

Herbert Hoover Middle School PTA

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Dear Hoover Family,

The Hoover Parent Teacher Association—**your PTA**—extends everyone warm greetings for a happy 2009! All of us are partners in our children's education and school experience. One of the most critical components of that partnership are through direct financial contributions from families to maintain many of Hoover's top-quality programs, student activities, and special projects **that would otherwise not exist**. We call these financial contributions the **Annual Fund**.

This year's goal is \$60,000. Consider these school essentials that were funded this year by the Annual Fund:

-Education Fund for teachers, classrooms, and departments. There were some 25 requests for special classroom supplemental books and DVDs to support curricular areas, teaching materials, science dissecting kits, LCD projectors, desktop printers for the whole counseling department, and new Apple and Dell computers for the library and computer lab.

-Our comprehensive Unified Arts program (i.e., Independent Living Class – an invaluable resource for teaching life skills – is funded by the PTA). Also funded this year were two extra publications of "The Hawk Headlines," for the journalism class.

-PTA pays for students' activities—including a supplement to the 8th grade graduation festivities, Spring Fair, and Hoover Hawk incentives —and parent education events that build community.

We need every family to contribute to the Hoover PTA Annual Fund. **To meet this year's \$60,000 goal**, we are suggesting a **\$250** contribution from each family. Of course, any amount is helpful and will be applied directly to school programs. For those who are able, a **\$500** or **\$1,000** contribution goes even further toward maintaining our school's essential programs.

The Hoover PTA is a 501c(3) non-profit organization and all contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law. Please make checks payable to "**Hoover PTA**" and return to the PTA mailbox in the school office, or mail it to: **Hoover PTA, 2290 14th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116**. To make an online credit card contribution using Click&Pledge, please log on to the Hoover Middle School website at <http://sfpta.org/Hoover> and click on "make a donation."

Thank you in advance for your financial contribution to maintain the academic programs and services we all enjoy at Hoover.

Judy Dong, Principal

Debi Skaggs, PTA President