



What has the PTA done so far in 2008-09?

Fundraising:

1. Raised over \$5,000 at the Labor Day Festival used book sale; won 3rd place in Labor Day Parade
2. Organized a variety of small-scale fundraisers and social events, such as Chuck-E-Cheese, Behnkes, spaghetti dinner, restaurant nights
3. Ran successful Scholastic Book Fairs, earning books for every classroom

What we spent the money on:

4. Provided welcome-back breakfast, lunch and gifts for the all the staff at the beginning of the year, and again for Teacher Appreciation week in May
5. Bought easels for Kindergarten painting, supervised by local artist Barbara Simons/ERHS students
6. Paid for student assemblies by Reverb, Blue Sky Puppets, Kalani and Ole Flamenco
7. Subsidized field trips for almost every grade
8. Paid for Honor Roll prizes, "First in Math" licenses, umbrellas for school use, recess equipment and storage container
9. Assisted with the Science Fair, buying breakfast and lunch for the judges

What else did we do?

10. Organized Walk to School Day
11. Ran the National PTA's Reflections Art program at the school, including holding a successful Family Art Night and a Reflections Art Show
12. Published a Student Directory
13. Organized information night for TAG
14. Nominated teachers for awards
15. Invited John Ceschini from AEMS to speak to the PTA about becoming an Arts Integration School, and supported the school in sending a team of teachers and the principal to the summer Maryland Arts Training Institute.
16. Created a mosaic mural, with the help of parent volunteers and involving all the students
17. Wrote and won grants to create the mural, and to pay for recess equipment and storage
18. Organized the annual Spring Fair and Multicultural Dinner
19. Worked on building bridges to Greenbelt Middle School and followed county, state and national level initiatives on Elementary and Middle School policy

What are PTA plans for next year?

1. Continue to work towards becoming an Arts Integration School, by writing arts grants and supporting the staff in any way we can
2. Expand the annual Walk to School Day in an attempt to keep the students moving in and out of school, year round
3. Continue to build bridges with the Greenbelt Middle School and keep up to date with educational legislation
4. Run monthly meetings, fundriasers and family events throughout the year

How can I get involved?

1. Join the PTA! Come to PTA meetings on the first Tuesday of the month
2. Join the yahoo email list by sending email to greenbelt_elem-subscribe@yahoo.com
3. Join one of the committees: Events, Membership, Arts, Publicity, Fundraising, Grant-writing
4. Make a commitment to volunteer at least 2 hours to the school next year
5. Bring us your ideas and suggestions
6. Come join us at the events during the year

Greenbelt Elementary School Parent Teacher Association