

“Cool Schools Challenge” Testimonials



"The kids LOVED getting t-shirts! They had a TOTAL blast too. Almost all of my graduating 8th graders said that they would join my team again next year. Plus, when they got back to school and told the other kids about it, I had a lot more students interested. All of the parents that came had a great time too - I didn't hear one complaint. Because of the good response, we're definitely going to take advantage of the parking spaces again next year if offered."

**- Samantha Sharbonda, Team Captain, Team DMS- Dumbarton Middle School
2009 2nd Place Cool School Middle School, raising a total of \$7,172.00**



"We cannot say enough wonderful things about SOMD -- our experiences over the past two years have been awesome. T-shirt incentives were great! I'll never forget the night of the \$5,000 deadline, I think my entire team was soliciting on Facebook, phone, email, etc. It really brought our team closer together and we had many laughs that night. The Chilly Dips are super proud of the t-shirts we won and we wear them all the time. Yes, something as

simple as a t-shirt goes a long way!! Our school, Linton Springs, also won the "Top Cool School" for last year's plunge. Some SOMD staff came to our school on our Play Day to spend some time with us and present us with a beautiful plaque dedicated to the Chilly Dips. We absolutely treasure the plaque that you made for us. It is something we will have forever that is a constant reminder of our dedication to SOMD and all of its wonderful values. I can't tell you how much that meant to us as a team, especially to our young plungers. Obviously I can't say enough about the plunge/Cool Schools/SOMD!! We've decided to raise our goal this year to \$10,000 in honor of Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Hopefully we can achieve this goal. We thank you at SOMD for creating the Cool School program, as it has brought us together as a school in order to support this awesome organization."

**- Kristin Kalmus, Team Captain, Linton Springs - The Chilly Dips
2009 Overall Cool School Winners, raising a total of \$8,746.00**



"I just wanted to thank each of you for putting on such an awesome event this past weekend. My team had an amazing time and we plan to continue to do this every year! It was a great experience for my students and I really appreciate you answering my 2 million questions before the event! The lot location was great in terms of how close it was to the beach, registration tents, bus situation, etc. The plaque we won was great! We are all really

looking forward to this again this year and I look forward to working with you!!! We will gear up as soon as the school year begins!"

**- Jennifer Barrett, Team Captain, Kenwood High School Polar Birds
2009 1st Cool School High School, raising a total of \$8,746.0**

