

Opportunity



I apologize for not getting this posted last night as is my usual habit. My wife, Betty, and I were blessed with our fourth grandchild on Monday night and so yesterday after school I had to make a quick trip to Des Moines to see the little guy. By the time I got home late last night I was just too tired.

I wanted to expand on some of my comments last week regarding phonemic awareness and the vital role it plays in developing good readers. However, I am going to digress for just this week and bring to your attention something else that plays a vital role in our school.

We are in the middle of the Home and School Association (HSA) fundraiser right now. I realize that we are asked for money every which way we turn. And I realize that people get tired of that. But, I also want you to know that we greatly depend on the generous donations that people make to our school. It costs us over \$4,000 per child to educate your children. We only charge \$1,475 in tuition. Obviously, we don't make up that difference in just this fundraiser, but it does help us to do a lot of things that we couldn't otherwise afford.

I have to give a lot of credit to the HSA people. They work tirelessly and go way beyond their 50 hours of required annual service! And actually, most of you reading this are members of the HSA. So this is your major fundraiser. It is strictly a donation fundraiser. Nothing is being sold because they want **100% of the proceeds to go to our school.**

One more thing and then I'll shut up about fundraising. As a grandparent of four, I donate to each one of my grandchildren's schooling. I do it because I want to do it. It is an opportunity for me to give back. There is no pressure for me to do it. But, I want to support my grandchildren and I'm in a position to do so now that I don't have a houseful of my own kids to support. Consider offering that opportunity to your children's grandparents. No pressure, just the offer. We may have been tightwads when you were kids, but you'd be surprised at how generous we can be with our grandkids!

Enough said. Now where is that card I'm supposed to fill out for the archbishop?

In His Service,
Jim Makey, Principal