



### **What exactly is Fun Fair?**

Fun Fair is a Cottage tradition that is the largest fundraiser of the year for the CSS PTO. It is a social event for the kids as well as their parents. The main event is in the gym; there, you buy tickets to play a variety of games that tie into the Fun Fair theme. Students create the backdrop art for their class game booth with help from classroom parents and the teacher. The game is put together by the Room Parents, and parents of that class work the booth throughout the day. It is a true CSS community effort! If you “win” the game, you get a coin to trade for a prize from the Prize Room. Consolation prizes are awarded so no child leaves a game empty-handed.

### **Win Big at Our Raffles!**

The Raffle Table in the gym is where the adults tend to hang out. Prizes range from teacher experiences to electronics to gift certificates to area restaurants and stores. Last year, our raffles were expanded to include an iPad, Kindle Fire, a flat screen TV – and much more. We hope to repeat our success this year!

### **Come Visit the Café**

Need a break? The fifth graders and their parents run a breakfast and lunch service where you can sit down and let the students serve you. We sell coffee, bagels, and donuts in the morning; for lunch, typical choices are hot dogs, pizza, chili, salad, drinks, and baked goods. Don't forget the slush cart staffed by many Cottage alumni! There are always pretzels too. In March, a list will go home requesting a monetary donation or specific food item to be donated by each child. Example: bag of lettuce, bottle of soda, napkins, etc.

### **Line up for the Cake Walk!**

The most crowd-pleasing activity is the Cake Walk – where kids can win a cake to take home. No skill involved...just luck! Twelve children walk around in a circle on marked squares (labeled 1 through 12) until the music stops. A number is then drawn from a bucket; whoever is standing on that number wins a token to bring to the “Cake Room” to choose a cake. Cakes are donated by families and can be homemade or store bought. We hope that every family will donate a cake for this event.

### **Shop the General Store**

Our busy General Store sells all new small toys, games, crafts, picture frames, candles, candy, and more. Most items are under \$5 and can be quite a bargain. Keep us in mind when you are cleaning out those closets! Have a gift you haven't opened or will never use from birthdays, Christmas, Hanukkah, etc.? We would be pleased to re-gift that item at the General Store.

### **Save at the Book Store**

Back this year is our popular Book Store. Stop by for real bargains on gently used books for children and adults, children's DVDs, and computer games.

### **Visit the Green Room**

New this year, the Green Team will host a room filled with activities and crafts that will help the Cottage community learn more about ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

### **What do we need from each family?**

Donate something to the General Store. Buy a gift certificate to a local restaurant or store and donate it to the Raffle Table. Do you work for a business or know a business that would contribute an item to our Raffle? We would love to have a variety of items to raffle. Get your neighbors together and make a group raffle donation – Xbox Kinect, iPod, a child's bike, etc. For the Fun Fair Café, please donate money or the food item you are assigned – it goes a long way to reducing our costs. And the most important thing you can do...

**DONATE YOUR TIME!** Your Room Parent will contact you in February to ask for your help. Please give an hour (or more) of your time. Don't forget, **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to work the Kitchen/Café, General Store, Raffle Table, Prize Room, Ticket Booth, Green Room, Cake Walk, and/or help with cleanup/setup.

Notices will be sent out shortly. The success of the Fun Fair has always depended on the support of the CSS children, parents, teachers and staff. Bring the family along, spend the day, and enjoy yourselves.

Come and celebrate at the CSS 2014 Fun Fair!

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