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Many parents like to know in advance what fundraisers you may be asked to participate in during the upcoming school year. We wanted to make you aware of the many and varied opportunities and appeals that you may be presented with. Some of these benefit the school, some benefit the students (Annual Fund), some benefit the parent (hot lunches), and some benefit the community (food drives).

These opportunities are coordinated by the school, by the *Friends of WHMS*, and by the students. Some of these programs and fundraisers are major giving opportunities, and some are as simple as sending your used printer cartridges in to the school, but all add up to make a big difference for our students. Please review the list below, and consider how your family may be able to participate.

## APPEALS

### The 2011-2012 Annual Fund

Each year families and friends of WHMS are asked to make a donation to the school to be used for supplemental expenditures in the current year that are not covered by tuition. In the past, the annual fund has been used to pay for a Steinway piano, playground equipment, Montessori materials, classroom furniture, and other items from the teachers' wish lists. Every contribution to the Annual Fund is important no matter what the size, because it is an expression of your support. Every gift counts and every gift is truly appreciated. The donations are also tax-deductible!

## EVENTS

**The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala** is scheduled for Friday, April 20, 2012 at Franklin Plaza in downtown Troy. It is not to be missed! This fun social occasion features great food and music, and includes both a silent and a live auction featuring classroom projects. The ticket price is approximately \$80 per ticket, and additional opportunities to participate include joining the honorary committee membership, and corporate sponsorship.

## RECYCLING FUNDRAISERS

**Funding Factory** – Donate your used printer cartridges and cell phones to WHMS, and we'll receive a check from the Funding Factory.

**American Clothing Recycling** – Bring your gently-used clothing and shoes to the blue clothing bin in the parking lot.

## AFFILIATE PROGRAMS [“NO-EFFORT” FUNDRAISERS]

**Target** – *Take Charge of Education* – Target will donate up to 1% of your REDcard purchases to WHMS. Last year, we received \$277 from Target.

**Hannaford Supermarkets** – *Hannaford Helps Schools*. Collect eligible “School Dollar” slips from Hannaford and send them into WHMS by December.

**Price Chopper** – *Tools For Schools*. You can help us earn new school supplies and sports equipment by using your AdvantEdge Card when you shop at Price Chopper. The program runs from August through December. Enroll your card at [www.pricechopper.com](http://www.pricechopper.com).

## FRIENDS OF WHMS' PROGRAMS

**Pizza Lunch** – One of the largest fundraisers for the *Friends*, you are able to order pizza for your child every Friday.

**School Supply Drive** – Bring in an extra notebook or backpack for the school supply drive. The supplies are then donated locally to benefit needy families.

**For Small Hands** – Fall 2011. WHMS will earn a credit from orders purchased through the *For Small Hands*, a Montessori services company. Their specialty has always been to provide real, child-size tools to enable young children to have successful experiences learning how to care for themselves and their environment.

**Book Fair** – October 2011. Scholastic Books fairs are returning to WHMS after a three year break. The book fair will run during school and during the Fall Family Fun Day.

**Hoffman Car Wash tickets** – Spring 2012. Buy discounted Hoffman Car Wash tickets for yourself, or to give as gifts.

**SilverGraphics** – Spring 2012. SilverGraphics is an art-based fundraiser that turns each child's individual full color artwork into a variety of unique and personal custom gifts for the whole family!

#### ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

**Middle School lunches** – The Middle School students offer hot lunches for sale four times next year. They are responsible for the planning, preparation and delivery. (October 13, December 15, February 9, and April 19)

**Middle School Coffee Houses** – Every other month, the Middle School transforms into a Coffee House that is open to students and parents. (September 22, November 17, Thursday, January 19, Thursday, March 15, and Thursday, May 24)

**Middle School Food Drive** – In November, the middle school students collect food for Consens-U, a local pantry.

**Winter Greens Sale** – Middle School students will again be selling wreaths, candle rings and centerpieces.

**Valentine's Day Fundraiser** – Personalized, hand-made Valentine's will be available for sale by the MS students.

**Grandparents' Day flowers** – The Middle School students sell corsages to the students to give to their grandparents and special friends.

#### OTHER

**Artsonia** – An exciting web-based art museum for children, this site has many benefits which will enhance our art program. Students will be able to share their artwork with family members and friends. You may also order keepsakes personalized with your child's artwork.

**2011-2012 Yearbook** – WHMS Yearbooks, put together by the Yearbook club and its advisors, provide a record of your child's year at WHMS, and will be cherished a source of memories forever. They can be purchased at a reduced rate in November. Families will also be given an opportunity to place an advertisement in the yearbook.

**Scholastic Book Orders** – Your child's teacher may send home book order forms, which allow you to purchase softcover books at a discount.

**American Heart Association's *Jump Rope for Heart*** – An American Heart Association event coordinated by PE teacher Jake Colwell. Children jump rope and learn about their heart, while raising money for children with heart issues.

If you have any questions about fundraising opportunities or would like to serve as a volunteer, please contact:

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