



Dear Husky Families,

Every year, Hopkinson families come together to raise funds to support the school's vision of providing every child with a balanced and rigorous academic education, which includes opportunities in the arts and technology. We greatly appreciate your past support in all fundraising efforts. It is our school community's support, which continues to make us one of the top elementary schools in Orange County.

Historically, FOH has conducted a fall fundraiser of gift-wrap and cookie dough, which brings in approximately \$20,000 to support Hopkinson programs. **In recent years, Hopkinson families have indicated that they would like to use a buyout option in lieu of participating in the fundraiser. This year, FOH is pleased to offer a buyout. In lieu of selling products from Charleston Wrap families can choose not to sell and instead pledge \$100 per student.**

We understand that there are families who prefer to fundraise by selling items to families and friends. To meet the needs of all families FOH will be offering two ways to do your part for our school.

- **#1 - Buyout:** Write a check for \$100 (or any amount) for each child attending Hopkinson Elementary School made payable to FOH.

And/or

- **#2 - Participate in the Charleston Wrap fundraiser:** Sell 20 items per child (of which Hopkinson sees 40% of the value).

Hopkinson students benefit daily from the ongoing employment of two media center instructional aides, ST Math MIND program, Meet the Masters supplemental art curriculum, Accelerated Reader, staff development and planning days, iPad lab and portable carts, technology in the classroom, and the list goes on. These ongoing enrichment activities are included in FOH's annual budget and cost approximately \$100 per year, per student, to sustain.

To participate in the buyout option, send a check made payable to Friends of Hopkinson to your child's classroom, write BUYOUT on the memo. You may also choose to visit the FOH table at Hopkinson Family Night on September 13th to pledge with a credit card. To participate in the fundraiser, follow the directions inside the attached packet. **Students who sell a minimum of 20 items via Charleston Wrap AND students whose families pledge \$100 in the Buyout are both eligible to attend the Kona Shaved Ice Party.**

In order to raise *additional* funds to provide our teachers and students with innovative tools and programs such as iPads, PC's, and updated Smart Boards, we hope to see you at this year's Hukilau on March 27th, 2014 at Old Ranch Country Club. For more information about FOH, please visit us at www.friendsofhopkinson.org.

Warmly,

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