



Wood Acres ES PTA Budget Justification

Line Item Explanations

FUNDRAISING AND FAMILY EVENTS

Amazon Smile	This is a bonus program offered by Amazon.com. Register your account with Wood Acres as your beneficiary, and 0.5% of all your Amazon purchases will come directly to our PTA. Learn more on our website.
Bingo Night	This is an annual event held in November for families with students in K-2.
Book Fair	Scaled back significantly due to the closure of Barnes & Noble.
Annual Fund	Our primary fundraiser, in which we ask families to donate directly to the PTA. All contributions are 100% tax deductible. Scaled back 1/3 due to economic times.
Directory	The PTA earns proceeds off the sale of ads for our directory. The sales effort is primarily led by the directory company.
Ice Skating Night	An annual winter event in which WAES families are invited to the Cabin John ice rink to skate for the night (we typically reserve two of the rinks for our own use only).
Interest Income	Income earned on our bank accounts.
Jogfest	This is an annual and official 5K (and fun run) event. The course weaves its way through the Wood Acres and Springfield communities, near our school. This event was cancelled in 2020-COVID19
Ledo's Pizza	Twice a year, Ledo's Pizza on River Road will donate a portion of sales to the PTA. In turn, the PTA donates these proceeds directly to our sister schools: New Hampshire Estates ES and Oakview ES in Silver Spring.
Membership Dues	Proceeds collected through annual PTA membership fees.
PTA Directories	Proceeds collected through the sale of additional PTA hard-copy directories (PTA membership automatically includes one directory).
Dance Party	This is an annual event held in October for students in grades 3-5.
WAES Spiritwear	We are not planning to sell WAES Spiritwear as a fundraiser in FY19.

SCHOOL/CURRICULUM SUPPORT

Cafeteria & Recess	The PTA pays to purchase equipment for recess (balls, games, soccer goals, etc.) as well as the cafeteria (hand sanitizer, bathroom passes, etc.).
Media Center Furniture	The Media Center asked the PTA for funds to purchase new furniture for the Media room. The request is just for the 2020/2021 school year.
Field Day	We support the school's spring Field Day activities with the purchase of water, juice, and/or popsicles.
Green Team	We support the efforts of our school's Green Team for various programs throughout the year.
Health & Safety/Patrols	The PTA purchases ponchos, belts and badges for our 5th grade patrols. We also fund our patrols' attendance at an annual patrol picnic run by Montgomery County Police.
Media Center	The PTA provides the Media Center specialists with funding to purchase online databases for use on chromebooks as well as books for the school/students.
Outdoor Maintenance	The PTA pays to have a landscaping company work on our grounds, to provide enhancements (additional weeding/cleanup, new tree plantings, additional mulching, etc.) beyond what MCPS contracts provide. We also use these funds to plant flowers throughout the school grounds.

Principal's Fund	These are funds the PTA makes available to the school principal. They are most often used to supplement teacher training and as financial aid for field trips and/or summer school programs.
Recess Support & Training	These are funds to provide "training" to students on appropriate and good use of recess time.
"Specials" Support	Each year the PTA provides a specials team (Art, Music or PE) with additional funding to support their program. This has been used to buy additional art supplies, musical instruments, and PE equipment. It's also been used to purchase carpets for our music room and to paint logos in our gymnasium. In 2018-2019, we will fund the ART program.
Supplies/Class Supplements	The PTA reimburses teachers and other staff for classroom supplies that they would otherwise pay for out-of-pocket. Each teacher receives \$200 per year.
Teacher/Staff Appreciation	The PTA has a committee that organizes several staff appreciation events (breakfasts, lunches, etc.) for our well-deserving teachers and staff. This budget was increased to include the PEP staff and adding additional teacher appreciation events.
Technology Purchases	Over the years, the PTA has made several significant investments in the school's technology infrastructure.
Training & Teacher Support	These funds are used to help cover the cost of training and conferences for our teaching staff.
WAES Building Enhancements	This fund will pay for projects to enhance the new school. Proposed projects include water bottle filler fountains, an outdoor water fountain, hand dryers for the bathroom and a peace pole.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT

Anthology	Cut from the Budget as the teaches do not have time to fit this activity into the schedule due to new curriculum.
Visiting Artists	The PTA contracts with authors, artists, and other professionals to supplement portions of the Curriculum 2.0 classroom experience for our students.
Cultural Arts	We help cover the cost of in-school assemblies.
ESOL	The PTA has a committee that organizes several events throughout the year in support of international families in our school community. These funds help support those events.
Financial Assistance	These are funds specifically set aside to provide aid to students otherwise unable financially to participate in a school program. For privacy reasons, the PTA does not administer these funds, which are run through the school's administration.
International Night	In alternating years, the PTA organizes a school-wide International Night in the spring (in odd numbered years). This is one of our most widely attended events. These funds support the entire event, including materials used in each country themed classroom. International Night will be held next in 2021.
Planetarium	The PTA supports the Planetarium Committee with funding to cover curriculum materials, and technology and other supplies.
STEAM Room	The steam room provides a creative space for students to work on projects in science, technology, engineering, art and math. These funds support supplies for the STEAM room, science kits and volunteer training.
Geography Bee	Wood Acres is planning to hold its first Geography Bee in FY19. The funds cover the costs of supplies and room rental.

Race & Equity Issues	This fund supports speakers on the topic of race and equity in our school and community. Budget increased this year at the recommendation of the committee chair
Science Fair	These funds support our annual Science Fair. The funds cover materials, room rental, student recognition, and other event-related expenses.
Space Night	In alternating years, the PTA organizes a school-wide Space Night in the spring (in even numbered years). This is one of our most widely attended events. These funds support the entire event, including materials used in each space themed classroom. Space Night will next be held in 2022.
Special Education Parent Support	The PTA has a committee that organizes several events throughout the year in support of families with students in our special education program.
Wizard of Oz	The PTA does not financially support the 4th Grade Wizard of Oz program, however, we do administer the program and the funds for it, which are collected directly from the participants. The WOZ committee did ask for funds from the upcoming budget to refresh the costumes. This is a one-time expense
COMMUNITY EVENTS	
Arts Festival	Each spring, the PTA organizes an Arts Festival to display the many artistic talents of our students. These funds support the materials and activities that are associated with the evening event.
Big Train Night	At the end of the school year, the PTA organizes an event at a Bethesda Big Train game. The Big Train is our local collegiate summer baseball team. This line item covers the cost of game tickets for teachers and staff.
Community Service Support	These are funds used for direct support of local community service activities.
5th Grade Farewell	The PTA gives a \$750 contribution each year to the 5th Grade Farewell Committee, which organizes activities and gifts for 5th Grade promotion. In addition, the remainder of the funds from the previous year's Wizard of Oz are included in the budget for the Fifth Grade Farewell. All other funds for the farewell program are collected from fifth grade families.
Kindergarten Orientation	The PTA purchases items (e.g., "Welcome to Wood Acres" pencils) to distribute to incoming Kindergartners during the spring orientations.
Newcomers	We have a committee that organizes several events at the start of the school year for families new to Wood Acres. This line item supports these events.
Back to School Picnic	The funds support a back to school picnic at the beginning of the year.
Sister School	This captures the donation that we make to our sister schools, New Hampshire Estates ES and Oakview ES in Silver Spring. The amount of this line item is equivalent to the amount raised by our Ledo's Pizza fundraiser.
Website	While the PTA has a volunteer webmaster, this line covers the cost of additional website maintenance and enhancements that are beyond the scope of our volunteer. Funds include support for our new website from the website designer and potential ecommerce options.
Whitman Prom Donation	Each year, all the elementary schools in the Whitman cluster make a donation to the Whitman Prom After Party event (a post-prom, alcohol free event that runs through the night and is attended by most prom participants.
PTA Speakers	New budget line item for this year. The PTA invited a few speakers to its general membership meeting in the Winter 2020 to discuss relevant topics parents and teachers face each day. The speakers were well received so the board decided to add it as a line item to the budget.

PTA SUPPORT

Bank Charges	Occasionally, we are hit with bank charges for returned checks and other administrative fees. These have become less frequent as we have moved most of our money collection online.
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Insurance	The PTA is required to maintain a liability insurance policy for our Directors and Officers.
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Other Administrative	This line item covers the cost of random supplies, our annual subscription for our online payment system, and other administrative costs.
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President's Fund	This funding is available to the PTA Executive Committee to cover the cost of otherwise uncategorized expenses. Examples include "get well" gifts for staff and financial assistance for PTA-sponsored activities.
PTA Association Dues	These are payments we make to the Maryland PTA and the Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA) for national, state and local membership dues. We pay these on a per member basis.
PTA Storage Unit	The PTA helps pay for a storage unit to hold materials for Space Night and the Wizard of Oz.
Tax Preparation/Audit	The PTA is required to have a financial audit conducted each year. We choose to have the audit and our annual tax filings prepared by an accountant.
Whitman Cluster Support	These are funds that we provide to support programs and advocacy in support of the entire Whitman cluster.
