



Gifts, Parties and Extended Learning Trips!



It is such a joy to receive emails, notes, cards and phone calls expressing parental thanks to teachers and administrators throughout the year at King's Elementary.

We are so thankful for you as parents, who volunteer, assist throughout the school, and who truly do incredible things for us each year. We know we could not function as efficiently or successfully without you and your tremendous support.

As a private Christian school that requires significant tuition, we make a conscious effort to not ask parents for money during the school year for incidentals such as student **learning trips, class parties**, special "presents" made for moms and dads, and the school annual that comes out in June. These are all covered by an **Activity Fee that is included in your tuition each year.**

Parents purchasing class party items have 3 options:

1. Turn the original receipt in to the office for reimbursement.
2. Turn the original receipt in to the office as a charitable donation (Gift in Kind)
3. Simply donate the items and not do either of the above.

At Christmas, Teacher Appreciation Week, birthdays and the end of the school year, parents often want to express their gratitude to our staff in tangible ways. A number of parents have come to me with some amazing ideas of ways to say "thank you, we love you, and we appreciate you" to the faculty and office staff.

Sometimes parents will get together, organize a group gift, and send out a flier to the class requesting donations of gift cards to be sent in for a group gift for a teacher. In order to be considerate of family budgets, please understand we feel it is not appropriate to ask parents to contribute a specific dollar amount toward a gift. This can put undue financial stress and pressure on families who may not be able to contribute. Sometimes parents have made other choices to show their appreciation to their child's teacher and then feel obligated to also participate in the group gift.

Please remember that per school policy, **all fliers going to parents must be approved** through the principal's office before going home.

While it is delightful to be "thanked and loved," please be considerate in following our guidelines.

Merry Christmas! You are a blessing to us!

Evelyn Kuling