



Roadrunner Families,

In an effort to continue with San Tan Charter School's tradition of helping local community organizations, we are happy to announce we will be hosting a 4-day donation drive for the Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children (azcancerfoundation.org).

The drive will begin on Monday, Sept. 8 and conclude with our all-school Patriot Day assembly on Thursday, Sept. 11.

On Sept. 8, we encourage everyone to wear gold/yellow for our Go Gold Day - the symbolic color of pediatric cancer awareness. And then on Sept. 11, we hope everyone will wear red, white and blue for our assembly.

ACFC is a non-profit organization based in Scottsdale and helps families throughout the valley and across the state. There will be representatives at school to answer questions and thank our students on Sept. 8 and 11.

We are asking our generous Roadrunner families to consider donating items that will be used in the ACFC boutique where families "shop" for their children. The following is a list of items that are of the greatest need: Legos/sets, LOL dolls, Barbies, Fidgets, art supplies/kits, game boards, cleaning supplies, Nerf brand toys, younger girl make up sets, toy cars, athletic equipment and socks, especially those with traction bottoms (for use in hospital hallways). All items need to be new and in original packaging. Collection boxes will be available before and after school the week of Sept. 8.

Leading into our fundraiser, students will discuss in PE classes what it means to give and how they can take the initiative to sacrifice for others. We will talk about how students can either use their personal money to buy a donation, or perhaps do chores at home in exchange for getting an item to donate. We want this to be a "student-led" fundraiser, not a "ask mom and dad for money" fundraiser.

Prior to the Patriot Day assembly, we will also discuss heroes - what makes a hero, examples of heroes, why some consider certain people a hero and how we all can become heroes (like donating a toy). At the assembly we are inviting family members who are either currently serving in the military or are veterans. We would also like to invite any first responders so we can thank all of them for their service. The 30-minute assembly will begin at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

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