

TEAM TORNADO: A STAR WARS STORY

Dear TCMS Families:

We are excited to present Team Tornado: A Star Wars Story. Team Tornado is our most important fundraiser of the year. This fundraiser is a vital part of making our school the TOP middle school in Hillsborough County. The funds from this fundraising campaign helps TCMS in multiple ways. The proceeds will go toward making improvements to our school, inside and out, as well as help with operational expenses. As you know, charter schools do not receive any ad valorem tax revenue from the county. Therefore, we do not receive the same monetary allocations as traditional public schools. We are responsible for all of our expenses, including bond payments for our building and all maintenance of such, as well as all instructional tools, including but not limited to textbooks, technology, etc. This school year we have taken on additional expenses which are underfunded mandates by state law for school safety which includes an officer on campus and mental health services. Our fundraising goal this year is \$150,000, which will also go towards a new digital road sign and updated school safety improvements that will create a safer environment for students and staff.

We encourage all families to participate in this fundraising campaign. We would love to see each family donate at least \$300. The minimum donation to be considered in the homeroom participation count is \$40.00. It is the goal of every homeroom to have 100% participation with at least \$3,500 collected per homeroom. All homerooms that reach this goal will go to Treeumph! Adventure Course for the day to participate in Jedi Training. All students who have donations of \$1000 or more will qualify to participate in the Jedi Training at TreeUmph! Adventure Course even if their homeroom does not qualify. All homerooms and eligible individuals attending TreeUmph! will be given a Team Tornado: A Star Wars Story t-shirt and will also be able to use that t-shirt for spirit days on eligible Fridays at TCMS. If you have more than one student at our school, a \$300 donation would qualify each student for the Lock-In and the dress down day on November 2nd. Please make sure that the names and homerooms for each of your students who would qualify for the Lock-In are included with the donation.

There will be incentives along the way. Every student who turns in their Team Tornado: A Star Wars Story packet to their parent or guardian and returns the receipt will be entered into a weekly drawing for prizes and/or treats. Other incentives and contests will be announced along the way.

Payments can be made through cash, check, money order or PayPal. All matching donations will be included in the total donation. Matching documentation must be provided to the Business/Finance Manager.

All donations can either be mailed or turned in by the student during homeroom and must have the student's name and homeroom teacher attached to the donation so that it is recorded accurately. All sponsorships must have the

sponsorship form attached at the time that the donation is turned in so that it is recorded accurately with the exception of the Padawan Level. Please see notation on Sponsorship Form.

Included in this packet is a tax receipt for you to give anyone who has donated in this fundraising campaign. This will be the only receipt given to that individual or business.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Matthew Gonzalez at matt.gonzalez@tcmstornadoes.com or 813-987-6555, ext. 306.