



Team Up Against Childhood Cancer

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and the color, Gold, represents childhood cancer. On Friday, September 29th, TCE will be hosting its second annual event in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness.

Childhood Cancer affects families in our community and also at our own school. We currently have a student, Zach Yudin, a first grader in Mrs. Griggs' class, who underwent treatment for over three years for his leukemia. He was diagnosed at age 2.5, and, now at age 6, he is in remission. He goes to the clinic once per month so that his doctor can monitor his progress. Zach has an older brother, Josh, who is in 4th grade.

In support of all children fighting cancer everyday, we are asking that each student donate \$1.00 (or more if they want) to our fundraiser, Team Up Against Childhood Cancer. In return, they are encouraged to wear their favorite team gear (t-shirts, jerseys, and hats!) to show their support on Friday the 29th.

All of the money collected on Friday, September 29th will be donated to Cookies for Kids' Cancer, a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation. Last year TCE raised \$719.80! CFKC was founded in 2008 by parents of a boy fighting cancer who discovered how little funding was given to childhood cancer research. Sadly, the boy lost his courageous battle at the age of 6, however, his parents continue to fight pediatric cancer in his honor. You can learn more about Cookies for Kids' Cancer at their website, www.cookiesforkidscancer.org.

Announcements will be made on September 8th, 15th and 29th to provide students with information about childhood cancer and to encourage them to donate on Friday the 29th. The students' Thursday folders will contain a "Team Up Against Childhood Cancer" sheet to take home, fill out and bring back the next day, Friday, September 29th along with their \$1.00 (or more) donation. Teachers will be given a brown, clasp envelope to collect the donations and cookie cut-outs in, as well as extra cookie cut-outs for those students who may have forgotten to bring the cut-out back. The cookie cut-outs will be used to create a bulletin board at school. Students will be given a sticker to wear all day, along with their team gear so that everyone knows they are a "good cookie." In addition, teachers will be given a small poster to hang up in their classrooms if they wish to promote our Team Up day. Please turn in the clasp envelopes containing the donations and cut-outs to the PTA mailbox by 2:00 pm on Friday the 29th.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Nicole Yudin at 704-773-0180 or nicoleyudin@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting TCE's second fundraiser in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness. TCE has lots of Good Cookies!