

## What *does* the West District PTO *do* for our school community?

- Provides the **funding** for the **Multicultural Enrichment program** for Grades K-4. This program exposes our students a variety of multicultural arts and enrichment events to increase awareness, diversity, tolerance and communication within the school community. These programs:
  - ✓ Are curriculum-based and enhance the classroom experience in core subjects.
  - ✓ Enrich knowledge & appreciation for arts with exposure to music, theater, dance & visual arts.

Examples include:

- High Tech High Touch science programs for K-3. These are provided by an independent company that supplements learning in the study of science, has included programs related to the weather, the planet, forces of nature and dirt.
- Various School-wide assemblies. Last year's was an interactive A Capella group that taught different vocal styles with exposure to music and the arts.
- Provides FREE programs for your children and family to enjoy;
  - ✓ Family Fall Festival
  - ✓ Donuts with a Grown Up
  - ✓ Story time with Mrs. Sanders
  - ✓ Year-end family picnic at Winding Trails
  - ✓ Family Skate/Movie nights
  - ✓ And other fun events!
- Provides each teacher with \$100 to buy school supplies for the classrooms.
- Organizes lunches/breakfasts for teachers at various holidays
- Helps beautifies the grounds at West District.
- Provides volunteers for the book room and library classes for all grades.
- Organizes a dinner squad to help families that have suffered a loss or any hardship.
- Provides free school gear to families & new students at Good Start program / kindergarten orientation.
- Acts as a liaison between our school, the BOE and community.
- Posts updates to the WD PTO Facebook page to keep parents informed.
- Organizes the publication of our school directory for all families.
- Helps organize the book fair(s) throughout the school year (with the leadership of Mr. Taylor).
- Organizes and runs the different fundraisers throughout the year, such as:
  - Craft Fair, Spirit Sale, Yankee Candle/Butter Braids, Box Tops program and Grocery Rewards program, and Parent only fundraiser in order to fund all of the programs for our school.
- Organizes schoolwide social events such as: Hartford Wolf Pack, Yard Goats, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade activities.
- Coordinates and supports the Room Parents.

The WD PTO is a very important part of our school community. Without the support and funding of the PTO, many of the amazing experiences our children have would not be possible. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We value all of your support, time and commitment to our students and school. **No help is too small! Thank you in advance for all of your support!**

Sincerely,

The WD PTO

If you are interested in being involved in any way, please contact us at [wdptoevent@gmail.com](mailto:wdptoevent@gmail.com)

## ***2018-2019 Fundraising Update***

### **Fall Festival - \$868 raised**

- What a great turnout! This was one of our most successful family events. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to set up, man the booths, and clean up.
- This year WD Family Fall festival included:
  - Three local food trucks/vendors
  - Kids enjoyed free cotton candy and popcorn, which were a big hit.
  - The arts and crafts table, bounce house, and games kept kids entertained.
  - Kids had a blast at the “Gaga Pit” provided by the Cub Scouts.
  - A DJ engaged everyone in some dance moves.
  - And of course “Roary” made a special appearance
- This event though not a fundraiser and free to families raised \$868.00 in donations. Thank you to all the families who donated.

### **Natures Open House “Fairy House” at Winding Trails - \$387 raised**

- This is town wide fundraising partnership between the elementary schools and Winding Trails which took place in Sept.
- Nature’s Open House at Winding Trails provides:
  - Walking tours of 80+ custom build fairy houses set along our wooded trail.
  - Story time and meet and greet with award-winning Fairy House Series author, Tracy Kane.
  - Kids built their own fairy house and display at the Winding Trails fairy village.
- West District School receives 75% of ticket sales and raised \$387.00 from this fundraiser.

**Yankee Candle:** this is an estimate at this time.

- Total Profit \$2,678 (Catalog = \$1,828.60 and on-line = \$849.2)

**Craft Fair:** this is an estimate as we have some outstanding items.

- Total Profit ~ \$7,908 (Total Raised Estimate \$11,840)

**Bowling night** - approximately \$900 raised