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Newsletter of the Ensign Elementary PTA

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Everyone's contribution counts!

When you offer your *time* through PTA :

• You ensure the vibrancy of Fall Bash, Talent Show, STEAM Fair & other **favorite events**

When you make a *financial contribution* to PTA:

- You fund classroom supplies & field trips
- You provide enrichment for all students including: **Pottery**, **Dance**, & **Music**



QUICK FACTS

- PTA will spend approximately \$100/student in 2021-22
- 92% of the PTA budget comes directly from family donations
- PTA holds 2 fundraisers a year: the Fall Fundraiser (in Sept.) & Gallery Stroll (spring)

HOW DO I DONATE?

Checks are best! Drop yours off in the Front Office at school. Or, for credit cards, visit *GalaBid*:



Scan the code or visit <u>https://app.galabid.com/</u> fallfundraiser2021

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE? Please donate an amount that is comfortable for your family.

Ensign Families Work Together

by Emily Neuman Ensign PTA co-President

One of my family's favorite things about Ensign is the natural area immediately to the north of the school. We walk through on our way to play Pickleball at the park or when we travel to Lindsay Gardens for baseball.

The trail also provides my kids a moment in nature between home and school as they brush by native sumac and Apache Plume.

In the fall of 2019, the trail connection to Ensign needed repair. The middle switchback was washing out, and the lower curve was slippery with loose rock from erosion above. Six families came together on a Saturday morning, tools and work gloves in hand. We had struggled to figure out whose jurisdiction the trail fell under, who could lend us technical assistance, and what repairs the trail actually needed. What we did know was: Ensign families were the primary users at that time and, so, had a responsibility to care for it.





The same goes for all the unique events and programs we enjoy at Ensign -- from the New Student Popsicle Party to 6th grade Tinikling.

We are the current stewards of this amazing school community. PTA calls on you to donate your energy and, yes, a few dollars too, so that the Ensign we've loved continues to thrive this year and into the next.

Where does the money go?

by Maria Borisevich, Ensign PTA Treasurer

Ensign PTA organizes its budget by action areas:

- Community-Building
- Academic Enrichment
- Supporting Teachers

Funds raised in the fall go first to *Supporting Teachers*. PTA endeavors to cover all of the expenses that our teachers incur after they've exhausted the \$600 provided to them by the District.

On average, our teachers need \$1100 to cover it all: from paper, pencils, facial tissue and photocopies, to art supplies, hands-on science projects and field trips.

Thank you for your support!

10%

Community Events

Teacher Support 18%

Administrative Costs 2% Academic Enrichment 70%