

# Welcome to the Synergy School Fall Fundraiser and Community Building Event

At the San Francisco Zoo

Sunday, October 21, 2007

Zoo Clean-Up	8:30 to 11:30
Picnic at the Zoo	11:30 to 1:00
Explore the Zoo	1:00 to Close

## In This Packet You Will Find:

**Request Letter** to solicit donations from your relatives, co-workers, neighbors and friends.

**Sample Email Request Letter** to solicit donations.

**Thank You Notes** to hand out as you collect donations.

**Pledge Sheet** for recording sponsors and tallying pledges of **\$225** or more. Please turn in your pledge sheet and contributions on or before Monday, October 22, 2007. We will also collect the pledge sheets and contributions at the Zoo Event and Picnic on Sunday, October 21.

## How Does This Fundraiser Work?

All Synergy families are asked to volunteer their efforts at the All-School Community Building Event, which will be held again this year at the San Francisco Zoo. ***Instead of walking or running in a marathon, we solicit pledges to support our volunteering efforts.*** Each family collects pledges of \$225 or more. This money directly supports tuition assistance at Synergy, awarding partial scholarships to approximately one-third of our diverse student body.

***NOTE:*** Each family is financially obligated to participate in every fundraiser every school year. ***Even if you are not a committee member for this service event, your family is obligated to participate in this fundraiser and collect a minimum of \$225 in pledges.***

We ask you to help make this fundraiser better by attending our volunteer event and pizza party, followed by free zoo attendance (until closing that day) for all Synergy volunteer families. The intent is to build community through our group service, and to show sponsors that by supporting Synergy, they support our efforts to serve our local community.

## Your Responsibilities

1. Gather donations from your sponsors. List donations on your pledge sheet. **\$225** minimum, per family, please.
2. Participate with your child(ren) at the All-School Zoo Clean-Up on Sunday, October 15. This is not a drop-off event. Each child under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult (1:1 ratio).
3. Bring your pledges and pledge sheet(s) to the event. The Synergy office will also take forms and contributions.