

# City of Pembroke Pines Charter Schools Fundraising Efforts Newsletter



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## ADVERTISE WITH US!

We love our community partners! Whether you are a business owner or want to give your job more exposure, consider partnering with the Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation this school year. More info can be found on p. 02

## WHERE ARE WE NOW: A REVIEW OF OUR CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

Discover the different fundraisers that the Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation does throughout the year and what we have raised so far for our charter schools. Read more on p. 02

## SOS SUPERHEROS WANTED

We are currently seeking motivated & passionate SOS Parent Liaisons per campus who are able to volunteer at various SOS events throughout the school year. Many service hour opportunities are available! Please contact Angelica Serrano at [aserrano@ppines.com](mailto:aserrano@ppines.com) to get involved. Read more on p. 03

## FUN EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation holds many fundraising events throughout the year. This allows us to connect with our charter school families and potential supporters and volunteers. There is a **FUN**draiser for everyone! You can view our upcoming events in the column on page 02.



## OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS 2025-26

The Foundation hosts many different fundraising events annually that help to provide funding for Foundation programs. An equal amount of both in-school and external school fundraising events are planned throughout the year. Below is a breakdown of fundraising events have happened in the 2025-26 school year by far:

**SOS Merchandise Sales** - \$964

**SOS Dress Down** - \$23,362.81

**Restaurant Fundraiser** - \$3,638.15

**Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser** - TBD

**Miami Heat Fundraiser (FALL)** - \$1,272

**PPCHS - Preferred Seating Graduation Silent Auction** - TBD

**PPCSF FL Prepaid Raffle #1 (Net Income)** - \$5,000 est.

**PPCSF FL Prepaid Raffle #2 (Net Income)** - TBD

In addition to these events, the Foundation partners with both corporations and small businesses alike to raise money for our charter schools. The partnerships allow these businesses an opportunity to positively affect the lives of the children in our community, while in turn help provide critical funding for the schools. Below is a breakdown of monies that have been raised through partnerships through corporations and local businesses:

**Banner fundraiser through local businesses** - \$62,648.40

**Banner fundraiser through parent-owned businesses** - \$7,669

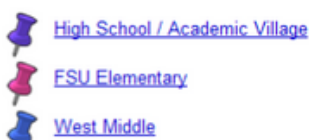
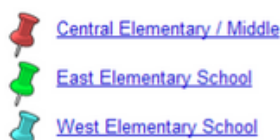
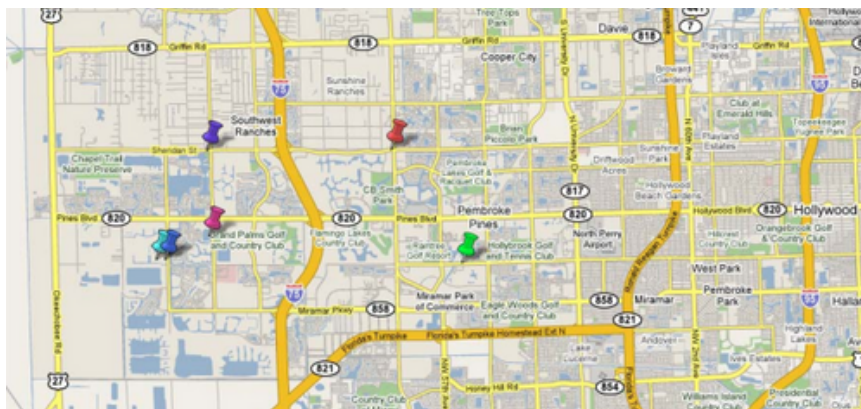
**Corporate agreements** - \$8,000

**Email Advertising** - \$2,900

If you own a business or are interested in having your place of employment partner with Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation through advertising or event sponsorship, please reach out to Angelica Serrano at [aserrano@ppines.com](mailto:aserrano@ppines.com).

## ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO YOUR BUSINESS

- Banners (Facing main street or car line)
- Recognition (business logo) on our Foundation website (free with the purchase of a banner)
- Event Sponsorships
- System-wide Email Advertisements
- Physical Flyers
- City Connect Newspaper Ad Space



## Upcoming Events

### January - May 2026

#### January 13:

SOS Dress Down Day (Theme: Sports Dress Down)

#### January 13:

Applebee's  
SOS Restaurant Fundraiser-  
East, West & Central

#### January 27:

Applebee's  
SOS Restaurant Fundraiser-  
Academic Village & FSU

#### February 10:

North South Grill  
SOS Restaurant Fundraiser-  
East, West and Central

#### February 10:

SOS Dress Down Day (Theme: Love Dress Down)

#### February 24:

North South Grill  
SOS Restaurant Fundraiser-  
Academic Village & FSU

#### March 3:

Sarpino's Pizza  
SOS Restaurant Fundraiser-  
East, West & Central

#### March 10:

SOS Dress Down Day (Theme: Spring into Style Dress Down)

#### March 14:

Miami Heat x Orlando Magic  
PPCSF Family Night Fundraiser

#### March 17:

Sarpino's Pizza  
SOS Restaurant Fundraiser-  
Academic Village & FSU

#### April-May:

Florida Prepaid Scholarship  
Spring Raffle

#### April 7:

Chill-N Nitrogen Ice Cream  
SOS Restaurant Fundraiser-  
East, West and Central

#### April 7:

SOS Dress Down Day (Earth Dress Down)

#### April 21:

Chill-N Nitrogen Ice Cream  
SOS Restaurant Fundraiser-  
Academic Village & FSU

#### May 2025:

SOS Dress Down & Restaurant  
Fundraisers TBD due to testing.



## 2024-25 Florida Prepaid Scholarship Raffle



**2024-25 Winter Raffle Winner:**  
**Ty Otero**  
**Pembroke Pines Charter**  
**Academic Village Middle School**



**2024-25 Spring Raffle Winner:**  
**Alexa Cracchiolo**  
**Indian Ridge Middle School**

So far, our most successful fundraiser has been the Foundation's Florida Prepaid Scholarship Raffles. This event is held twice every school year. Parents, guardians, and grandparents alike throughout Florida entered for an opportunity to win a Florida Prepaid Scholarship to a 4-Year Florida University. This scholarship prepays tuition and other fees associated with the cost of a 4-Year Florida University plan. In total, for our 2024-25 Spring Raffle, we sold 353 tickets and raised \$13,778.98 for our schools! Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. Your contribution helped us raise the funds needed to support our cause.

Congratulations to Alexa Cracchiolo from Indian Ridge Middle School who won the 4-Year Florida University plan! Stay tuned for news related to the next prepaid plan raffle. This is a fantastic opportunity!

Again, thank you to everyone that participated in our fundraisers and for your continuous support.

## Join our team!

### 2025-26 SOS Parent Committee

The mission of Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation (PPCSF) is to provide financial support to the Pembroke Pines Charter Schools and scholarships for our students and teachers.

Ways to get involved with PPCSF are simple. Join us in supporting award-winning education for our charter students!

Some of the Support Our Schools (SOS) Parent Committee goals include:

- Increasing parent-to-parent awareness of the Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation and SOS Campaign
- Attending quarterly SOS Parent Committee meetings to go over Foundation yearly goals and fundraisers
- Participating in our in-school fundraisers
- Volunteering in our city-hosted events benefiting the Foundation Advertising charter-wide SOS fundraising events
- For more information and to get involved, please contact Angelica Serrano at [aserrano@ppines.com](mailto:aserrano@ppines.com).

## 2025-26 SOS PARENT PLEDGE SUMMARY

All funds donated to the Foundation are used to help cover capital improvements and infrastructure costs as well as award scholarships to our charter graduates and staff. We kindly request that each household do their part and make a recommended tax-deductible donation of \$250 to the Foundation in an effort to support your a rated award winning charter school system.

**For the school year 2025-26, we have raised \$15,981.11 in SOS Parent Pledges by far.**

School	No. of Pledges	Total Pledged
EAST ELEM	3	\$450.00
WEST ELEM	3	\$2,410.00
WEST MIDDLE	5	\$3,125.00
FSU	2	\$647.00
AV MIDDLE	0	\$750.00
AV HIGH	11	\$4,734.00
CENTRAL ELEM	0	\$1,000.00
CENTRAL MIDDLE	2	\$318.21
OTHER	10	\$2,546.90
SUBTOTAL	36	\$15,981.11
SOS EVENTS FUNDRAISING		
TOTALS		\$15,981.11

## FY 2024-25 Total Proceeds

**As a whole, the Foundation raised a total of \$254,061.23.**

Through partnering with the City's Recreation Department, we raised a total of \$82,983.59 from Sponsorships and Live Auction Proceeds for the 2024-25 Mayor's Golf Tournament.

Another event held by the City's Recreation Department was the 2024-25 'Taste Of Pines' Event thru which we raised \$38,346.79 in Ticket Proceeds. This year, we are thrilled to work with The City's Recreation department again for more events that will help support and benefit the Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation.

**See below for this year's event dates:**

**Taste Of Pines:** February 19, 2026

**Pines Light Up the Night 5k Run:** February 28, 2026

**Pickleball Fundraiser:** April 18, 2026