# Fundraising and the PTA Budget

The PTA is holding a fundraiser. **Where does the money go? It is a valid question!** Last year, we had a great fundraising year, raising a lot of money at the Auction! **So, why is the PTA raising more money?**

We asked parents to attend the auction mainly to fund the STEM program, along with other PTA programs. We raised $53,000 at our Auction! The cost of purchasing a STEM curriculum such as Project Lead the Way was estimated to be $33,000. Therefore, we have budgeted $33,000 for STEM for this year, which Mrs Todd will use to purchase Project Lead the Way curriculum.

**So, if we raised $53,000 at the auction, and we need $33,000 for PLTW, then we raised an extra $20,000! Why do we need to fundraise at all this year?**

**From 2008-2013, the PTA's expenses averaged over $50,000 per year.** And that is without the added expense of STEM funding! What exactly does the PTA pay for?

Did you know that the PTA gives $3,500 a year to Hollywood Hill to pay for After-School Sports? and $1,800 for Before-School Choir and Marimba clubs? Also, we give the school $4,500 dollars every year for field trips. We offer teachers and specialists grants equaling $5,750 ($250 per teacher) so teachers can buy books and supplies for their classroom. We pay for the school's Geography Bee and Spelling Bee. We fund the Talent Show and Field Day. We pay for the Dance Dude to come in and work with classes every day of dance week, and then pay for the school dance. We fully fund the STEM fair, including bringing in exhibits from places such as the Pacific Science center, The Museum of Flight, and the Issaquah Salmon hatchery. We host community-building events such as the Back to School Ice Cream Social, the Fall Social, Skating parties, Movie Night, and more.

The PTA provides funding for Book Clubs and Math team. We spend $1000 each year on 6th grade graduation events such as the bike trip and the moving-up/graduation ceremony and reception. We also provide financial support for administration of several charitable drives, such as our Food Drive, our Giving Tree and our Military charity drive. We also have some PTA costs, such as paying dues to Northshore Council PTA, Washington State PTA and National PTA. There's also administrative costs such as copying, website fees, bank fees, tax preparation, and more.

**So, yes we had a good fundraising year last year. And yet, we still need to fundraise this year!** Our first fundraiser of the year was the Raffle. We were hoping to raise $5,000 like we did last year. We made $4,000, not bad! But, certainly not enough to fund all our programs listed above!

This week, we've kicked off our biggest fundraiser of the year, **the Orange Ruler Fun Run!** Our fundraising goal for the Fun Run is less than $100 per student. Please know that the PTA appreciates all the support we get from our parent community. And, we hear all the time, that the staff at Hollywood Hill Elementary really appreciate all the support they receive from the PTA.

Thank you!

Hollywood Hill PTA

# PTA Budget: Where does the money go?

- Enrichment
- Community Outreach
- Administration
- Family Life and Health
- Grants/Classroom enrichment
- Contingency

**Administration/Misc**
PTA Membership dues:
to council, state, nat'l PTA
Copying
Filing/License Fees
Supplies
Insurance
Training/Seminars
Treasurer's Software
Tax Prep
Bank Fees
Website Fees

**contingency**

**Enrichment:**
After School PE program
Book Clubs
Choir and Marimba clubs
Geography Bee
Math Team
Spelling Bee
Theatre program

**Family Life and Health:**
Emergency Prep
Field Day
School Dance
Reflections
The Dance Dude week
Science/STEM fair
Talent Show

**Grants/Classroom Enrichment**
STEM program ($33,000 this year)
Field Trips ($300 per class x 16)
Room Parent/class party stipend
Social Enrichment
Specialist Fund ($250 per specialist teacher x 4)
Teacher Grants ($250 per teacher x 19)

**Community Outreach**
6th Grade Graduation Event and Bike Trip
Art Docent program
Artist in Residence
Fall Social
New Family/Back to School Social
School Beautification: landscaping
Teacher Appreciation Week
Outreach/Charity drives