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Jack L. Weaver Elementary School

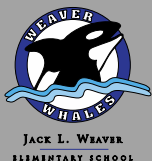
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Dear Weaver Families:

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! For those of you who are new to Weaver — welcome to our #WeAreWeaver family!

In the midst of everything going on, we are excited to finally be able to go back to school. We are looking forward to working with our wonderful teachers, the PTA and the school administration to deliver the best learning experience during this time in a safe and welcoming environment for all our kids and parents. Even more important – with more than 1/3 of our students opting for Los Al@Home, our principal Dr. Schmidt, is committed to keeping all Weaver Whales engaged and actively participating in all of our Weaver activities, regardless of how or where they attend school.

While 2020 has brought new challenges and unusual circumstances, Friends of Weaver (FOW) is focused on keeping our Weaver community strong and delivering the best education opportunities for both our traditional pathway and Los Al@Home learners. FOW is committed to our mission: inspiring a life-long passion for learning by tapping into children's curiosity and drive to explore.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Friends of Weaver and our great school! Last year, we asked for your help, and you responded. We raised the most money we have ever raised — thanks to you! When we needed to purchase new iPads for TK to 1st graders — you showed up. When we asked for money to replace the classroom computers and media center laptops — you contributed. When we asked you to help fund a part-time teacher and aide for the media center — you came through. In addition, in late 2019 you helped FOW fund new laptops for all Weaver teachers. Allowing teachers to retire laptops and desktops that were in some cases over 10 years old. While the goal was always to provide better in-classroom abilities and functionality for teachers, we were prescient in our support as our teachers were able to seamlessly transition to online learning from their homes when schools shut down, thanks to your generous giving.

We also want to thank and recognize all the volunteers and families who stepped up for Weaver Surfs the Net, our online auction that was able to raise more funds in the silent auction than we have in years past. Although postponing the 2020 Weaver Sets Sail Annual Gala was a difficult decision to make, we know that safety is paramount during this pandemic, and we hope we will still be able to hold this fabulous fundraiser to achieve our goals.


Our FOW board, made up of parent volunteers, recently met with Dr. Schmidt to discuss our plans and goals for this school year. We are behind in our fundraising goals for 2020 and looking ahead to 2021. Given the massive budgetary impact of the virus, we know our State continues to look at cuts in education across the board, and it reminds us that FOW was originally formed in response to other massive budget cuts that impacted Weaver 21 years ago. What we are going through at this time allows us to reaffirm our commitment, living up to the reason for our founding – to help our kids achieve more even in the face of funding cuts. FOW's commitment to you is to be good stewards of your generous parent donations and to maximize our returns on investments we make in a collaborative manner with the district and the school in order to ensure that Weaver remains strong no matter what happens with State funding.

We recognize things are different and difficult this year. However, in the spirit of community, we are again asking for those families who are able to make a donation to Friends of Weaver. We are seeking your support to continue to fund our STEAM teacher who will provide weekly lessons to each grade — for both traditional and Los Al@Home students. Your gift this year will enable us to deploy the FOW-funded Project Lead the Way and Next Generation Science Standards curricula and deliver those lessons online for ALL Weaver students to participate at home. In the past, we have requested \$100 per child, but we appreciate anything you can do this year to show your support of our school. Please also check with your employer about matching programs – many companies will match your donation to FOW with their own donation. Please contact WeaverMatching@gmail.com or 917-375-4366 for help with employee matching programs.

You can follow this link <http://bidpal.net/WeAreWeaver> to make your donation via credit card, if possible, as doing so helps us efficiently track and account for donations. While we prefer you to make your donation online this year, you can also drop off or mail your check to Weaver-- Please fill out the attached form and address to FOW or #WeAreWeaver.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our children and our school.

With Appreciation,



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Children's Name(s) (Grade): _____

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