

WHAT WILL THE MONEY RAISED AT THE SPRING FUNDRAISER BE USE FOR???

This is a good question and we have some GREAT answers. The initial budget for next year is complete and Disbursements Committee finished up this week, so we can now share all the wonderful ways in which your donations will help our kids, teachers, school and neighborhood...

The PTA Budget for 2009 - 2010 contains all of the "normal" PCE PTA expenses and donations. These include costs of all PTA sponsored events such as Donuts with Dad, Lunch with Loved Ones etc., teacher appreciation activities, red ribbon week, the talent show and many more. It also contains funds for the library and playground improvements, along with support of DI, Sign Choir, Robotics, Sixth Grade Salute, Field Day and many other activities. We often forget about these activities since they occur every year, but they are part of what makes PCE a unique place for our families.

In addition to the budgeted items there are a items that the Disbursements Committee selected to be funded. These items include the following:

- Teacher Grants - money for the teacher to use to support classroom activities
- Spanish Program for Grades K - 2
- CPS System - system which allows all students in a class to enter answers and the teacher to immediately be able to see results, so they can determine if they need to spend more time on the material or if it is ok to move on. Really COOL talk to Ms. Carter about it!!!
- Full day substitutes to allow teachers to hold Fall Parent / Teacher Conferences
- Full day substitutes to allow teachers fall and spring planning days
- Field Trips for each grade
- Sky Ranch Bus and Scholarships
- Smart Board - Intelligent white board that allows computer / teacher / white board interaction
- Music Sound System
- Digital Cameras for each grade level
- Outdoor Learning Center / Council Ring - A joint project between the PTA, Prairie Creek Garden Club, Canyon Creek Homeowners Association and others with the city over seeing plans, construction and responsible for maintenance. It will be located in the park, directly across the street from the school. Click [here](http://www.pcepta.org/forms/outdoor_classroom.pdf) to view a presentation from the architect http://www.pcepta.org/forms/outdoor_classroom.pdf. PLEASE NOTE: The presentation contains plans for future phases of this project that are not part of this project and not funded (suspension bridge, observation deck / tree house). The PTA is only contributing funds for the outdoor learning center (called council ring on the plans). The slides contain pictures of the site, conceptual drawings, pictures of the materials to be used. The conceptual drawings are NOT precise. They are just to provide a general idea of what the project will look like.

As you can see this list contains some exciting items for our school, but they can only happen with successful fundraising. Please do what you can to make continue to make PCE a special place for our families!