



# PLEASANT RIDGE PTA

## End of Year Update

This year, the PTA focused on a mission to enrich and maximize the educational experience of every Pleasant Ridge student and consistently engaging all members of the Pleasant Ridge family through **Advocating**, **Socializing** and **Fundraising**. We firmly believe that all levels of commitment are valued – and your involvement made a difference for your children. By getting involved, your efforts have contributed to building our PR Pride and guaranteeing a better educational experience for our children!

*With your help, we raised pretty close to 50,000 dollars this year*

Surpassing our goal to raise \$30,000 to support our school. We continued to focus our efforts on making sure you were engaged, we opened pathways for you to communicate with us – we listened, and you supported in an overwhelming manner. Resulting in our ability to invest more than \$80,000 back into the classrooms – where it matters most over the last 3 years. Thank you for your gifts of talent, time and funds, because without you (family and friends) we would not have been able to support Pleasant Ridge as much as we did this year. Thank you for making Pleasant Ridge the place to be! Here's how your amazing PR PRIDE made a difference ...

### *Advocating, Making PR Voices Heard*

- Whether it was talking with other parents, the PR staff or administration, the district administration, or the school board, we made our voices heard on 4 key areas:
  - Class Size Reduction (Janet Hart)
  - Support of Next Generation at PR
  - School Safety
  - Buildings & Grounds

### *Socializing, Enhancing PR Pride*

- Not only did we raise funds, but we also hosted a variety of events through the year to build school pride and connect our families
- Activities promoting PR Pride included:
  - Back to School Night, Red Carpet Welcome, Meet & Greet, Kalahari, Pancake Supper, Barnes & Noble Day, Saline Parade, School Dance, Curriculum Nights, Spring Celebration & Field Day



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# Fundraising, Investing in PR

- Another year of strong fundraising, as well as a commitment to lower the fund balance to \$15,000, resulted in another year of significant spending for the PR Staff.
- We have continued to purchase books for the school with all of the proceeds from our Book Fairs, as well as with some of the fundraising money (\$4,000 over the past 2 years).
- Over the past 3 years, the PR PTA has invested heavily in technology, purchasing almost 100 iPads, 50 Chromebooks, an Apple TV, and 5 Smart Boards.
- We also invested in our teachers by renovating the teacher lounge into a more comfortable, welcoming, collaborative space.

	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>					
Fundraising Expenses	\$30,841	\$32,088	\$30,049	\$49,841	\$49,734
<b>Net Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$22,057</b>	<b>\$26,425</b>	<b>\$25,836</b>	<b>\$38,486</b>	<b>\$43,049</b>
<b>SPENDING</b>					
Field Trips, Assemblies & Curriculum Nights	\$9,199	\$8,927	\$7,466	\$7,778	\$9,621
School & Teacher Grants	\$1,560	\$12,581	\$8,799	\$31,472	\$44,541
Folders, Planners & Office Supplies	\$1,169	\$1,777	\$1,557	\$2,074	\$2,324
Teacher Appreciation	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$2,019	\$5,598
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$23,554</b>	<b>\$31,213</b>	<b>\$27,331</b>	<b>\$57,514</b>	<b>\$71,521</b>

**Their future is our business.**



# So what's next?

If you're returning to Pleasant Ridge, we hope you'll keep it up over the summer! Clip BoxTops or shop using your rewards card. Those benefits add up year round! We raised more than \$15,000 over the last 2 years through passive programs, and we can do even better. It's an easy way to support the school without breaking the bank.

Funds are still needed to support school activities, maintain and update our iPads, Chromebooks and other school technologies, and to support the initiatives of our teachers in providing the best education possible for our children

2013-14 Teacher Mini Grants		
Requester	Request	Approved
Christine Marsh	Bulletin Boards	\$1,000
Chris Dager	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Playground Toys	\$325
Lorrie Weltzbaker	Aquaonics	\$300
Karen Grech	Ice Machine for Ice Packs	\$130
Shannon Soenen	Books	\$100
Joe Welton	Record Board	\$100
Nicole Kent	Headphones	\$60
Alicia Long	International Reading Association Membership	\$52

2013-14 Teacher Mini Grants		
Requester	Request	Approved
Joann Twork	Shortbooks for KG reading skills	\$700
Julie Marion	Multi Sensory Methods ...	\$521
Joe Welton	Field Hockey Equipment	\$330
Erin Zimmer	Celebrating Diversity (Clothespin Dolls)	\$250
Nicole Phelps		\$235
Trina Bell	Surviving Common Core in Best Fit	\$85

Strategic Grants	
2013-14	
Mini iPads	\$20,000
Cafeteria Sound System	\$3,200
Literacy Library Books	\$2,000
Die Cut Machines	\$1,500
iPad Charging Station	\$1,000

2014-15	
50 Chrome Books	\$15,500
iPads	\$6,000
Mini iPads	\$4,212
Bulletin Boards	\$4,000
Smart Boards	\$2,924
Apple TV	\$2,000
Birthday Books	\$2,000
Collaboration Spaces	\$2,000
Staff Workroom Updates	\$1,000
Pencil Sharpeners	\$1,000

Thank you everyone, for helping to make this year such a success! We are so proud to be a part of the Pleasant Ridge community! To our families moving on, it's been a pleasure supporting and creating PR experiences with you. We hope you truly enjoyed your time here. To our families returning, the PTA welcomes your voices in nurturing our children. Consider playing an active role next year in making Pleasant Ridge the place to be.

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