

RACE FOR EDUCATION

October 28, 2011

Dear Parents,

Once again, the Sangster PTA will sponsor the Race for Education as our largest fundraiser of the year. As some of you will remember, the Race was very successful last year and helped the PTA fund a NEW TRACK, new electronic technology for the classrooms, assist with field trip funding, and provide many more things that help make Sangster so special.

Last year was our first year doing this event and we learned a lot and listened to comments and feedback from parents and teachers. This year we will be making some changes to our Race fundraiser.

What stays:

- *Major Fundraising event that needs everyone's support
- *Prizes for the students
- *Super fun event outdoors for the students
- *Opportunity for students to spend an hour outside using our track with their friends and classmates

What changes:

- No more addresses from families
- No more mailing labels!
- Options on how to raise funds determined by each family

We incorporated your suggestions and are trying a new system this year. Consider it a "make it your way" fundraiser. You and your children will decide together how you would like to raise funds for Sangster as part of our Race for

Education. Each student will receive an envelope with instructions and information attached. If your child enjoys calling or walking to friends, relatives and known neighbors, you may collect donations from those individuals and place the cash or checks in the envelope. If you would prefer not to ask for donations, simply write a check from your family, place it in the envelope and the only thing left to do is enjoy the jog-a-thon outside on our new track! How you raise the funds is your preference and your choice. In all the ways you choose to do this fundraiser, we encourage you to give or collect generously. We hope these changes will make it a pleasant experience for everyone and encourages 100% participation from each student in this fundraiser.

We should note that the PTA is able to do the wonderful things at Sangster because of the generosity of giving in the Sangster community. We now have SMART boards in every classroom, a fleet of ELMOs, extra laptops, ability to do field trips, etc., because of the PTA funds. To maintain this level of support to our school, we need to keep those funds high. As an incentive in this fundraising effort, for each \$100 your child collects, his or her name will be entered into a drawing for a new Kindle! For each \$50 your child collects, his or her name will be entered into a drawing for lunch with Mr. Summers and Ms. Jankovich! Plus, as an extra bonus, we will host an ice cream party for the class that raises the most money!

Thank you in advance for your participation in this event and your continued support of the Sangster PTA programs. All Sangster students and teachers benefit from your kindness and generosity!

Thank you so much,

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