



To Whom It May Concern:

We are currently seeking sponsors for our Best Buddies Chapter at JLMS. Best Buddies at JLMS matches typical students with students who have an intellectual or developmental disability to form one-to-one friendships. These students are matched based on an interest survey which pairs students with similar interests. These pairs meet at least once a week and also participate in group activities with their friends such as game day, movie day, holiday celebrations, the annual Friendship Ball and Friendship Walk. This donation helps support and fund the supplies needed to support the Best Buddies Mission here at JLMS.

With your tax-deductible donation of at least \$25.00, your name will be featured on our team t-shirt, which all chapter members wear to Best Buddy activities and events. This donation will also help support the cost of air-conditioned buses to take us to the Friendship Ball in Tampa. This Friendship Ball is a sensory friendly prom which all our members participate in to celebrate friendship. Last year we took two school buses of students dressed in prom gear and our Buddy Director was crowned Prom King. Forty-five other schools from the Tampa Bay area attended the ball, with a total of just over 500 students attending. Our school had the largest group and was the only school to take a bus.

Best Buddies is designated as a 501(c) (3) organization, so your donation is tax deductible. In appreciation of your generosity, we will print your name on our team t-shirt and give you a certificate of recognition. We would like to have all donations secured by October 11th, so we can get our t-shirts printed and distributed at our "match party" where all the students get to learn who their new friend is.

Please contact our faculty advisor Mrs. Walker at awalker@pasco.k12.fl.us, if you have any questions about Best Buddies or this request. We are all very enthusiastic about our participation in Best Buddies, and hope you feel inspired to join us in our mission of friendship. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Gracie Bethel
Chapter President
JLMS Best Buddies Chapter

Please email your name or business name as you want it to be printed on back of the T-shirt. to awalker@pasco.k12.fl.us. Checks need to be payable to JLMS Best Buddies with current phone number.