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Your Center School Community Association. Create a Thriving Community!

Welcome to another wonderful year at The Center School. We have an amazing school, and are fortunate that The Center School now has the status as an Option School. Each of us decided that this school was THE BEST fit for our students, and now we all have the opportunity to support our school in whatever way we can. Last year, proactive and positive advocacy from the CSCA helped The Center School remain an essential option in the Seattle Public Schools. **This year your support, whether it is an hour making calls or helping at an event or chairing a committee, is essential to the evolution, continuity and vibrancy of this special program.**

Our goals this year are three-fold: to **build a strong school community** through events, special projects and support of teachers and staff, to provide **financial support for arts and academic partnerships** as well as supplies, projects and events, and finally to **advocate for our school** through community outreach.

There are so many ways that you can participate and research indicates that parent involvement increases student achievement and success. Here are a few ways **you can contribute to the community of The Center School:**

- Your involvement in our Fall and Spring General Meetings impact important program decisions. **Please join the CSCA** by filling out the membership form in this packet and plan on joining our discussions! 100% participation would send a very strong message of school support to the District! 100% participation would send a very positive message of school support to the District!
- Your interests and skills as a **volunteer** help us hold successful and meaningful events for community building or fund-raising and supports opportunities for our students. Please help us get to know you by filling out the **Family Interest Surveys** in this packet.
- Help keep our community connected by filling out the **Directory and E-mail form** included in this packet.
- Your **financial support** through membership dues and donations will enable us to fund programs that are of interest and meaning to our students and staff.

Join Us! October 22nd at 6:30 pm at The Center School. Principal Lisa Escobar will be speaking and we'll be filling you in on what's in store for the 2009-2010 school year.

On behalf of your community association, we look forward to working with you for the good of your student and all of the students and staff at The Center School. If we can be of any assistance in the coming year, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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2009/2010 Family Interest Survey

We encourage parents, students, friends and community members to participate in making The Center School the best possible learning environment for our students. One of the most effective ways to make this happen is by providing volunteer support for school programs, events and activities. Please take this opportunity to let us know which activities you are interested in and willing to help with.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian 1 P1

E-mail:

Preferred Phone:

Student Name

Parent/Guardian 2 P2

E-mail:

Preferred Phone:

Community Building Committee (CBC):

CBC is a parent group that provides additional support for staff as well as organization for school events. This is an important committee that helps with everything from classroom clean-up to planning and hosting the teachers appreciation lunch, Art Showcase and Curriculum Night to name a few.

P1 P2 - Event Planning

P1 P2 - Event Support and Hospitality

P1 P2 - Senior Events (*prom, graduation, luncheon...*)

School Culture & Extracurricular Activities:

Help is always needed with many important activities and programs that are part of the greater TCS school experience.

P1 P2 - Model United Nations (MUN)

P1 P2 - Ski Bus

P1 P2 - After School Clubs

Fund-raising: Raising additional funds is an important component to supporting the school programs and activities. We typically focus fund-raising in four areas: Let us know where you can help!

P1 P2 - Community Fund-raising Events

P1 P2 - Grants Research

P1 P2 - Grant Writing

General Help: Not sure where you can help or how much time you will have; here are some ways that you can lend a hand:

P1 P2 - Front Desk Assistance

P1 P2 - Call me if you need something

Community Outreach Committee (CORC):

CORC supports TCS by promoting current events to the parent community and the community at large. We typically need assistance with writing of articles, web support, and correspondence to the press and "School Beat" and much more.

P1 P2 - Writing articles for the web site

P1 P2 - Web site support

P1 P2 - Middle School Outreach

P1 P2 - School Tours & Open-houses

P1 P2 - Forward info to Press Organizations

Advocacy and Partnerships: One of the most unique aspect about The Center School is our close ties and partnerships within the Seattle Center and beyond. In addition, connecting with the broader Seattle Public Schools PTSA and District School Board is an important component to making our voice heard.

P1 P2 - Arts & Academics Partnerships

P1 P2 - Seattle Council PTSA Representative

P1 P2 - Legislative Liaison

Academic Support: The school doesn't run on teachers and staff alone, but can always use the help of interested parents.

P1 P2 - Tutoring (Subject/s _____)

P1 P2 - Classroom help

P1 P2 - New Staff Interviews (training required)

CSCA Operations: Miscellaneous activities that need your assistance... once a year and ongoing.

P1 P2 - Directory Production

P1 P2 - At home internet research

P1 P2 - CSCA Membership Recruiting

Family Interest Survey: Additional Information

Name:

E-mail:

Preferred Phone:

If you have other special interests, talents, skills, experience or corporate connections, please let us know:

Other Comments:

What do you want us to know about you? Please share your comments, thoughts and ideas below and tell us a convenient time to call. We look forward to your participation and to working together to build our community and enrich the lives of students, staff and families at The Center School.

Please return this form to The Center School front office or a CSCA Board Member. We will be in touch, but don't feel like you must wait for someone to call you – jump in and get involved! Please feel free to contact us anytime. We'd appreciate hearing from you.

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The Center School - CSCA Membership Form

The Center School Community Association (CSCA) works to support the students, teachers and staff of The Center School. Your membership and support makes this possible. Our goal is to provide our members with opportunities to help shape the present and the future of CSCA and The Center School through the sharing of ideas and experiences.

Membership dues are \$10 per individual or \$20 per household. These dues cover our participation in Seattle Council PTSA, State and National PTA. This allows access to resources and a greater voice for our community.

The CSCA is a registered PTA: Identification Unit #6.15.463

The CSCA is a registered tax-exempt 501© organization – tax #80-0038130. Any donation above membership dues is tax deductible.

- \$20 Household (2 adults)
 - \$10 Individual
 - \$ _____ Additional monies to support others
 - I/we would like to request membership dues support. I/We can pay \$ _____
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Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Graduation Year: 2010 2011 2012 2013 _____

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Contact E-mail: _____

I/We have completed the Volunteer Form: **Yes or No**

I/We have completed the Directory and E-mail Form: **Yes or No**

Please return this form with payment to the school front office. Checks should be made out to CSCA. Thank You!

The Center School Directory and E-mail List

The CSCA publishes a weekly newsletter, The Blast, a vital communication tool at The Center School. Please provide us your e-mail address, at a minimum, so we can keep you connected and informed. If you do not have access to e-mail, please provide a phone number so we can discuss other options to receive this information.

This year we are excited to launch a new web site dedicated to CSCA communication with TCS families and students. Please be on the lookout for upcoming information regarding our new site.

In addition, the CSCA compiles a once a year TCS school directory to facilitate communication and promote fellowship within the school community. Please complete the information you wish to be included in the directory. The directory will be distributed to students and school personnel only, and will not be shared with other groups or individuals. The directory is an excellent tool for school use and an invaluable to families to connect directly.

Student Name: _____

Student E-mail: _____

Graduation Year: 2010 2011 2012 2013

Do you want to receive the blast E-newsletter? Yes / No thanks / Already signed up (circle one)

Student Name: _____

Student E-mail: _____

Graduation Year: 2010 2011 2012 2013

Do you want to receive the blast E-newsletter? Yes / No thanks / Already signed up (circle one)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Do you want to receive the blast E-newsletter? Yes / No thanks / Already signed up (circle one)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Do you want to receive the blast E-newsletter? Yes / No thanks / Already signed up (circle one)

I give my permission for the above information to be included in TCS/CSCA directory:

Signature: _____

Date: _____