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Dear Towers Families and Friends,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. My name is Amie Nothern and I am the current Towers PTA president. Here at Towers we have the best team of dedicated teachers, staff and parents who devote their day to ensure our students receive the best education and learning environment as possible. Our theme this year, "**All Aboard the Towers Express to Success!**" highlights our belief that working together, we can achieve excellence and make a difference in our student's lives so they will succeed.

I have three boys, ages 6, 11 and 13. When my oldest started Kindergarten, I had many questions about Towers and the PTA. With that in mind, I will do my best to keep everyone informed and updated about the PTA and things taking place on campus this school year. As you may know, the PTA is a volunteer organization, consisting of parents, teachers and friends who work to promote the welfare of children at home, school and in the community.

I would like to encourage everyone to become a member of the PTA and to support our Towers fundraising activities this year. After much belt-tightening and cuts to our budget this summer, we still must raise upwards of \$65,000 this school year. I know it is a lot, but it is necessary to continue the many wonderful PTA-sponsored programs and services offered at Towers. Your participation and support will be crucial in order to sustain programs such as:

Adventures in Art \* Classroom Enrichment and Supplies \* Buses for Field Trips \* Assemblies \* CHAMPS \* Library Books \* Reflections \* Scholastic News \* Health Office Supplies \* Emergency Preparedness Supplies for all classrooms \* P.E./Recess Equipment \* 5<sup>th</sup> grade picnic \* Towers Alumni Scholarships (2) \* The Spelling Bee \* Teacher Appreciation \* Blue and Red Ribbon Weeks \* 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Planners \* and more!



In addition, at the end of the year, we as a PTA, give a gift to the school in consultation with the Principal and teachers. Past gifts have included computers, outdoor lunch tables, bike racks, and technology upgrades. This year we also want to be prepared to assist the school should there be any district shortfalls.

There are many PTA-sponsored activities and amenities that are provided during the year which are simply for the sake of fun, friendship, school spirit and community building. These are not intended as fundraisers, but fees are sometimes charged to cover costs. Some of these include:

School T-Shirts \* The Halloween Carnival \* The Student Store \* Yearbooks \* Movie Nights \* Ice Cream Social \* Father/Daughter Dance \* Mother/Son Dance

Without the generous involvement and support from our Towers community, none of these programs would be possible. Please do what you can to participate in our four major fundraising activities this year, The Towers Express to Success Fall 2009 Campaign, the Spring Jog-a-Thon, and a Casino Night in February. Of course, there is always year-round SCRIP for purchase, grocery store memberships and box tops, too. More information will be forthcoming.

So, get ready... **The Towers Express to Success Fall 2009 Campaign** will be pulling into the station soon and we need everyone on board! I look forward to your participation. If you have any questions please feel free to call me or any current PTA member. We are always looking for help, so please let us know if you are interested!

Thank you,

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