



FRIENDS OF LIVE OAK

OUR MISSION: To raise funds for, and to promote, Live Oak Charter School.

Dear Fellow Live Oak Parents,

It's Pledge Week, and I want to tell you why our family has chosen to make a monthly pledge to the school.

To put it simply, this school has made us feel *relieved!* Our daughter is in Miss Sue's Kindergarten class, and she also stays for the new After School Program four days a week. When we drop her off in the mornings, she is looking forward to her day, her friends, her teachers. When we pick her up, she's singing songs and telling stories. The teachers and staff here radiate commitment to the well being of the children, and the community of families we have found here is wonderful.

Live Oak is a **public** charter school and any family in the area that wants to send their child here can do so, including mine. And this is one institution I have no qualms about seeing my tax dollars go to. In fact, the only qualm I have about public funding for this school is that it doesn't get enough! Live Oak's expenses this year are \$1.6 million and we get 89.5% of that in public monies. For our children to have this beautiful, safe and holistic environment, we must have other funding sources, and the simplest and most direct one is for us to make tax-deductible donations through the Friends of Live Oak Charter School (FOLOCS) Parent Pledge.

This Pledge is an integral part of creating and sustaining the caring and focused education we've come to expect. When parents pledge and pay a regular, tax-deductible monthly donation—that is significantly less than private schools fees, or even that of most preschools—Live Oak can continue to be a great place for our kids.

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If you are already making a Pledge to the school at your family's capacity, ***thank you***. You are helping to maintain this vibrant Petaluma community. If you have not written that check, or signed up for a monthly payment program on the website (<http://www.folocs.org/>), talk it over in your family, think what this education is giving your child, and make your pledge. Friends of Live Oak suggests a Pledge donation of \$100 a month per child for the year (\$1,200), but if it feels like you can give more, there's no better place to give it.

And if your family can't do that much this year, **please, don't let it stop you from giving something, either monthly or as a one-time gift.**

I hope you feel as relieved—and overjoyed!—by Live Oak Charter School as my family does. The hard work of the staff, the commitment of the parents, and the enthusiasm of the kids shine through every part of this campus and makes me feel good about our daughter's life here. As parents, my partner and I are proud to be building this community with all of you. Let's make this a great year for our children!

Peace,

Adam Kinsey

Live Oak Father, Chair of Friends of Live Oak Charter School

PARENT PLEDGE WEEK

September 17 - 20, 2007

Look for Pledge tables on the Upper and Lower Campuses at Drop-Off and Pick-Up, through Farmers' Market on Thursday, September 20. You can fill out a Pledge Card, drop off a check, or sign up on-line for monthly electronic payment.