Dear Simonian Center and Elementary Families:

The Friends of Sutton PTO would like to welcome all new and returning students and families back to school! We hope everyone enjoyed their summer and is recharged for a new school year!

For those not familiar with the PTO, the purpose of our organization is to aid the students of the Simonian Center for Early Learning and Sutton Elementary School by providing support for their educational and recreational needs and to promote cooperative open communication between administration, teachers, and parents.

Please take a moment and look at the PTO Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. We offer a wide variety of events and fundraisers for the families of our school. We do not expect families to participate in everything. Yes, raising money is critical in supporting our programs, but we do not only try and raise money. The core belief of our PTO is also bringing the community together.

Our PTO events and fundraisers truly demonstrates the power of very dedicated volunteers. The PTO provides for activities and items in classes that they would otherwise not have. Through fundraising, we were able to sponsor $23,100 in programs this past school year! Some of these programs included new iPads, reading fluency, spelling and vocabulary resources and curriculum, new copies and book sets including *The Oregon Trail*, *The Secret of the Indian*, and *Magic Tree House* and many alternative student seating solutions like ball chairs and a bench just to name a few. Parent support has made this all possible.

Please consider not only joining the PTO but also volunteering your time. Our annual PTO membership is FREE. Any participation in our organization is crucial to the success of the events and fundraising that helps support the needs of the children and teachers. Any and every bit of your time helps and there is no pressure if your time is not available, being a member is still a great way to stay connected to what’s happening in school.

We encourage parents to attend the monthly PTO meetings to share your input and become more involved. It is also a great way to find out what is happening at school. Meeting dates and times are included in the attached PTO calendar and on the SCEL and ELEM School’s website. Our 1st meeting is on September 18, 2019 at 7pm in the Elementary Library. We hope you can join us.

Please send an email to suttonptofriends@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like more information.

Warm regards,
Friends – The PTO of Sutton Elementary School
& Simonian Center for Early Learning