

Can Do! and Miller Creek Home & School Club

Working Together to Improve Our School



We are often asked – “What is **Can Do!** and how is it different from the Miller Creek Home and School Club (MCHSC)? And why do we need both?” We thought we’d take this opportunity to introduce both organizations and explain what each group does and how they complement one another.

For starters, both **Can Do!** and MCHSC are run by parents who are passionate about improving the quality of our kids’ school and their education. We work with our teachers and administrators to enrich the educational experience of all students in the district and keep families connected to our school and the parent community.

Each organization has a role to play: **Can Do!** is focused on fundraising to bridge the gap between inadequate state funding and the cost of a well-rounded quality education. MCHSC is focused on keeping you, the parent, connected to the Miller Creek community through your participation in the **Can Do!** Family Giving Campaign, daily communication about campus activities and volunteer opportunities. Below are further details on what each organization does, who is involved and how you can participate to make a difference in your child’s education.

Can Do!

MCHSC

Raises funds for Dixie Elementary, Mary E. Silveira Elementary, Vallecito Elementary and Miller Creek Middle School.

Promotes the connection between home and school. Your involvement in your child’s education becomes even more important in middle school to ensure all of our kids are well positioned for high school and beyond. To achieve these goals, MCHSC organizes and supports the following activities:

Directly supplements the annual budget of the Dixie School District (DSD) for programs at Miller Creek.

- Funds technology instruction, equipment, supplies and staff District-wide
- Provides counseling services for all students at MCMS: transition to middle school and high school; cyber safety; goal setting; conflict mediation & resolution; WEB; anti-bullying and No Name Calling Week; and more!
- Funds lunchtime intramurals and after-school sports at Miller Creek, including basketball, volleyball, track & field, cross country, etc.
- Funds lunchtime clubs & academic and leadership activities: Mathletes, , Science Fair, Speech & Debate, Student Council, Green Team, WEB, YES, Honor Society, etc.
- Funds music and performing arts clubs: jazz combos, orchestra club, art club, school play
- Hosts the annual Consistent Achiever luncheon and District recognition events

- Collaborates with **Can Do!** to increase participation in the **Can Do!** Family Giving Campaign to maintain programs and services that are critical to our children’s education
- Communication on daily activities, principal and classroom news, and school events
- Volunteer opportunities including Creek Café, library, chaperones, tutoring, graduation, teacher appreciation, and more!
- Maintains site-specific budget to support:
 - Miller Creek library
 - Future computer lab upgrades
 - 8th grade graduation ceremony costs
 - Hospitality events

Can Do!

Fundraising Efforts

- ❖ **Family Giving Campaign**
 - Largest **Can Do!** fundraiser; generates two-thirds of funds committed to the DSD
 - All families asked to participate by making a donation of \$500 per child to help fund the valuable programs and services each child receives at their school
- ❖ **Auction Fundraiser**
 - Annual party that celebrates our community and raises money for our schools
 - Held in November; features silent and live auction, dinner and dancing
- ❖ **Business Partner Program**
 - Over 130 parent-owned and local businesses support our schools
 - Provides valuable exposure to our 1,350 families, including artwork in district-wide and online business directories
- ❖ **eScrip Campaign**
 - Parents register credit cards with eScrip so **Can Do!** earns free money from participating merchants
- ❖ **Giants Night at AT&T Park**
 - Community event held in the spring or summer
- ❖ **Golf Tournament**
 - Annual fun golf event co-hosted by Scotty's Market where parents and vendors can enjoy a day of golf, prizes and dinner

Can Do! Board and Staff

- President: Lesley Savelli
- CFO: Sue Hickey
- Secretary: Patti Bender
- Board Members: Michelle Baumert, Julie Bloomberg, Erica Kienzle-Barnes, Jo McDonough, Kim Revai, Robin Ryan, Beth Salyer
- Executive Director: Robin Gerrity
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MCHSC

Building Community

- ❖ Back to School Coffee
- ❖ 6th Grade WEB Lunch for students
- ❖ 5th Grade Orientation Night
- ❖ Counseling Seminars for Parents
- ❖ Mom's Night Out Library Fundraiser

Event and Volunteer Opportunities

- ❖ Green Team
- ❖ WEB Orientation Day
- ❖ Birthday Book Club
- ❖ Millie Reading Program
- ❖ Library Volunteers
- ❖ Grade-Level After School Activities
- ❖ Basketball and Volleyball Snack Shack
- ❖ Teacher Luncheons
- ❖ Garden Committee
- ❖ Open House
- ❖ Graduation

How We Support MCHSC Needs

- ❖ **Magazine and Cookie Dough Fundraiser (Spring)**
 - Funds raised support specific Miller Creek activities, including teacher supplies, library, future computer lab upgrades, and hospitality events
- ❖ **Mom's Night Out (Spring)**
 - Proceeds directly support the Miller Creek library

How to Contact MCHSC

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