



## **JANUARY 2022 DSF/PTA/PTO ACTIVITY UPDATE**

**Davis Schools Foundation (DSF):** DSF provided the final \$25,000 portion of its 2021/2022 grant to DJUSD and is working on #bigdayofgiving (May 5, 2022) to provide additional funds for its 2022/2023 grant. Plans to re-open the Flying Carousel of the Delta Breeze in Central Park have been pushed back to late spring 2022 due to the current COVID-19 surge.

### **SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **Davis High School (DHS):**

1. The PTA has continued to fund PIE grants for teacher and staff projects including collections of books that promote identity and diversity, physics equipment, budgeting skills curriculum, math manipulatives and more. Approximately \$15,000 has been given to teachers and staff through the PIE grant process.
2. 25 students benefited from volunteers who read and commented on college admission essays to support students who wanted another set of eyes on their applications. On three Wednesday evenings in February, the PTA will host three college information nights with panels to hear directly from college freshman about their experiences at private, UC and CSU campuses.
3. The PTA will host a Gap Year Fair at DSHS on 2/10/22 for anyone who is interested in learning more about gap year opportunities after high school.
4. A committee is looking into ways to decrease the number of bikes that are stolen at the DSHS campus. This committee would like to learn from the experience of other DJUSD schools.
5. Ongoing staff room updates, treats and coffee have been met with appreciation and will remain a function of PTA going forward. The teachers and staff need to feel loved now more than ever!

**King High School:** No update.

**DaVinci High School and Junior High School:** January has not been eventful. Past months activities have included: teacher grants approved for special projects; fundraising sale of DaVinci labeled olive oil; and parent/school staff meet and greet at Dunloe Brewery.

**Emerson Junior High School:** New development at Emerson is a request from the office staff for parents to assist with lunch, before, and after school times, when all students are out of class. Request has been made to the PTA for volunteers to be a positive adult presence on campus during these times. Office staff will provide gift cards (like for a free slice of pizza or free burger) for parents to hand out to kids they "catch" doing something good like picking up trash/throwing out their trash wearing their masks in the halls etc. We will discuss this request at our January meeting. We request any advice from other schools doing this already and will report back next month or whenever we roll this out.

**Harper Junior High School:** Harper PTO is wanting to show support to the the staff by writing notes to them, providing them with breakfast and goodies, and fulfilling a fund a need items wish list. We are also working on fundraising activities like two dinner outs in January and February, and a spring fundraising drive.

**Holmes Junior High School:** Holmes PTA merrily celebrated staff and teachers with holiday treats before the break. We have launched our Unfundraiser campaign requesting donations for 3 special grade level student events. These events are a long standing tradition at Holmes. We are encouraged by the continued generosity and support of our parent community and are working together with our site leaders and staff to provide an enriched school environment.

**DSIS:** No update.

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Birch Lane Elementary:** Held Board Meeting and general meeting with focus on how to support staff and teachers, approved 3 additional teacher grants, continuing to work on upcoming Fun Run in February and auction/family carnival in May, recruiting for nominations committee, provided lunch for teachers, collecting student artwork and thank you notes for an online book going out to all Birch Lane staff and teachers, providing weekly Eagle News email to keep the school MPAC will hold meeting this month.

**Cesar Chavez Elementary:** No update.

**Fairfield Elementary:** We're working on our school shirts and have ongoing discussions about fundraising. We had hoped to host a parents trivia night - may postpone or move to virtual. We are also beginning planning for our school auction for April/May.

**Korematsu Elementary:** Korematsu Elementary is celebrating Fred T. Korematsu Day at the end of the month. In honor of this celebration, the PTO purchased pins for all students that say "Speak Up!" to remind students to not be afraid to say something when they see someone(s) being treated unfairly.

**Montgomery Elementary:** We had a very successful Chipotle Dine Out Night, we are still working on planning our upcoming annual auction. We ordered some new merch and are waiting for it to be done.

**North Davis Elementary:** No update.

**Patwin Elementary:** We surpassed our “Unfundraiser” goal for the year. Our Scholastic book fair went well and raised \$10k total with half of that going to our library. We held a toy drive partnering with Super Owl before the holidays. We will be hosting a canned food drive during the month of February. We are beginning to plan our yearbook and auction.

**Pioneer Elementary:** Pioneer Elementary PTA hosted a teacher/staff appreciation lunch in December on the last day before break and sponsored Kudo Boards for each teacher, which the Room Parents coordinated, so that students could send messages of thanks to their teachers. We hosted a restaurant fundraiser already this month and have another scheduled for February. As the new year begins, we are working on the budget for the 2022-2023 school year.

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