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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to "*Friends of Ojus*", a grassroots organization that benefits children attending Ojus Elementary School.

Because of budget constraints within the Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) System, funding is not available to hire hourly teaching assistants for every classroom. Therefore, teachers are facing many obstacles that are hindering our children's opportunity to be taught as much as they are capable of learning. For this reason, the "*Friends of Ojus*", sole function is to secure funding to hire hourly trained para-professionals for each grade level or for every classroom.

"*Friends of Ojus*" is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organizational fund that is managed by families who are advocates for children and the school's instructional programs. As a child's advocate, your help is needed to support the organization's goals and objectives. Such groups have been successfully launched at other M-DCPS locations. We anticipate replicating this worthy educational endeavor and plan to begin hiring hourly teaching assistant(s) for the 2009-2010 school year.

This letter serves to acknowledge that funds collected to support the "*Friends of Ojus*" project are tax deductible to corporate and individual donors. The bottom portion of this letter needs to be attached to all donations stating the amount of the donation. All checks and money orders are to be made payable to "*Friends of Ojus*".

Please feel free to contact me at (305) 931-4881 if you have any questions concerning this sound educational endeavor.

Your partner in education,

Mildred Mejia, Ed. D.  
Principal

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**"Friends of Ojus" Donation \*Payment is accepted through the PayPal System**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount of Donation:  \$1,000  \$500  \$250  \$100  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check your child/children's grade level(s):  Kindergarten  1<sup>st</sup> grade  2<sup>nd</sup> grade  3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
 4<sup>th</sup> grade  5<sup>th</sup> grade



## **ATTENTION ALL OJUS FAMILIES WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We would like to continue “Friends of Ojus” with one goal in mind.....

Secure \$\$\$ to Enhance Instructional Programs

### **What Is It?**

A special project designed to secure funds to be used to hire hourly para-professionals trained to provide direct classroom assistance to give teachers more time to teach.

Various fund-raising events will be held and monetary donations secured in order to launch this project.

This type of community support has been very successful at other schools. One Miami Beach school raised enough \$\$\$ to hire 23 hourly teaching assistants!

### **Want More Information?**

Please come to our first planning meeting to learn more about this special project.

**When:** Monday, January 12, 2009  
**Where:** Ojus Elementary School’s Media Center  
**Time:** 3:15 p.m.