer us “free” money when our families shop at their stores or use their services
 - **e-Scrip** can be used when you shop at stores like Safeway, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Macy’s, and Andronico’s Market. Once you sign up every time you make a purchase the money will automatically be deposited into our Lafayette PTA account. It takes just one phone call (800-700-5655) or a visit to the e-Scrip website to sign up your cards. eScrip also has a print cartridge and cell phone recycling program; you can find this recycling container in the main hallway.
 - **Washington Mutual (WAMU)** donated money to Lafayette for every family who signed-up their ATM Debit cards at Washington Mutual.
 - **Office Depot** has a yearly 5% school program; by supplying them with the Lafayette ID number - 70014116 - when you make a purchase. Lafayette will earn a credit of 5% towards free supplies.
- **Restaurant partnerships** - portions of money spent at partner restaurants go back to the school. Simply dining at our partner restaurants generates money for our school. Examples of partners are Pasta Pomodoro, Tia Margarita, and Giorgio’s.
- **Scholastic Book Fair** - students get an opportunity to buy inexpensive books and the school receives credit to obtain free books to strengthen the classroom and library collection.
- **T-shirt and sweatshirt sales** - buy shirts with the Lafayette logo to show pride in your school. Shirts come in adult and child sizes.

Ways to Donate Services

We have such an interesting and unique set of families, and each year are amazed at all the skills and services parents are able to donate to the school. Scientists conduct in-class workshops for students, bakers donate elaborate cakes for special events, entertainers donate karaoke and other entertainment to school events, restaurant owners donate food and gift cards, and many parents donate professional services, tours, and other appealing offers for the silent auction. If you have a skill or service that you would like to offer, please include this information on the Volunteer Information Form.