

Parent Council Teacher Appreciation Campaign Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can I write a check?**
Yes. Please make it payable to "The Clifton School PTA"
- **Can I get a receipt for cash?**
Yes. The receptionist at the front desk can provide a receipt for cash.
- **Are contributions tax deductible?**
Yes. Since the Parent Council has obtained "501C3" status, the contributions are tax deductible. You will receive a tax receipt after the completion of the campaign.
- **Why does the Parent Council do the Gift Campaign?**
Since 1995, The Parent Council has sponsored this activity. The Parent Council does many things throughout the year to show our support of teachers and the administration. The gift campaign is the one time each year when the teachers receive money from The Parent Council as a way to say thank you for their hard work with our children. By coming from The Parent Council, it complements the many activities of the administration in supporting our teachers.
- **What if our classroom wants to do a separate gift for our teachers?**
We would encourage you to wait to do a gift from the whole classroom at the end of the school year.
- **How is the amount that goes to the teachers calculated?**
Once the campaign closes, the total amount collected is used as the basis for determining the exact amount for the base and the amount provided for each month of service. The data regarding the number of teachers and their total years of service is provided by the administration.
- **Will the amounts differ for each campus?**
No. To keep it equitable, the amounts collected will be pooled and the amounts used for the base and each year of service will be the same for all teachers.
- **In addition to the teachers, does this money go to the floaters and staff, etc.?**
The gifts are provided to ALL teaching staff and support staff such as the cook. The Administration is excluded from this. In addition, work-study students are excluded. So, if you would like to do something for a work-study student who is consistently in your child's room you will need to do it outside of the teacher gift campaign.
- **What is the rationale behind pooling funds from all rooms at both campuses rather than having parents give directly to their children's teachers?**
This system has been designed to maintain an equitable distribution and recognize the contribution made by all teaching and support staff. Infant rooms have eight children, Toddler I rooms have 10 children, Toddler rooms have 12 children, and Preschool rooms have 16 children. Therefore, some rooms necessarily have a higher potential for participation than others. In addition, if gifts are given from parents directly to teachers, support staff will not receive any distribution. Finally, some rooms have a lower rate of participation than other rooms. This leaves teachers in rooms with lower participation rates at a disadvantage and unduly pressures parents into giving beyond their means.
- **Who writes the check that goes to each teacher?**
The Treasurer of The Parent Council will have the task of writing and signing all the checks.