

# **The SMS Color Battle is coming to our school on Monday April 16!**

Dear SMS Families,

Thank you for your support of Smith Middle School and the investments you make in your student's lives. It's been an incredible school year, and we are going to kickoff off an exciting two week fundraising event to celebrate as we near the home stretch. We're so excited to introduce you to the **SMS Color Battle!** A group of student leaders and PTA at our school have worked very hard to organize the Color Battle fundraiser and are pumped to be able to host this event on Thursday, April 26th.

We kick off our Color Battle fundraiser next week with a fun-packed Pep Rally and each student will receive an **Access Code Sheet** to enter and track donations online. Students are challenged to get donations over the next 2 weeks from family and friends (the people that care most about them) to help our school. Funds raised this year will be used to purchase soft seating to create **Collaborative Learning Spaces for our students**. This will allow us to transition from current instructional spaces, into areas that encourage connections, allow quick reconfiguration to support different kinds of activity and learning styles, and encourage exploration, collaboration, and discussion.

We'll end the 2 week fundraiser with a celebratory Color Battle event for students who participate in the fundraiser (think lots of color powder, participant t-shirts, field games, great music, high energy, and FUN!).

**How the Color Battle fundraiser works:** Logon to Anython.com using your student's access code found on their Access Code Sheet. They will be able to customize their page with their own personal picture (optional) and submit their t-shirt size. Having your sponsors (friends and family) donate online through your student's page is the preferred method. Or, for those that don't want to pay online, please send cash or check to the school no later than **April 25th** and the donation will be manually entered into the Anython system so your child receives credit for it. All checks should be made payable to: Smith Middle School PTA. **Students must raise a minimum of \$30 in total donations in order to participate in the Color Battle event.**



Students will also earn prizes for every \$30 in donations received, including a Color Battle t-shirt, color packets to use at the event, a drawstring backpack and choice of bluetooth speakers or air lounger, and the chance to win their very own mini bike! In addition, we'll be announcing fun daily challenges with prizes for the class that raises the most each day.

You can help make our Color Battle fundraiser successful by connecting your student to potential donors (family/friends) to acquire donations. The easiest way is to use the "**Share Wizard**" feature on your child's donation page at Anython.com. **Using the Share Wizard, you can send a link to your child's donation page via text message, email, Facebook and Twitter.**

Thank you again for your continued support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Amber D. White'.

**Amber D. White, Principal**  
Smith Middle School

**Disclaimer/Release of Liability:** *The Color Battle activities will involve running and other forms of exercise that may be physically exerting. Students will also be dusted with color powder. If your child has preexisting conditions such as heart conditions, allergies, asthma, immune disorders, susceptibility to bleeding or broken bones, or other illnesses or conditions that require limited physical exertion, please consult with your doctor before allowing your child to participate. If parents or guardians allow their student to participate, you are representing and warranting that your child is healthy enough to participate safely in the activities and you agree to hold Anython and the School harmless for any possible accident or injury. You are also agreeing that you are assuming all responsibility for your child's clothing and shoes during the activity.*

**Color Powder:** *The color powder used during the Color Battle is non-toxic and biodegradable. All materials are FD&C grade, made from cornstarch and food-safe coloring. Color powder may stain clothing in some cases. If your child is participating, please have them wear old shoes and bottoms that are ok if they get stained and bring a change of clothing for after the event.*