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November 1, 2021

Dear Valued Community Member,

We appreciate you taking the time to read this fund raising letter. Deep Creek Elementary's theme this year is "Better Together". We believe that partnering with community members and local business owners to provide a print rich learning environment for as many school age children as possible is a priority. Research shows students reading 20 minutes per day will score in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests. More importantly it aids in developing language, writing and critical thinking skills. The gift of reading strengthens a student's ability to understand the world outside of their own experiences. It is quite literally the gift that keeps on giving.

We would like to kickoff the school year with an initiative providing our elementary schools with book vending machines. Deep Creek Elementary will be given two vending machines filled with fiction and non-fiction books that are age appropriate. One machine will serve grades K-2 and the other grades 3-5. Books for the machines will be chosen based on popular picks from the book fairs, as well as teacher and student recommendations. The students will earn a book token when they make positive behavior choices, display leadership qualities, and at teacher and staff discretion. The books are free to all students and theirs to keep.

The first machines in our county will be installed at Deep Creek Elementary. A set of machines will cost \$10,000 dollars. These funds will provide a machine with a customized school logo, sponsor logos (minimum donation of \$1,000), shipping, custom picture book trays and \$20 towards book purchases. We will keep the community apprised of our progress through our school website, newsletter and FB pages.

Donate \$1000 or more to receive your business logo or sponsor name on the machine. We will advertise donors on our school website, newsletter and FB page. All donations of \$100 or more will be displayed on a banner/sign at our school.

Please call either number listed below if you have any questions regarding our project.

Thank you for your consideration and donation.  
Gratefully,

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