

# Pennies For Patients: A Great Cause

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Pennies for Patients is a fundraiser that we and many other schools participate in to raise money for cancer research. This is important because the money that we raise goes to a hospital to find research for cancer.

“We started Pennies for Patients at Medea fifteen years ago,” Mrs. Friedlander, event coordinator and teacher at Medea, said. Friedlander has been part of this cause for a long time. “Over the past years we raised a lot of money for the fund.”

“Three years ago we raised \$3,500”. If we keep raising this amount, then we can make a difference in society. “Also, the class that raises the most money gets a party.” The money donated for this goes to the Greater Los Angeles Chapter for the Leukemia and Lymphoma society.

Cancer is the uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells in the body. Many people are diagnosed with it, and sadly thousands die with cancer every year. It is important that many people contribute to Pennies for Patients because every donation makes a huge difference.

Taylor Clarke is one of the members of CJSF and is in charge of Pennies for Patients.

“I wanted to help out and I thought Pennies for Patients would be a good responsibility for me,” says Clarke, “this helps Leukemia and Lymphoma cancers to do further research on cures and get one step closer to finding the cure.”

Humanities teachers have a box in the classroom and the students can put any spare change into the box. “You can bring checks, money, and even change that lies around in your pocket,” says Clarke.

Many teachers think this cause is important, such as Mrs. Graves, an eighth grade science teacher.

“This is a wonderful way to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma society,” says Graves.

But just how much money can we raise this year? Again, the more we raise the better this can help others. “I think we can raise about \$1000,” says Graves “and I think that half of each of my classes will contribute.”

This fund is a great way to help out the Leukemia and Lymphoma victims. If you don't have any cash or checks, you can just bring change from your pocket or in your backpack.

“The fund ends on March 22 and we send the money around the end of March and

the beginning of April,” says Taylor. So get some change and put it in your humanities teachers box!