

# PTA PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

SHERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
1651 Union Street  
San Francisco, CA 94123

**Welcome Back Sherman Families!**

**September 15th, 2008**

We did it again! In the past year, we had another impressive jump in Sherman's Academic Performance Index (API) scores, rising 24 points to 891 (1000 is the highest possible score) - once again a Top-10 school in the entire city! **As you know, Sherman Elementary School has emerged as one of the best-performing, most-sought-after elementary schools in San Francisco.** Congratulations to all the parents, staff and students who have worked so hard to help with this achievement.

**We have begun the Sherman Annual Fund Drive, and we need your help!**

**The Sherman PTA must raise \$110,000 this coming school year** to meet our financial goals and commitments to the students and staff of Sherman Elementary School, and much of that money is raised through the Annual Fund Drive. We simply **MUST** meet our goals if we are to avoid any serious impact to those programs you and your family have come to rely on as part of the daily life at Sherman Elementary.

**In light of the "funding gap" that has developed in public education, private donations and outside grants are absolutely essential** to delivering the high-quality programs and activities that you and your children expect and deserve. While San Francisco Unified School District pays for Sherman's facilities and maintenance, teacher/principal salaries and benefits, a front office staff, and custodians, among other things, it is, in fact, our own fundraising efforts that support all other vital programs.

If we can reach our goal of raising \$110,000, we will be able to maintain all the programs we currently have that benefit your child directly. While there are many programs your donation helps pay for, here are a few specific examples of what your gift could fund:

- \$50 pays for one classroom's office supplies
- \$100 pays for 1 week of garden maintenance
- \$250 pays for half of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook
- \$500 pays for close to 1 week of choral music
- \$1000 pays for one week of full-time drawing and painting for the entire school
- \$2,500 pays for all needed K-1 classroom support, including all field trips
- \$5,000 pays for 2 months of full time Sports4Kids

If we were able to exceed our goals by even 25-30%, raising an additional \$30,000, we could start to invest in future capital projects like Smartboards for more classrooms, a new sound system for the school, musical instruments for all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and a significantly improved PE program for all kids. These are just a few examples.

**Please help us reach our goal by making a donation today to the Sherman Annual Fund!!!**

Consider what your child's education is worth to you and to him/her, and then consider what you can afford to contribute to the Annual Fund. Imagine- if every Sherman family donated \$275 per student at the school (close to 400 students), we would reach our goal of \$110,000! Even a \$100 gift per student would raise \$40,000 towards our final goal. Whatever amount your family can afford is appreciated. **Our goal this year is 100% participation.**

Use the enclosed form to make your tax-deductible contribution by check or you may also go to the Sherman website at [www.shermanschool.org](http://www.shermanschool.org) to make a secure online credit card donation. For budgeting purposes, we ask you to make your gift **NO LATER THAN December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008**, if possible. Thank You!!



Michelle Parker, PTA President



Kris Van Giesen, Fundraising Chair



Sara Shenkan-Rich, Principal



## 2008 Sherman Annual Fund, September 15th-December 19<sup>th</sup>

YES! Our family is proud to support vital programs funded by the PTA at Sherman. Enclosed is our gift.

Parents Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Addresses \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Room number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send your gift:** (1) in your child's homework folder, or (2) by mail to Sherman Elementary, Attn: Sherman PTA, 1651 Union Street, San Francisco, CA 94123. **Checks payable to "Sherman PTA"**  
(If you have questions, please contact Kris Van Giesen at [kvangiesen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kvangiesen@sbcglobal.net) or 415-440-0320)

### Gift Info (Please send your pledge **NO LATER than 12/19/08**)

Please circle your gift amount: \$5,000 - \$2,500 - \$1,000 - \$500 - \$275 - \$100 - \$50 - Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is our check for the amount circled above.
- I will go online to [www.shermanschool.org](http://www.shermanschool.org) to make our secure credit card donation. (There is an option here to spread out your donation over a 6 month period, if preferred)
- My company makes matching contributions. I will submit the necessary paperwork with that amount, but please contact me to help work out the details.

### Recognition

The amount of all gifts made to the Annual Fund is confidential and will NOT be revealed. However, the Sherman PTA would like to recognize those who have been so kind as to support enrichment programs for all of our children.

For recognition purposes, please list my/our name(s) as: \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not list my name.