

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited about our new year here at Steller. We appreciate that your level of engagement in your student's learning can positively impact your student as well as other students at Steller. To honor our commitment of engaging parents and guardians in meaningful ways at Steller, we are asking **every parent to fill out this form and consider donating to the Parent Group work of supporting students and our Steller community!**

*How parents can engage*

## **Time and Talent – Fill out form and we will connect**

Parent Group has volunteers commit to make every effort to help 'connect dots' with helping to ensure that parents know where they are needed to help every student have a greater learning experience at Steller this year. If you don't hear from us and want to be more helpful and active, please email [Alyse.galvin@gmail.com](mailto:Alyse.galvin@gmail.com) or call her at 884-2299.

Our tradition (in the Steller Parent Expectations) is to ask parents to commit to 10 hours of volunteer work. We understand that some years you are able to give more time and some years it takes everything to get your student rested, slept, and to Steller on time. Our goal this year is to help you feel like you belong at Steller by finding helpful and/or meaningful ways to contribute to the learning environment.

With the many unique things going on at Steller (Passages, Souper Steller, volunteerism, student directed student recruitment, lots of events and field trips) there are many ways parents/guardians can support.

## **Treasure – ONLY ONE MAJOR PARENT FUNDRAISER**

Please leave a check at the front desk made out to Steller Parent Group or go online to <http://www.stellerschool712.org> and click on the YELLOW donate button in the upper left hand corner. Suggested donation - \$50 per student

Because of on-line registration – we have ZERO donations this year. Other years, we have had as much as \$5,000 donated at registration.

Long ago, Parent Group decided not to spend volumes of time doing fundraising. We decided instead to ask for a family donation at the beginning of the year and only host ONE BIG FUNdraiser (the auction) and use the funds to support student learning. The suggested amount is \$50 per student.

**Where does the \$\$\$ go?** Things like: learning supplies for peer taught classes, travel scholarships, transportation for events, Souper Steller, appreciation to teachers, and much more!

We hope this strategy helps free up time for parents to interact in meaningful ways, thinking about how to best support students as they begin planning for their future in a self-directed way.