



# DIRECT DONATION

## 2017-2018 Viking Volunteers

The Viking Volunteers, a parent-run support organization, has an annual Direct Donation program for families to make a contribution directly to their school. Your donations are pooled into a competitive grant program, providing "gap money" for important purchases where there are no other funds available. All purchases directly benefit Lesher students.

Since 2009, The Viking Volunteers have given away over \$30,000 in grants. Our teachers and staff are experts at stretching every penny to get the most out of every purchase to benefit our students. Examples of past grants include: gym class equipment, science lab specimens, calculators, creative writing contest awards, water bottle filling stations, and field trips.

So far this year we have received only \$3,000 in direct donations, when in past years we typically average \$8,000. Our suggestion donation is \$40 per family. Please make a donation in any amount you can by **September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

### Why Direct Donation instead of fundraisers?

- 100% of funds directly benefit the school, eliminating the need to give a percentage to fundraising companies.
- Eliminates the need for families and friends to purchase overpriced products.
- Students and their families don't need to become sales people.
- Takes no time away from the classroom, allowing teachers to instruct and not organize fundraisers.
- Provides opportunities for all families to contribute in an amount that suits their budget.
- Funds donated are confidential and tax deductible.

Contributions to the Lesher Direct Donation program are confidential and tax deductible. Donations are accepted throughout the school year. Send your check today to the front office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ Other

**Checks should be made payable to: Lesher Middle School, memo line "Viking Volunteers". Drop off at the Lesher office or mail to Lesher MS, 1400 Stover Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524. Make your contribution by 9/30/17 to ensure it is budgeted for this school year. THANK YOU!!**