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tremendous praise from franchisees throughout the country, as well as from presidents of other FOAs. Our newsletter will continue to boldly address franchisee issues, rights and concerns, bringing them to the attention of SEI in hopes of positive resolutions.

The past year also included the revamping of our website (www.7-ElevenFOAC.com) and a much improved e-alert system to keep our franchisees instantly updated with important and timely information. In addition, 2012 marked the launch of the FOAC's Merchandising Committee, which has played a critical role in quickly resolving issues that arise. The rapid response of this team has been phenomenal and has helped our franchisees enormously.

Looking forward, 2013 promises to be equally productive, if not more so! The FOAC Board of Directors will continue to work tirelessly for our members, addressing your concerns, planning great events, and creating opportunities for you to turn profits. You've elected a great team, and every single one of us will give our all to help you succeed.

If you aren't taking advantage of your FOAC membership, we encourage you to do so in 2013. Attend a board meeting, invite a fellow franchisee to join you at a general meeting, come to our events. We promise you, you won't regret it!

On behalf of the entire board of directors, we wish you a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns (or praise!), please don't hesitate to reach out to us at FOAChicago@gmail.com or give us a call. We want to hear from you!

Get the Most from your Membership

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Principal Reaches Out

Chicago School Needs Our Help



Dear 7-Eleven Franchise Owners:

Chicago Math and Science Academy (CMSA) needs your help.

Our mission as a charter school is to prepare students for college by creating an effective learning community of high standards and expectations, with a rigorous curriculum focused on math, science and technology. Since 2004 we have called the Rogers Park neighborhood our home.

Our students and their families are customers of the 7-Eleven stores located within our neighborhood. Mr. Hashim Syed, from the 7-Eleven store on Pratt Avenue, has supported our fundraising efforts for years. It is at his suggestion that we ask for your help as we expand our programs to include a state of the art gymnasium. The costs for the gym and all the necessary equipment for a first class athletic department are daunting.

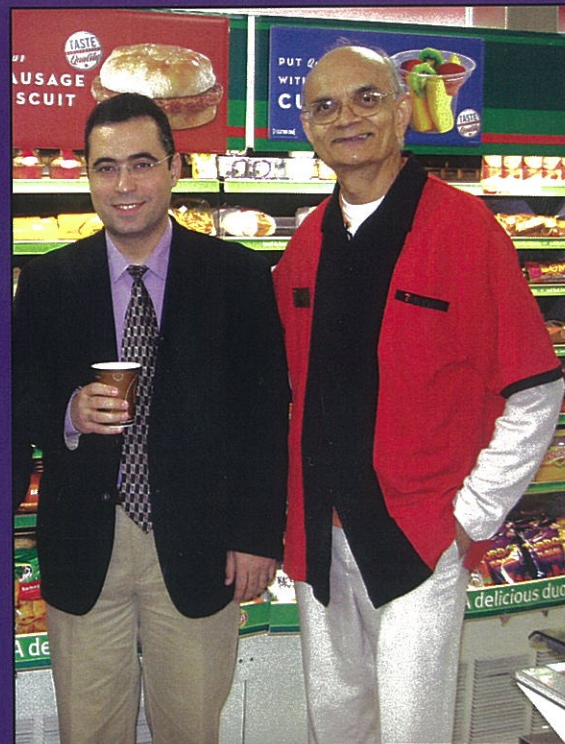
Sports are an essential component to the development of young students. Through sports they learn to work together as a team, to reach deep within when facing competition, and to also become physically fit in the process. We ask that you make a commitment to support our fundraising drive. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of our students and the community we serve.

Over 90% of our seniors at CMSA get accepted into college. Last year's graduating class saw our first acceptances to Cornell University and the US Naval Academy. This is especially significant since over 90% of our students come from low income households.

CMSA is committed to continuing to strive to expand its programs and offerings to the community. Chicago Math and Science Academy has a 501 (c) 3 non profit exemption so your donations will be tax deductible. We invite you to visit our website at www.cmsaonline.net to learn more about our school.

Thank you for consideration of this request and for your support.

Sincerely,
Aydin Kara, Principal



If you would like to support the fundraising efforts of the Chicago Math and Science Academy, please consider placing a canister on your counter so customers can donate their loose change. Every penny helps! If you have questions, feel free to contact Hashim Syed at 847-293-8551. He is very familiar with the school and their need for a new gym.

In the last year alone, Hashim's store has given \$1615 to CMSA toward the new gym. His store also participated in SEI's School & Sports program, donating \$250 to the nearby Howard Area Community Center – which SEI matched with a contribution of \$250.

