



VRES PTA Special News Update

STEAM Program Fundraiser - PLEASE READ!!!

Dear VRES Families and Faculty,

This is the time of year when the PTA starts looking at the budget for next school year and what we will be funding for the school -- filling in the gaps where FCPS falls short. In addition to our usual areas of funding (technology, teacher/staff professional development, assemblies, field trips, classroom enrichment and more), **next year we have one very important program in need of our support in order to continue -- STEAM.**

STEAM is not funded by FCPS; therefore it is not a budgeted amount that is covered like other classes (PE, Music, Art...). Virginia Run has been able to fund our STEAM class and we want to see it continue as a full time position. Currently some schools have STEAM as a part time position and other schools have STEAM materials but no teacher! Our K-1st graders attend STEAM for 1/2 hour each week; 2nd-3rd graders for 45 minutes each week; and 4th-6th graders for 1 hour each week.

How will the PTA help STEAM?

The PTA will be budgeting \$30,000 to protect STEAM for next year. Yes, that is a lot of money! Here is how we will do it:

1. The majority of our fundraising money will be directed towards STEAM for 2017-2018 and 100% of the money earned from the Color Run, Paint Night, Donut Drive Thru & Summer PE Sports Camp will go towards STEAM.
2. We will add a new fundraising opportunity that will be easy -- a 50/50 Raffle!
3. Next Fall we will hold a fundraiser to generate additional funds.
4. Finally, we will need to tap into our PTA Reserve funds to cover the difference. We have not had to do that in recent memory and this will be a significant amount. It will only be a one year solution. If FCPS continues to not be fully funded we will have to continue these large fundraising goals.

How can you Help?

- Color Run - Participate in the race: It's a ton of fun! Registration forms came home yesterday or can be found [here](#)

- **Every Family is Being asked to Find a Color Run Corporate Sponsor:** Your Employer, Restaurants, Realtors, Doctors, Hotels, Amusement Parks, After School Activity Locations. The Corporate Sponsor form can be found [here](#)

- Please contact Kelly Sabine at tellies@gmail.com to let her know what business you are going to contact: we are tracking what companies we contact so that we do not have multiple people contacting them!

- **Find In Kind Donations for the Color Run:** Vacation Property, Sports Tickets, Photography Session, CPA Service, Lawn Service, Car Repair Service, Gift Basket, 'Experience Gift' (hot air balloon ride, zoo experience, vineyard tour)

- Make a tax-deductible donation to the PTA! Any amount will help and all donations will go toward protecting STEAM

- Participate in our 50/50 Raffle! More information on that soon!

We know with your help we can keep STEAM at VRES not only for next year but for the future!

Please feel free to contact myself or Mrs. Edwards with any questions. STEAM is very important to our students and we hope our VRES families will support our fundraising efforts in any way you can.

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PTA No Fuss Contribution: Prefer to not find a Corporate Sponsor or an In Kind Donation? We've got the perfect opportunity here! Anyone can support our PTA! It's tax deductible AND you are supporting VRES! Simply send in a donation: checks should be made out VRES PTA with the Memo Line: STEAM Program. Make a note on your envelope to have a receipt emailed or email Johannah Evans to request a receipt.