

## Teacher Support Organization (TSO)

**WHAT IS TSO:** TSO is an organization formed in 2005. The purpose of the TSO is to support Lo-Ma teachers as many of them give “above and beyond the call of duty”. As parents and community members, we will help teachers offset their personal classroom costs and provide hands-on help with some of their duties and tasks. By using our “time, treasure and talents” in ethical, practical and helpful ways, we can be involved in our children’s education and support our school.

**WHO IS TSO:** TSO is made up of parents, students, grandparents and community members who want to support our school, teachers and students.

**HOW DOES TSO SUPPORT THE TEACHERS AND SCHOOL:** Volunteers take part in finishing projects for the teachers throughout the year. We also actively participate in fundraising for the teachers which include basket raffles and working in the baseball/softball concession stand. TSO reimburses teachers each semester for their out of pocket expenses. To date almost \$20,000 has been reimbursed to them since the Fall of 2007.

Each year we provide meals for the teachers and staff during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Members of TSO are asked to make soup, cookies, bars or to purchase items like meat and cheese for sandwiches. We have also assisted in other aspects of the school, including helping out with field trips and motivational speakers.

During the 2012-2013 school year:

- Over \$6400 was reimbursed to teachers for their classrooms
- We purchased a defibrillator located in the elementary lunch room
- Assisted with the cost of a field trip for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class
- Paid \$500 toward a motivational speaker
- Purchased “thank you” water bottles to all teachers and staff

We also were able to give a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior, which we are hoping to continue each year.

### NEW THIS YEAR!!!!

**TSO WILL BE PROVIDING A DRAW STRING BACK PACK TO EACH STUDENT ENROLLED FROM PRE-K TO 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE. THESE WILL BE HANDED OUT DURING REGISTRATION ON AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>.**

### **2014-2015 Combined Meetings and Help Nights** Meetings start at 6:30 pm

September 16<sup>th</sup>

December 16<sup>th</sup>

March 17<sup>th</sup>

October 21<sup>st</sup>

January 20<sup>th</sup>

April 21st

November 18<sup>th</sup>

February 17<sup>th</sup>

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