

# PALMA CEIA UNITED METHODIST DAY SCHOOL

## FUNDRAISERS

PCUM held an annual auction for 13 years to provide financial support for excess educational expenses and necessary repairs and maintenance to the school. This fundraiser not only closed the gap between tuition income and operating expenses, but also allowed the Day School to realize many of its goals for an environment that is both academically and aesthetically beneficial for the children.

The support and participation of each family was critical to these fundraising attempts. The annual auction helped provide for:

- ❖ Repair and Top Coat to prevent damage to Saf-Dek playground surface
- ❖ Sun Shade Sails and padding around the shade poles
- ❖ Major contribution towards the “little” boys and girls bathrooms
- ❖ New “SAFDEK” surface for both playgrounds
- ❖ New risers for the children’s stage performances
- ❖ New tables and chairs in MMO and the Day School
- ❖ New carpeting for all the classrooms
- ❖ New playground bicycles and equipment
- ❖ New school sign on Dale Mabry & Empedrado
- ❖ New backdrop curtains for the stage
- ❖ New floors for the East wing of the school
- ❖ New automatic faucets for the bathrooms
- ❖ New cots for afternoon daycare
- ❖ The office Duplicator, necessary for the children’s crafts
- ❖ New computers for both 4-year-old classes and Transition-Kindergarten
- ❖ New 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows in both school wings, double-paned, tinted and energy efficient
- ❖ New furniture and classroom equipment required by NAEYC

For four years, PCUM has hosted a **Bazaar**. It helped raise major funds each year towards the children’s much-needed **shade on the playground**.

The efforts of our parents for these past four years paid for not only the shade, but the needed major repairs to the Saf-Dek surface once the shade and poles were installed, refurbishing the outdoor equipment to free the wood structures of splintering wood, **NEW cold-water coolers** for both playgrounds, and the painting of a beautiful **NOAH’S ART MURAL**, to disguise the necessary kitchen addition of a cooler that extends onto the playground. Padding was placed around the eight large poles to prevent any possible injuries. This summer we spent a little over \$8,000.00 on playground repair and top-coating the surface to ensure against further damage to the Saf-Dek surface.

Needless to say, however, the fund is dry and unforeseen occurrences can and will happen. We need to be ready to be able to take care of the safety and educational needs of the children. At this time, we are looking into several

necessary replacement computers for our classrooms and will continually make sure that our facility is kept up-to-date with maintenance needs.

Everything we are able to do to provide the safest environment for your children is because of the continuous support of parents just like you!

**I hope we can once again count on the support of our parents when each event is presented to you.**

The Special Events Calendar on page 19-20 should be helpful in setting your own personal calendar to coordinate with ours for this school year. Newsletters will keep you informed and your help and time will be invaluable to the success of this year! Without the support and help of ALL the families in our school, our goals could never be reached.

In lieu of a Bazaar as a one-time event, we have been showcasing vendors on Wednesdays, in the courtyard, from 7:30 until 2:00. These vendors will be donating \$100.00 to the school in order to come to PCUM and offer their products to YOU! I hope you support them throughout the year. The schedule of vendors and the variety of their wares will be announced in September.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year getting to know you and working with you for the benefit of our children!

Sincerely,

Diane Nicodemus, Director

