



**THE THIRD ANNUAL  
PSI FAMILY  
CARNIVAL**

Dear PSI Families,

We are writing to remind you of the importance of our Amity Intern Program. Amity Interns are the young adults from Spanish speaking countries who work with our children in PSI classrooms. They make it possible to maintain a strong immersion curriculum, they provide for small group learning, and they love to share their native language and culture with our children. With state budget shortfalls and increased class sizes, our Amity Interns are more valuable than ever.

Each year our PSI Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) spends approximately \$4,500 for each Amity Intern, and our goal is to host six to eight Interns each year. Costs of the program include the administrative fees, monthly stipends, required English classes, and other interesting expenses like Minnesota winter wear! This money comes entirely from the two PTO Fundraisers we hold each year: the Leer-A-Thon/Book Fair and the Carnival. We intentionally hold only two fundraisers, and we never ask students to sell magazines, candy or wrapping paper.

This year the Carnival Committee has decided to simply ask for a monetary donation in lieu of the on-line auction and classroom baskets. We believe this will maximize the impact of your donation and simplify the overall process, helping us to more efficiently meet our fundraising goal. We are asking for a \$25 donation per student, but no contribution is too small or too big. Donations to the amity program are fully tax deductible. Please use the printed envelope to send your donation to school with your child or you may bring it with you to the Carnival. The PTO thanks you for your support in years past and for your donation this year.

We also proudly invite you to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PSI Carnival on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. This year's Carnival will be better than ever, with new games, new inflatables, and a new menu in the cafeteria! We invite any family needing a Ticket Scholarship to contact Principal Gerry Lukaska. 952.928.6817. We hope to see everyone at this year's Carnival.

Warmly,

The PSI PTO Carnival Committee