

Dear Bluebonnet Parents,

The Boosterthon is fast approaching! Our campus fundraiser, separate from any PTA fundraising events, is an important event for our school this year. The Boosterthon focuses on character development which is a core value at Bluebonnet. Secondly, we have a goal at Bluebonnet that every classroom be one that supports twenty-first century learning. Boosterthon has proven to be a highly effective, fun and trustworthy fundraising organization that gives us a positive way to raise funds while promoting character.

Twenty-first century learning is characterized by research-based strategies that are implemented in ways that engage, stimulate and challenge all learners. The learners of today live in a world where technology is a way of life. In order to stay relevant, today's education system must bridge the gap between how students live and how they learn.

Teachers at Bluebonnet are dedicated to on-going learning regarding technology integration. The more we learn about the possibilities, the more we realize that additional technology is necessary.

Just as the chalkboard was the staple in the 20th century classroom, the Smartboard is a basic need in the classroom of the 21st century. The Smartboard is an interactive white board that engages all learners and promotes student success. A video showing how it can be utilized in the elementary classroom and a more detailed description of a Smartboard can be found on our website under Boosterthon. It is our goal at Bluebonnet to have **every** classroom equipped with this important piece of technology. After utilizing the \$20,000 we received from the District grant this summer to purchase Smartboards, we need nine more units (at \$1500 each) to place one in each classroom. Therefore, our campus Boosterthon goal is \$13,500.

In addition to the Smartboards, all students would benefit from additional technology tools that will enhance learning and prepare them for the technology world in which they live. The specific items, prices, and descriptions are attached to your teacher's Schoolweb and the Bluebonnet website. These would be purchased should we exceed the \$13,500 goal.

I understand that these economic times are difficult. Please know that any amount, no matter how small, is sincerely appreciated and will make a difference. Together, we can give our students learning environments that prepare them for the 21st century world in which they will live, learn, work and contribute.

Respectfully,

Sharon Burris
Principal

P. S. All students will participate in the Boosterthon kickoff and Fun Run and will receive a t-shirt whether or not they gather pledges. They will all benefit from the daily lessons on this year's theme of Stand Up!