

PTA  
Report  
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2015-  
2016

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 2015-16 school year. THANK YOU. Without the contribution of your time and resources, none of these opportunities would be possible for our children.

How We Spent the Money  
We Raised

**PTA Executive Board 2015-2016**

Co-President: Emily Konrad  
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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 shows by artists and educators to PRES.

#### **School-wide Programs:**

- Science Fair: Over 80 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.
- Story Pirates: This nationally respected education and media organization provided entertainment for PRES Field Day with interactive and improvisational stories.
- Katonah Museum of Art Membership: Provided classroom field trips and educational opportunities for faculty.

#### **Kindergarten Programs:**

- Artist/Educator Kim McCormack: taught children how to create artwork a la Eric Carle
- Bubblemania: Accompanied by their 5<sup>th</sup> grade buddies, K students enjoyed a demonstration of the science of bubbles
- Hi Tech-Hi Touch: 5 Senses
- Master Storyteller LuAnn Adams

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Programs:**

- Dinosaurs Rock: Interactive in-school paleontology and fossil dig
- Westmoreland Sanctuary: Art of paper making

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Programs:**

- Mad Science: Energy related entertaining and educational science workshop
- Beauty and the Beast Storytellers: kicked off with an assembly for grades K-2 and provided 2<sup>nd</sup> graders with a week-long storytelling residency culminating in an evening presentation for families

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Programs:**

- Hi Touch-Hi Tech: Edison's Workshop
- Hi Touch-Hi Tech: Water, Water Everywhere
- Marion Archer: African Dance and Culture
- Jack Branagan's Earth Matters: Rainforests The Web of Life

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Programs:**

- Hi Tech-Hi Touch: Tao of Science
- Little Hawk: Native American dance & culture assembly
- Colonial Day: Led by professional interpreters, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in 18<sup>th</sup> century American activities such as weaving, candle-making, traditional music & dance

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Programs:**

- Hi Tech-Hi Touch: Tao of Science
- Hi Tech-Hi Touch: Mixed up Matter
- Hi Tech-Hi Touch: Chemical Solutions
- Moving up Ceremony: Latin Dance Instruction
- Civil War Re-enactment

**Field Trip Transportation**

The PTA provided \$7,895 in funding for class field trip buses.

**Library Purchases**

Purchased trade journal, new books and periodicals.

**Literary Magazine**

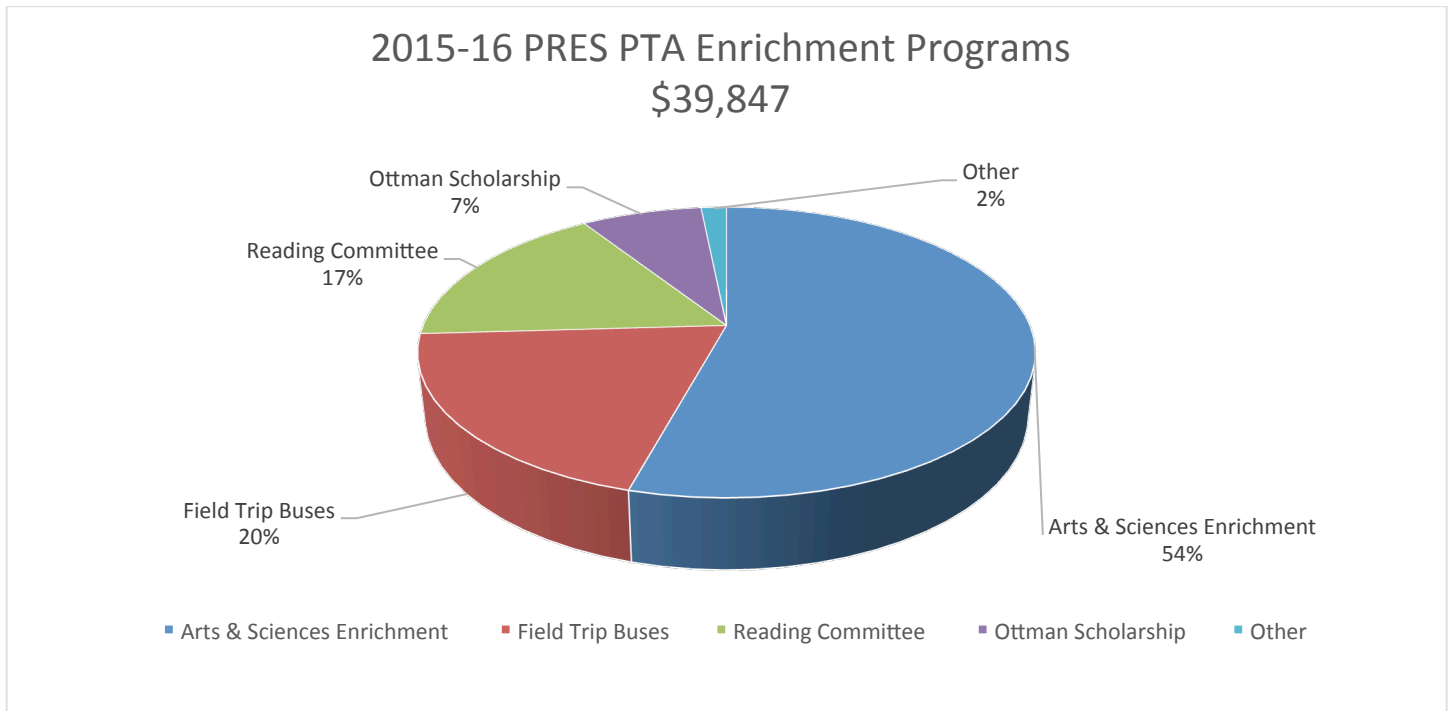
Funded the biannual printing of the student-edited literary magazine.

**Ottman Memorial Scholarships**

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

**Reading Committee**

Hosted author Rob Buyea’s visit with the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades in March and Jarrett J. Krosoczka’s presentation for all PRES students in May; also sponsored the Valentine’s Day Book Swap.



## Additional PTA Events & Programs

### **Cabaret Nights**

Our children showcased their talents at our two Cabaret Nights.

### **Field Day**

Provided lunch and hosted afternoon entertainment (Story Pirates) for the entire student body.

### **Garden**

PRES students and parent volunteers brought the garden back to life by planting spring peas, kale, four different types of lettuce, carrots, potatoes and sunflowers.

### **Health & Safety**

In conjunction with No Junk Food Week our students enjoyed a smoothie tasting event.

### **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.

### **Outdoor Flowers**

The PTA purchased and planted seasonal arrangements to brighten the school entrance.

### **Parent Services**

We provided parents with Home to School notepads and a bound Student Directory. 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.

### **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.

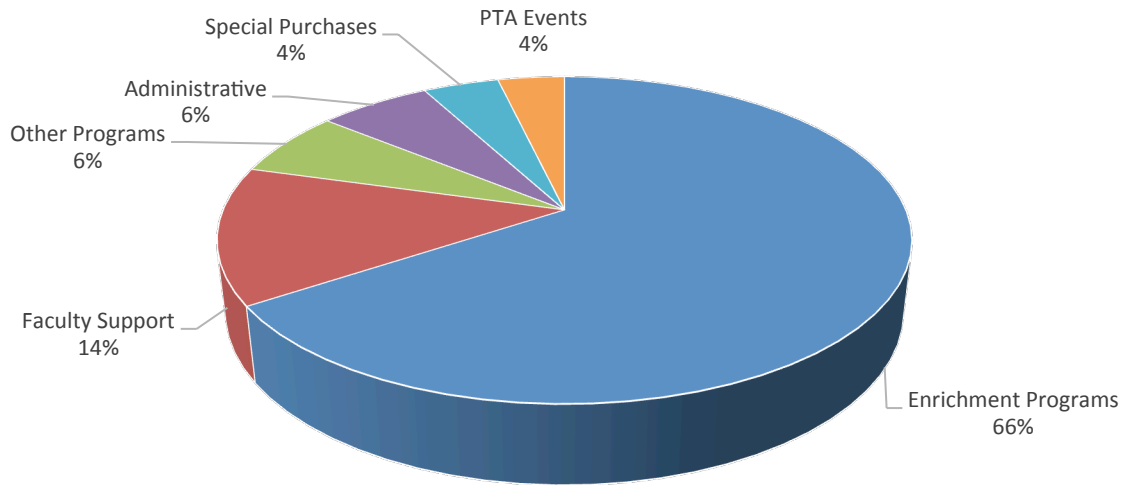
### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

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.

## 2015-16 PRES PTA Actual Expenditures \$60,607



■ Enrichment Programs ■ Faculty Support ■ Other Programs ■ Administrative ■ Special Purchases ■ PTA Events

### Enrichment Programs- \$39,847 (66%)

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

### Faculty Support - \$8,244 (14%)

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

### Special Purchases - \$2,550 (4%)

- Gembka Memorial Donation
- PRES Merchandise
- Wireless Streaming Software
- Portable PA System

### Other Programs- \$3,938 (6%)

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

### PTA Events - \$2,241 (4%)

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

### Administrative - \$3,786 (6%)

- PTA Stationery Expenses
- Bank Charges
- Liability Insurance
- Hospitality
- Home to School Notes
- Annual accounting software license
- Website and e-notes

## How Did We Raise the Money?

### PTA Fundraising Highlights

#### **Auction**

PTA's largest fundraiser is the biennial auction. The last auction was held in April 2015, and the proceeds were/will be used to support PTA activities from July 2015 – June 2017. Our next auction will be held in spring 2017.

#### **Bingo Night**

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

#### **Book Fair**

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

#### **Merchandise & Boxtops**

PRES merchandise is sold at various events 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.

#### **PRIDE**

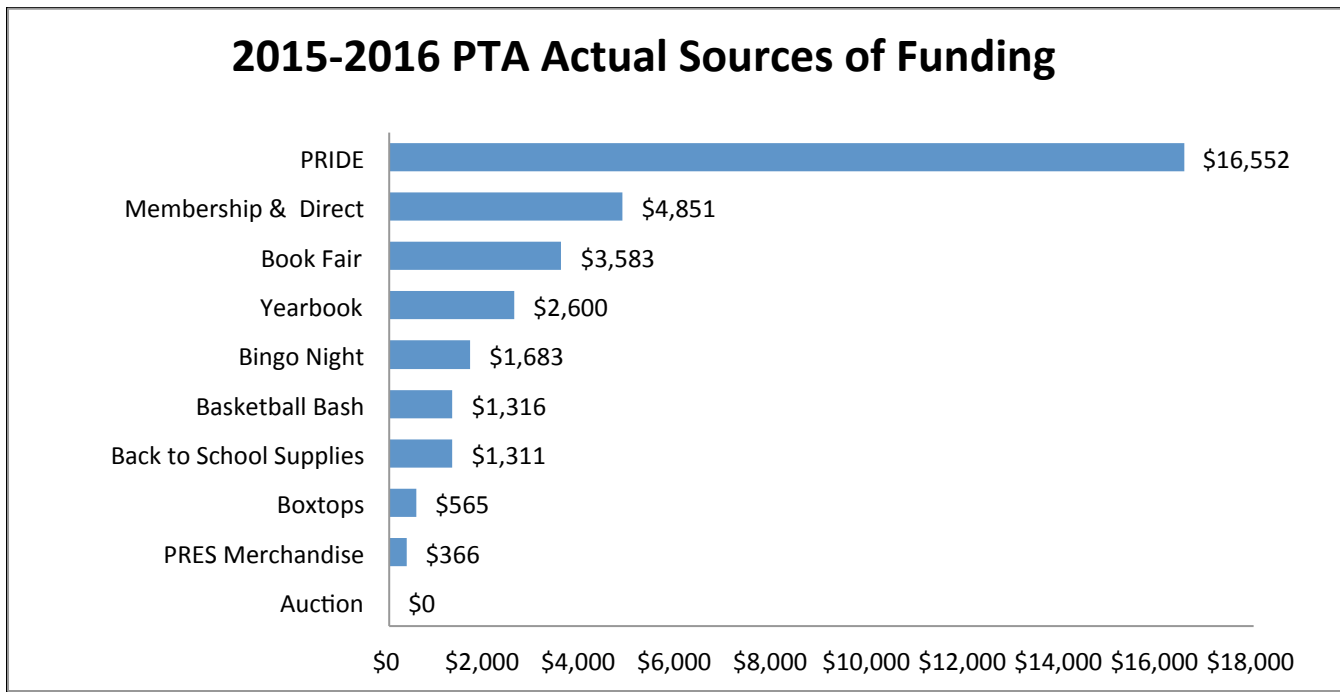
The PTA offers a variety of language, enrichment, art and athletic classes every spring and fall.

#### **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.

#### **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.



We are always looking for volunteers to help steer our efforts. Please contact us at [prespta@gmail.com](mailto:prespta@gmail.com) to get involved. Thank you for your support.