



HUNTERS WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009 – 2010 PTA Budget Beyond the Numbers



As you review the proposed 2009 – 2010 Hunters Woods PTA Budget, you might be wondering what the line items represent. We are in the fortunate position of having a substantial cash balance carried over from previous years. That doesn't mean we can just sit back and spend it, however. We plan to continue with our fundraising opportunities while doing as much as we can to support the school, the teachers and staff, and the students. Here are a few highlights:

INCOME

Gift Wrap Sales

The Sally Foster Gift Wrap Sale is the first of our two major fundraising events. In addition to gift wrap and accessories for all occasions, Sally Foster also offers gifts and gourmet edibles & chocolates. Friends and family who are not close by can still support the school by ordering online. For additional details, see your student's Sally Foster packet which comes home on Tuesday, September 15th.

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction, held in the Spring, is the second of our two major fundraising events. This fun event offers the opportunity to bid on teacher experiences, a variety of theme baskets from every classroom, and a vast array of products and services from local merchants. Last year's auction items included helicopter rides, amusement park trips, and much, much more!

Book Fair

Held twice each year, once in the Fall and once in the Spring, the Hunters Woods community can purchase new and favorite titles and support the PTA at the same time.

Original Works

Original Works is an art-based fundraising program that turns your student's artwork into a variety of products – t-shirts, note cards, potholders to name a few. These items make great holiday gifts!

Grocery Receipts & Box Top Income

Grocery Receipts and Box Top income are our simplest fundraisers to participate in. Sign up at retailers like Giant and Safeway. These stores will donate cash to the PTA based on purchases connected to the school. Please note, you must sign up each year. A variety of products – from cereal to Ziploc bags - include "Box Tops for Education". Simply cut out the Box Tops, put them in an envelope marked "PTA Box Tops" and return to your student's teacher or to the office. A PTA volunteer does the rest!

Donations

The generosity of our community is amazing. We are the grateful recipients of donations throughout the year.

EXPENSES

Mini Grants

Mini Grants are requested by teachers to supplement services or supplies in classrooms. Last year, Mini Grants were used to pay for a variety of items, including: new circle-time rugs, new reading materials, pen pal programs, in-school field trips, and science materials.

Field Trips

Our students learn many lessons outside the walls of the school – including visits to Jamestown, Mt. Vernon, and Pamplin Park. The PTA helps defray the costs of field trips and ensures these experiences are available to all.

Saturday School

The Saturday School for the Arts and Sciences is an initiative by HWES in partnership with Southgate Community Center and George Mason University that is designed to expand the magnet programs of the school outside the walls of the school. In addition to bringing enriching experiences to HWES students living in the Southgate area, it also provides support for their parents.

6th Grade Sculpture Gift

The Artist in Residence program is an annual favorite. This year, we plan to complete the beautiful mosaic begun by last year's graduating class.

PTA Scholarships

The PTA provides need-based scholarships to students to participate in all of our programs and activities – from After School Activities to Family Fun Events.

Distance Learning

Distance Learning programs are among our students' favorites! Students and teachers have the opportunity to talk to students, teachers, and experts all over the world.

Family Fun Events

Beginning with the Fall Harvest Festival in October, Hunters Woods families have a chance to enjoy a variety of fun events together. Events are held nearly every month! Visit the PTA website for details.

Trial Programs

Is there something you'd like to see happen at Hunters Woods that doesn't currently? Contact a PTA Officer or come to a PTA meeting and get it started!