



TIMBER RIDGE FOUNDATION

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Supporting rich educational experiences for all children

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Timber Ridge Elementary! Whether you are new to the school or have been here for some time, we want to help inform you about the role the Foundation plays here at Timber Ridge.

What is the Foundation?

The Timber Ridge Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Timber Ridge Elementary School. Through the generosity of families and corporations, **the Foundation has raised over \$1,000,000 in the last 12 years, providing Timber Ridge with improvements in technology, science and curriculum.**

How is it different from the PTA?

The Foundation is different from the PTA, yet designed to complement it. National PTA guidelines limit how the PTA can spend money. The Foundation has greater flexibility, and is therefore able to make purchases that not only fill gaps where Cobb County tax dollars fall short, but also to help fulfill the vision and mission of our children's educators.

What does the Foundation do?

Over the years, the Foundation has provided funding for initiatives large and small:

- Laptop cart with 30 laptops for use in 4th grade
- Lexia Learning program
- Teacher training and professional development
- SMART boards and document cameras in every K-5 classroom
- 90 iPads, mobile computer carts with laptops for each grade, and 10 iPad Minis
- Digital projector and TV monitor and stand
- Full-time Technology Specialist
- 2 to 3 In-house science field trips each year for all grade levels with High Touch High Tech
- Teacher curriculum grants providing software, books, and educational activities for all classrooms
- Updated technology and purchased new bookcases and mobile furniture for the Learning Commons
- New digital Timber Ridge sign (shared expense with the PTA)
- New smart-fill water fountains

How Does the Foundation Raise Money?

The Foundation raises money primarily through the following efforts:

- **Foundation Drive (August / September):** This is your opportunity to contribute to YOUR Foundation, to directly impact YOUR child's education. Each year, we ask for a donation of \$125 per student you have attending Timber Ridge. If this is not possible for you, we gratefully accept any donation you are able to make. If you are able to contribute more, we welcome your larger donations. We also seek donations through your Employer Donation Matching program and from Community Sponsors. Businesses in the area offer Timber Ridge their financial support, helping to sustain the Foundation's mission.
- **Art Show (March):** Our wonderful Art teacher, Ms. Herndon, works with the children to create incredible masterpieces. At the Art Show, you have the opportunity to purchase your child's artwork in a beautiful frame and 20% of the proceeds go to the Foundation.
- **After School Activities (yearlong):** These offerings provide your children with opportunities to learn about science, math, drama and more. We are thrilled to offer Strem HQ, Martial Arts, Brainy Builders, Drama Club, Kid Chess, Challenge Island, Spanish, Guitar Club, and Sm-Art Club. 12% of your participation fees go back to the Foundation.
- **Spirit Nights (monthly):** The Foundation hosts several Spirit Nights and events at local restaurants or businesses each school year. Come for a fun night out with family and friends. 15% up to 50% of the proceeds go to the Foundation.
- **Ridge Run 5K (April):** Our annual family fun run is in April. The event is to promote fitness for our school and our community. A portion of the proceeds go to the Foundation.

How Can I Find Out More?

Please visit our website www.TimberRidgeFoundation.org for more information on the Foundation's activities and upcoming events. Follow us on Facebook: @timberridgefoundation