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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the new school year begins, we are looking forward to offering your child/children enriching opportunities to enhance the academic and related arts courses as well as clubs and sports offered at Central Tree. Fundraising provides the means for these extra opportunities and programs for the children.

Central Tree has a Student Activity Fund that is 100% funded by these parent/community supported fundraisers. To continue to provide the same support for academic enrichment programs, music programs, clubs, sports, field trips, and extra classroom materials, Central Tree will need over \$20,000 in unbudgeted funds this coming year.

We realize all families are facing challenges at this time with the increase in fuel, food and general household items. In the past we have run not only school wide fundraisers but individual club and activity fundraisers in order to help provide for all. We appreciate your great generosity and support.

At this time we are reviewing our approach to obtaining the “extra” money it takes to fund our Student Activity Fund. We would like to offer options for families to support us in a way that best fits their situation. We would like to streamline fundraising and offer an option where 100% of your money will go directly to the school instead of a percentage. Below are the fundraisers we will rely on to fund our activities and programs for the coming year. You will notice a mix of individual and family events.

- Warm Winter Raffle: a raffle during the fall where the winner will receive \$2,000 worth of the fuel of their choice. All profits will go to PTO supported mini grants across all grade levels.
- Magazine Drive: a school wide fundraiser in early October that has provided between \$8,000 and \$12,000 to the Student Activity Fund. The school receives 40% of the total sales from this drive. This continues to be our largest means to provide for the Student Activity Fund.
- Family Bingo Night: a school wide family event in early November where students and parents donate items to create themed gift baskets as prizes, along with many gift certificates from local businesses and family entertainment (golf, bowling, movies). There is usually a 50/50 raffle and snacks are provided for the evening. Since 100% of the items are donated, 100% of the profits go to the PTO which supports mini grants and miscellaneous classroom and teacher requests. Typical profit is around \$1,200.
- Spaghetti Dinner: a family event held in mid-late March where a delicious spaghetti dinner, complete with salad and dessert is served in the cafeteria and entertainment is provided by the CTMS music department. There is also an event in the gym where families can win a cake or dessert to take home. Historically the music department benefits from this family fundraiser, and again, 98% - 100% of the food and supplies have been donated so 100% of the profits go directly back to the school. Typical profit is around \$2,000.

- Entertainment Coupon Books: have been sold in the past by several groups ranging from National Junior Honor Society to a specific grade and/or club. These books contain hundreds of coupons to area businesses, services, travel and restaurants. The school receives 40% of the total sales from this drive. Profits have ranged from \$1,500-2,000. per group/grade.

If needed we may also rely on the following events:

- Advertising Sales: our music and cheerleading groups typically sell advertising for the program books that are handed out at all school concerts and basketball games. By paying to place an ad in the programs, 100% of the money collected goes directly to the two groups.
- Butter Braid Pastry: a delicious frozen pastry that is offered in several flavors. All you do is thaw the pastry, bake and ice with the included frosting. These have been sold in the past by the music students as well as individual grade levels. The school receives 40% of the total sales from this drive. Profits range from \$800 – \$3,000.

As you can see there are various events you can participate in or products that you can purchase to support the many extras we would like to continue to provide for the students at Central Tree. This year you have the opportunity to support the fund by way of direct donation so that 100% goes directly to the Student Activity Fund. A onetime donation can be made or you can choose to give over a period of time.

Ultimately through direct donations, we hope to be able to scale back our fundraising efforts. We realize that for some families a financial contribution may not be an option. For those that can and wish to contribute their time, there are many volunteer opportunities that are equally as important for these groups and activities. We welcome and look forward to any help you can provide to keep these programs available.

Clubs and Activites that will benefit from your donation, support and time:

Student agenda books	Math League/Club
Lego Robotics Club	Yearbook Club
Drama Club	Mountain Bike Club
National Junior Honor Society	CTMS music department
Student Council	Track
Cheerleading	Basketball
Baseball	Softball
Field Hockey	Cross Country
Student of the Month	6 th grade field trip/enrichment programs
7 th grade field trip/enrichment programs	8 th grade enrichment programs/dance and class trip
Student rewards	Graduation expenses

Thank you for your support!

Parent signature: _____

- I would like to make a one time donation in the amount of \$_____
- I would like to support a specific grade/club/program in the amount of \$_____
 - Name of grade/club/program_____
- I would like to volunteer to help with: _____ Magazine Drive _____ Family Bingo Night
 _____ Spaghetti Dinner _____ Entertainment Book Sales _____ Advertisement Sales or Butter Braids
 Specific club/group/program _____

(Make any checks payable to WRSD – thank you)

