



NOVEMBER 2021 DSF/PTA/PTO ACTIVITY UPDATE

Davis Schools Foundation (DSF): DSF kicked off its Fall Fundraising campaign for its 2022/2023 grant to DJUSD. Letters were sent out to all DJUSD households and former DSF donors. Check DSF social media and your email inbox (and possibly spam folder!) for updates on the fall campaign and critical funding needs for DJUSD. Fall Fundraising campaign runs through #GivingTuesday (November 30th).

For National Philanthropy Day on November 16, 2021, DSF nominated the members of the Flying Carousel of the Delta Breeze fundraising committee: Ruth Asmundson (co-chair), Chuck Roe (co-chair), Nancy Roe, Janet Berry, Heidi Bekebrede, Kim Eichorn, Nan Yates, Bob Segar, and Don Saylor. This committee of community leaders and philanthropists rallied friends of DSF to raise over \$100,000 to refurbish and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the carousel. The Carousel Fundraising Committee was honored at a reception held by the Yolo Community Foundation in Central Park along with honorees from other local nonprofit organizations.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Davis High School (DHS):

- We raised approximately \$29,000 with our back-to-school PTA membership and donation drive and have 183 PTA members, which is low as a percent of students.
- We collected applications from teachers and staff for our Partners In Education (PIE) Grants and voted on \$11,000 in funded projects ranging from guest speakers and supplemental books to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion workshops and math materials — and many other projects. Since we did not spend down the full \$16,000 allotted for these grants, we'll open the application back up and hope to fund more during the second semester.
- We have a new parent-led committee that provides "a second set of eyes" on college application materials for seniors who are seeking more support on their college essays and applications. This is not a school-sponsored service, but a committee of PTA volunteers who are offering to help anyone who is seeking more thoughtful advice. More info is on the home page of the DSHS PTA website.
- We have continued to spruce up the teacher/staff lounge with new small appliances, coffee and snacks.
- There has been a call for a new PTA/DSHS Admin committee to investigate ways to decrease bike theft on campus, especially during the day. Any suggestions about

partners or stories of success are welcome. This issue is a pervasive problem that impacts many students and their families.

King High School: No update.

DaVinci High School and Junior High School: Booster Club hosted a Meet and Greet for parents, guardians and school staff outside in the beer garden/patio at the Dunloe Brewery (owned by a DaVinci alum) and a number of teacher grants were awarded. Holiday sales of DaVinci-labeled bottles of Olive Oil are on sale through November. Proceeds fund Booster activities.

Emerson Junior High School: We just awarded our Teacher Grants. Looking at making holiday gifts for teachers and other staff.

Harper Junior High School: Things are fairly quiet at Harper PTO. We have a Panda Express Dine Out Fundraiser today and we are providing breakfast from IHOP to the staff tomorrow. There is currently a Tree Harper fundraiser going on! Donations go to buy plants, trees, and tools for students to beautify the Harper campus. Our teacher in charge of it, offers to shave his beard in a unique style for the beard that gets the most dollars/votes. All proceeds go to Tree Harper. We had a very exciting spirit week with lots of kids participating.

Holmes Junior High School: Holmes will be launching Unfundraiser campaign to raise money for grade level events. Each grade has an individual event to enjoy during the school year funded by PTA. This year we intend to support the following: 9th grade hike in Marin County, 8th grade inspirational speaker & on campus party, and 7th grade inspectional speaker & on campus party.

DSIS: No update.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Birch Lane Elementary: The BL PTA has been transitioning from fundraising to fund spending. We've been busy giving out teacher grants (10 so far), providing food for the teachers for parent-teacher conferences, recruiting volunteers for various upcoming events, held a restaurant fundraiser, hosting the PTA meeting where we heard a presentation from our school as counselor. Our Book Fair is in full swing and we've restarted student banking. MPAC has hosted a parent meeting and is hosting the MPAC/PTA joint Make a Plate fundraiser.

Cesar Chavez Elementary:

- We celebrated Dia de los Muertos as a school community, our first in person event since the pandemic! We had many conversations about celebrating authentically and being cognizant of cultural appropriation.

- We are getting ready for our Read-a-Thon, starting when we return from Thanksgiving break, using the 99Pledges platform for the first time.
- We have new coordinators in our Garden program that is joining our “Lobos Activos” program to bring outdoor education to our students.
- We are also promoting our Scrip programs with Nugget and AmazonSmile, especially as the holidays approach.

Fairfield Elementary: Fairfield PTA is working on a virtual talent show fundraiser. Over 20 kids have submitted videos of their talent and the school community will watch the talent show virtually. While the show is free to attend, donations are suggested. We have also helped pay for awnings for the outdoor eating area.

Korematsu Elementary: Dedicated our new lending library in honor of the four teachers who retired last year. Completed our first season of running club (for 1st-3rd graders) with over 70 kids. Supported a pizza lunch for our staff to show our appreciation for their hard work. Preparing for our Book Fair this month.

Montgomery Elementary: We had a very successful Fun Run in October. Our book fair is going on currently. We are hosting the book fair with one day and two afternoons when some of it has been relocated outside so that parents can shop. This has been a labor intensive undertaking but parents seem to appreciate it. We are doing a couple of things for our teachers this week for conferences (Nachos and a Smoothie Truck.) Moving into December we plan to have our craft night as a take home pick up again this year and do something for teacher boxes right before break. We also got some new merch.

North Davis Elementary: Completed our school directory; held our annual jog-a-thon fundraiser; provided volunteer support for the school book fair; ordered NDE shirts & hoodies for all students and interested staff and as a fundraiser; discussing athletic field lining to support PE needs; refreshed fitness supplies at NDE; approved support for a weekly jump rope club that will go throughout the year; invited Rody Boonchouy to our monthly meeting to present on Ethnic Studies; teacher appreciation lunches and snacks during conference week; exploring K-3 music options.

Patwin Elementary: Continuing with our “unfundraiser.” We worked out a smaller scale Fall Festival and donated a pumpkin and decorating materials for each student to complete in class. We are working on providing lunch and/or snacks each day for the teachers and staff during parent conference week.

Pioneer Elementary: Over the past month we have:

- in-person (students only) book fair during conference week
- teachers lunches and snacks throughout conference week
- rain gear collection and distribution at school
- continuing chess club after school
- PTA membership drive with Kona Ice competition for classrooms

- Pioneer T-shirts designed and pre-order forms sent to community
- decorated trees on campus for Red Ribbon Week
- planning Read-A-thon later in the year

Willett Elementary: Willett PTA continues to co-host a monthly Friday morning Zoom meet and greet for families with our principal. We are working on several new fundraising opportunities, including a direct donation campaign tied to Giving Tuesday. Our Room Parent coordinators are assisting Room Parents with organizing holiday gifts and Kudo boards for our teachers. We are also hoping to organize a teacher and staff appreciation treat before the holiday break. Lastly, we are hosting an on-line Book Fair that ends next week.