



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Dear CMCS Families,

The Community Family and Friends (CFF) Board would like to welcome back our returning students and extend a heartfelt welcome to all our new CMCS families! CFF is the parent support group for Community Magnet Charter School. We're a non-profit organization, led by elected parent volunteers, that organizes school activities and supplements the funding gap between what LAUSD provides for our school and what our school and students need. For CFF to be effective, everyone's participation is essential. Whether it is attending CFF member meetings, supporting a fundraising event, or working on one of our committees, please participate because we can't do any of this without you.

Last school year, we didn't know what to expect. Many hoped it would be a return to normal, but we quickly realized that due to Covid-19, there was no going back to the way things were. It was a year of uncertainty, change, and adaptation – but also of tremendous success. Students returned to the classroom, we resumed a lot of CMCS traditions like Parade of Masks and Sweethearts Dance on campus, albeit a little differently, and had another successful year of fundraising. We met our fundraising goal of \$340,000 to fully fund ALL our enrichment programs for this school year – art, physical education, technology, dance, drama/improv, chess, and more! And, with the funds we didn't use last year from money set aside for field trips and CATCH, we purchased a \$12,000 professional grade projector and lens for the auditorium to replace the one that was over 20 years old. We will also be working with Principal Toni to help purchase some security equipment for our campus. You did all this Community!

Let's keep it going! Inflation has affected everyone and almost everything has increased in price, including some of the programs we fund. Although we don't need to increase our budget for next school year, it's important to meet our fundraising goal of \$340,000. While it may seem daunting, we can do this by working TOGETHER. More than ever, we need 100% participation with ALL our fundraising so we shoulder this responsibility together and ensure we keep the wonderful programs that make CMCS so special. Our kids are worth it!

We truly believe that with **strong** volunteer efforts, fundraising support, and dedication from you, the parents and families of students attending Community Magnet Charter School, we can continue to make CMCS stronger and better!

Take your first steps on the journey to making our Community stronger than ever!!

STEP 1: The first step is for all families to “Agree and Commit” to supporting our school by giving of your time, resources, and talents through fundraising and volunteering.

- Please read the [CMCS Family Agreement](#).
- Then sign your family's [Commitment Form](#).
- Be sure to [complete the Committee Interest Form](#) to sign up for a committee or share your talents!

STEP 2: The second vital step is completing the *Annual Family Pledge Drive* form. Our Pledge Drive provides over 60% of our annual budget. To read more about the Pledge Drive and make your family donation, go to <https://www.freshschools.com/donation>. While we ask you to give at whatever level is most comfortable for your family, we are kindly requesting each family contribute \$1,000 per child towards the valuable resources **all** our students benefit from. Last year over 89% of our families contributed. **This year, our goal is 100% participation from our CMCS families!**

STEP 3: In addition to fundraising, the CFF Board works hard to ensure you stay informed, feel connected to the school, and have your voice heard. Stay up to date with what's going on by signing up for [FreshSchools](#) (see the [Freshschools Flyer](#) for more details), reading Toni's blog on the CMCS website www.communitymagnet.org (Community Corner), reading CFF's newsletters, following CFF/CMCS on social media, and checking out our website, www.welovecmcs.org.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at cff@welovecmcs.org. We look forward to making 2022-2023 a wonderful school year and meeting and working with each of you.

Warm regards,

The 2022-2023 CFF Board