

PTA Report Card

2017- 2018

We welcome all members of the PRES community to the start of a new school year and are happy to share with you this summary of the programs we sponsored during the 2017-18 school year. THANK YOU. Without the contribution of your time and resources, none of these opportunities would be possible for our children. We are always looking for volunteers to help steer our efforts. Please contact us at prespta@gmail.com to get involved. Thank you for your support.

How We Spent the Money We Raised

PTA Executive Board 2017-2018

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Where did the money go?

PTA Enrichment Programs

Arts & Sciences Enrichment (ASE)

Grade representatives worked together with the teachers & principal to choose programs relevant to each grade's curriculum. The ASE committee also sponsored school-wide assemblies, bringing in shows by artists to PRES.

School-wide Programs:

Science Fair: Students from all grade levels participated in our annual Science Fair and had a wonderful time explaining their projects to PRES teachers, families, community leaders and BCSD administrators.

Yellow Finch Project Theater: A traveling theater group that creates original plays and music for children with special needs visited PRES and performed a piece about a hummingbird

Kindergarten Programs:

Artist Kim McCormack: Students created collages in the style of Eric Carle

High Touch High Tech: Presentations on force and motion

Storyteller Julia Morris

Bubblemania: A show featuring art, comedy, and bubbles for Kindergarteners and their 5th grade buddies

Mad Science: Presentations on weather

Embryology: Kindergarteners watched chicks hatch

1st Grade Programs:

Mad Science: Presentations on the sun and stars

Embryology: 1st graders watched ducklings hatch

Starlab: A portable planetarium set up at PRES for 1st graders to visit

Artist Lucy Paul: Students created a stained glass sun catcher and learned about shadows and highlights

2nd Grade Programs:

Beauty and the Beast Story Tellers: Week-long storytelling residency

Artist Kim McCormack: Students created a mural depicting urban, rural, and suburban communities. This will hang on the walls at PRES as a permanent art piece.

3rd Grade Programs:

High Touch High Tech: Presentations titled Edison's Workshop and Water, Water Everywhere

Marion Archer: African dance and culture assembly

Jack Branagan's Earth Matters: Rainforests The Web of Life

4th Grade Programs:

Little Hawk: Native American dance & culture assembly

Colonial Day: Led by professional interpreters, 4th grade students participated in 18th century American activities such as weaving, candle-making, traditional music & dance

High Touch High Tech: Presentations on simple machines and electricity

Bruce Museum: Representatives from the Bruce Museum visited to talk about rocks

5th Grade Programs:

High Touch High Tech: Demonstrations regarding matter, chemistry, senses, cells and goo

Moving up Ceremony: dance instruction

Field Trip Transportation

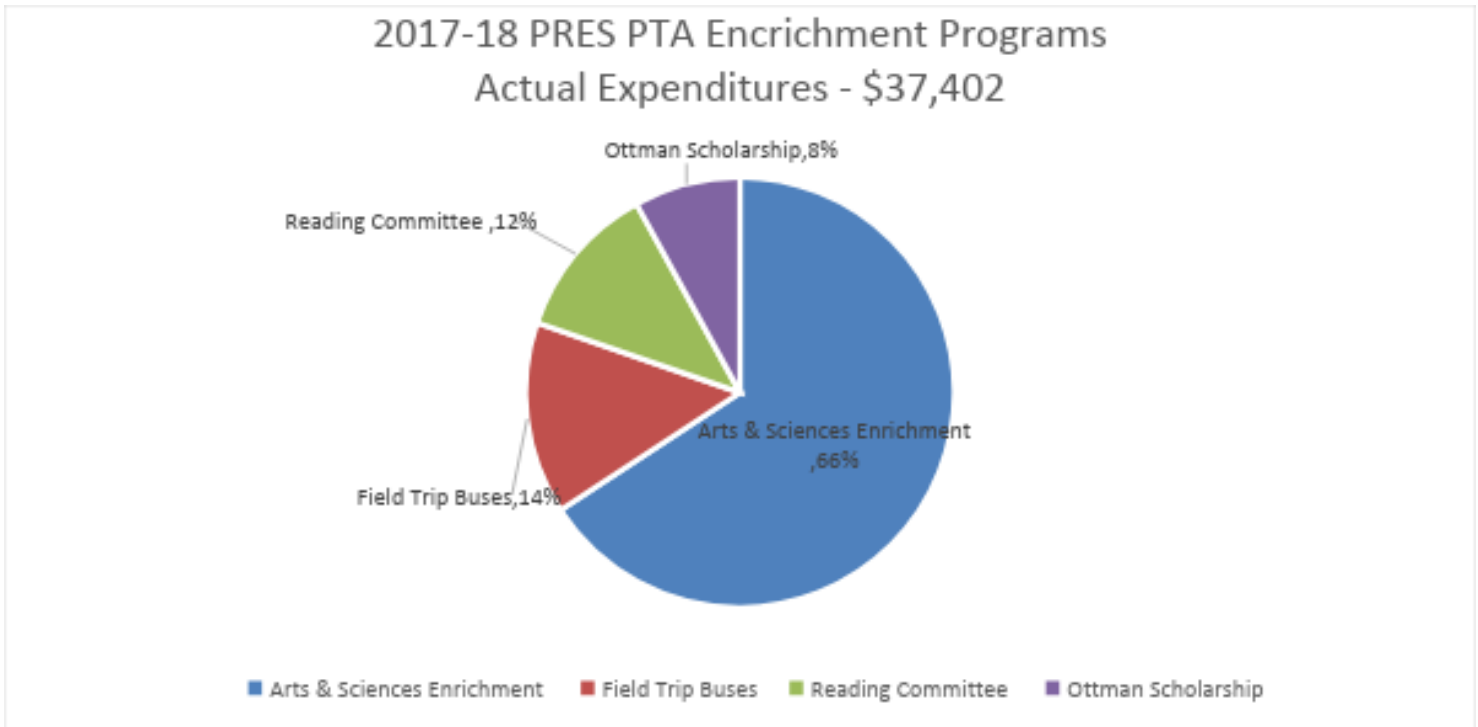
The PTA provided \$5,410 in funding for class field trip buses.

Ottman Memorial Scholarships

Awarded two scholarships to FLHS graduating seniors and PRES alumni who met high academic and service standards.

Reading Committee

Hosted authors Catherine Klise and Matthew de la Pena; also sponsored the Valentine’s Day Book Swap.



Additional PTA Events & Programs

Cabaret Night

Our children showcased their talents at annual Cabaret Night.

Field Day

Provided staff lunch, school-wide drinks and ice pops, and movie entertainment in the afternoon.

Garden

PRES students and parent volunteers made C.A.R.E. flags to decorate our space and send positive messages to the community. In addition, students planted peas, lettuce, sunflowers, carrots, tomatoes and zinnias. This year a memorial garden was installed in memory of Lucas Harashima.

Holiday Cookies

Parents baked and packaged cookies and hosted a coffee cart for all PRES staff members prior to the winter holidays.

Ice-Cream Social

PRES families enjoyed ice cream in the playground at this annual kick-off to the school year.

Kindergarten Activities

The PTA provided snacks for incoming Kindergarten students & their parents during screening week and hosted an ice cream social on Kindergarten orientation day.

Parent Services

This is the last year the PTA provided Home to School notes (also referred to as Blue Notes), thanks to the switch to School Dismissal Manager. The PTA organizes an online Student Directory and prepackaged school supplies were ordered and distributed to each classroom.

PTA Administration/Communications/Hospitality

The PTA paid its annual liability insurance premiums and service fees for the weekly e-note and PTA website. We also purchased paper goods, coffee and refreshments for various events. There were also purchases to improve document retention and organize prior year financial records.

Senior Luncheon

Pound Ridge senior citizens enjoyed a lunch prepared and served by PRES parents.

Spelling Bee

Students in grades 2-5 demonstrated their spelling skills at this annual spring event.

Staff Luncheons

The PTA organized two staff luncheons during the October and March Parent-Teacher Conferences.

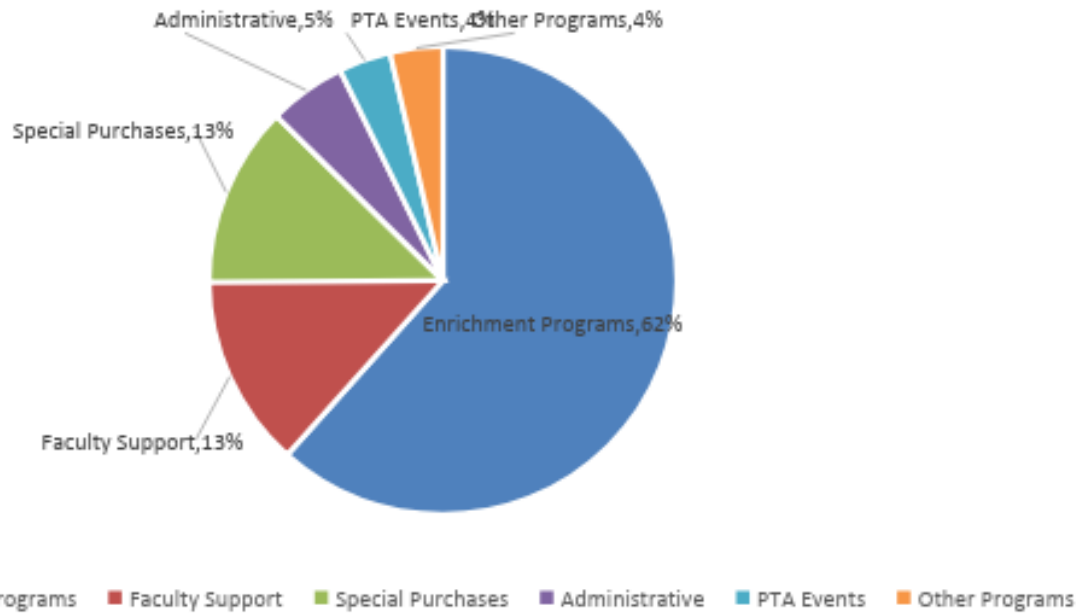
Teacher Appreciation Week

The PTA sponsored breakfast and a coffee cart for all teachers and support staff. Class parents organized individual classroom celebrations.

Teacher Classroom Allocations

Each PRES teacher received a stipend for the purchase of additional classroom educational supplies.

2017-18 PRES PTA Actual Expenditures - \$60,702



Enrichment Programs- \$37,402 (62%)

- Arts & Sciences Enrichment
- Transportation for Field Trips
- Reading Committee
- Ottman Scholarships

Faculty Support - \$8,630 (17%)

- Classroom Allocations
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Gift Fund
- Staff Luncheons
- Holiday cookies

Special Purchases - \$7,592 (12%)

- Purchase of memorial bench in honor of Nancy Morfea
- Donations to Harashima Family

Other Programs- \$2,207 (4%)

- Opportunities for Students
- Online Directory
- School Supplies
- Lunch Fund
- Garden Maintenance
- Outdoor Flowers

PTA Events - \$2,190 (4%)

- Cabaret Nights
- Field Day
- Ice Cream Socials
- Spelling Bee
- Principal Coffees
- Volunteer Thank You Event

Administrative - \$3,248 (5%)

- PTA Stationery Expenses
- Bank Charges
- Liability Insurance
- Hospitality
- Home to School Notes (final year)
- Annual accounting software license
- Tax filing expenses

How Did We Raise the Money?

PTA Fundraising Highlights

PRIDE

The PTA offers a variety of language, enrichment, art and athletic classes every spring and fall.

PTA Membership/Direct Family Donations

PRES families and staff pay annual dues to join the PTA. Members can participate in PTA elections and register their children for PRIDE programs.

Book Fair

Week-long book fair raises a significant amount of funds and encourages a love of reading in our students.

Yearbook/School Pictures

Families purchase yearbooks in June highlighting the year's events. School photos (individual & classroom) are taken in the fall. Both provide additional funding and priceless mementos of elementary school days.

Basketball Bash

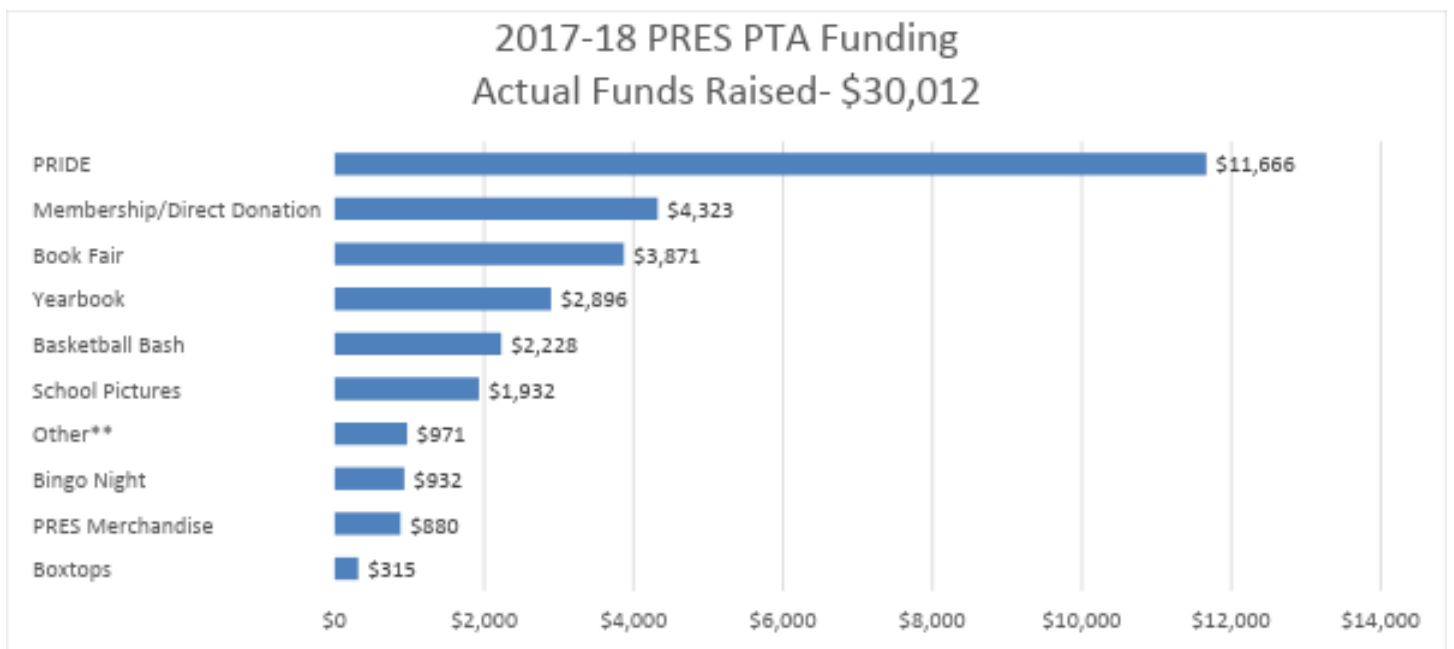
Every December the Harlem Wizards visit Fox Lane to entertain the BCSD community.

Bingo Night

Families love this entertaining night of Bingo, pizza, and prizes.

Merchandise & Boxtops

PRES merchandise is sold via an online sale in the Fall and at various events throughout the year to raise funds and build school spirit. Additional funds are generated by PRES families collecting and submitting Boxtops which are redeemed for 10 cents per Boxtop.



*****Other**

Please note that in addition to the above ongoing fundraising, the PTA also sponsored a fundraising weekend to benefit an enhancement to the PRES Playground

This year the PTA added fundraising events to enhance the current playground as per Amy Fishkin's request. Thanks to the community's support of the fundraising weekend's events, and the generous donations from PRES Families, we reached the goal of \$36,000! The payment was made to the playground company in full, with hopes that the project will be completed by this Fall. Since the fundraising and payment were completed in the 2017-18 school year, the figure above is a net result.