

Have you noticed that we cut back on our fundraising this year? We did not host a fall auction this year or basket sale

because we felt we would be able to support the scheduled PTA events as a result of a very successful Kroger Card

drive. It remains to be seen how the current budget crisis will impact our schools and our future needs.

We do have several spring fundraising events scheduled and hope you will be able to participate in any way that you can. In April, we will repeat the very successful —Fun Run|| that PTA held last year. For those of you who participated last year, you know what a fabulous time the students had throughout that day. Every child was involved and family members were welcome to join their child during their scheduled running time. We hope to have more families join us this year and share in the excitement. Laurie Heid, who has volunteered to chair the event, will be sending detailed information home in the coming month.

Relay for Life is another worthy cause that we have supported through the involvement of parents, students, and staff. This year we will be teaming with Douglas Road Elementary – working together for a good cause. Cindy Clark (MRE parent) and Karen Dierks (MRE parent and DRE staff member) will be co-chairs for the event. Please look for flyers coming home to join our team and sign up to walk during the event in May. A few smaller fundraising events will be coordinated to benefit Relay for Life.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to help with either of these events. As always, I am grateful for your

willingness to support MRE in so many ways.