

MEMBERSHIP

Family \$ 5 Membership plus donation \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Volunteer opportunities abound! Parents please provide your contact information on our sign-up sheet to get involved with our organization. It's a wonderful way to work alongside your child, help beautify the planet, and nurture a deeper understanding of sustainability within our school community.

Volunteering to help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Items for Rummage Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Rummage Sale/Flea Market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Items for Silent Auction | <input type="checkbox"/> Silent Auction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden & Sustainability Efforts at the school |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Jack & Denny Smith Library/Community Ctr |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Produce Collective |

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About FOMWS

Formed in 1993 by parents of children at the school, the FOMWS has helped raise money over the years for many essential school upgrades, including computers and broadband Internet access, as well as academic and enrichment activities, such as karate and field trips.

On a much larger scale, members of FOMWS conceived, spearheaded and helped raise more than \$8 million toward building a much-needed multipurpose room and library on the campus, known as the Jack and Denny Smith Library and Community Center. This center, named in honor of the venerated *Los Angeles Times* columnist Jack Smith and his wife, Denny, is more than the sum of its wonderful parts (a new library, a new faculty lounge, an actual kitchen, and a stage/multipurpose room where students can perform and eat lunch when it rains). It reflects the state and school district's desire to have schools be the center of the community, a place where both children and adults can participate in enrichment, recreational, and educational activities. The Jack and Denny Smith Library and Community Center is run jointly by LAUSD and FOMWS with the intent to make it more available for community use.

THE MT. WAHSINGTON PRODUCE COLLECTIVE

In 2009, FOMWS created the Mt. Washington Produce Collective. The Collective is a group of caring parents and neighbors which supports classroom gardens, campus beautification, and sustainability projects at the school through the sale of weekly produce boxes filled with healthy pesticide-free fruits and vegetables.

THE NIGHT OF COMEDY & SILENT AUCTION

Later this year, the FOMWS is planning its annual Spring Night of Comedy & Silent Auction to help raise money for next year's budgetary needs at the school. This is a great way for people and groups in the neighborhood to help the school in an important and fun way by donating items to be auctioned, volunteering time, or attending the Silent Auction.

THE GARDEN COMMITTEE:

The Mount Washington School Garden Committee continues to provide the Edible Garden Project to all K-6 students, working with teachers to provide an integrated hands-on program targeting math, science, language arts and nutrition and art experiences in the garden. Each class will plan, plant and maintain their organic edible garden throughout the 2011 –2012 school year. This is a volunteer organization and your help is needed!

This year in addition to the regular Edible Garden Project we will build compost bins and integrate them into the classroom garden curriculum. We plan to hold several Campus Beautification events and continue to work with Julie Prejean of the Tree People to further develop a plan for establishing a Mount Washington School Orchard. The Garden Committee will also continue to develop plans for an Outdoor Reading Garden on the lower yard and apply for grants necessary to realize this dream.