August 29, 2018

Dear Titan Families,

Thank you to all who participated in our campus-wide fundraiser to raise funds for student-led campus beautification. Although we did not reach our intended goal, it was a GREAT start! We were able to raise \$1,260 of our \$10,000 goal. If you would still like to contribute to our fundraising effort, it's not too late! You may write a check payable to the *SLMS Student Activity Fund*, with a notation in the memo section stating it is for the *Campus Beautification Program*, and it will be applied accordingly. Please also include your child's name and grade level, and we will issue you a receipt for your check, as well. You may turn this in at the front office.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our first *Coffee with the Principal* last Friday! It was a great turnout. Our next one will be Friday, October 12th, at 9:30. Thank you, also, to all the beginning band and orchestra parents, as well as parents of 6th grade Art I and 8th grade Art III students who attended our *Grading Pilot* parent meeting this week. For more details about the Grading Pilot, <u>please visit this district webpage</u>. To provide feedback to or ask questions of the district related to the Grading Pilot at SLMS, <u>please visit this webpage</u>.

Open House is next week—**Thursday, September 6th**. Your child will come home today with a paper version of this parent letter about Open House. We hope to see all of our Titan parents there!

Parents Needed for Campus-Based Leadership Team (CBLT)

We are in need of a few parents who are willing to help shape the direction of the school by participating on our Campus-Based Leadership Team. We will meet four times during the year, the first time being **Wednesday**, **September 12th, at 4:30**. If you are interested being a part of this important body, please email Mr. Fickel at <u>keith.fickel@fortbendisd.com</u>

Grade Level Assemblies

Grade level assemblies were held within the last several school days to talk to each group of students about the "Titan Way". We discussed procedures, expectations, and the steps we are taking to make SLMS the best place it can be to work and to learn. Dress code and attendance at after school events was also discussed. <u>Visit this page of our campus webpage</u> to view/download the presentation that was shared with the students.

SLMS Spirit Wear and PTO Memberships

Our PTO is selling spirit wear! Please order at this website: <u>http://corrcolors.com/sugar_land_middle_school_pto/shop/home</u>. We encourage you to join PTO, as well. Please visit the PTO website at <u>www.slmspto.org</u>

Gifted and Talented Parent Referrals

The window is now open for parents to refer their children for GT testing. The window is open through September 28th. Please visit <u>www.fortbendisd.com/gifted</u> for more info. This is a link to begin your <u>online</u> <u>referral</u> for your child. <u>This is a job aid</u> to help you navigate the referral process.

Mark Your Calendar

- September 6 Fall Open House, 6:15 PM
- September 12 Mid-Day Break with the Counselors, 11:15 AM

Follow us on Twitter at <u>@SLMSTitans</u>, and refer to our campus webpage often at <u>www.fortbendisd.com/slms</u>. See you at Open House next week!

Keith Fickel, Principal