

PTA ROAR Newsletter – May/June 2022



It's Been a Wonderful Year

As we approach the last day of school (June 10th), the PTA would like to take a moment for reflection and to say **Thank You** for the incredible support given to Kingswood Elementary throughout the year. Our Kingswood community is full of devoted families, students, staff, neighbors and business partners who have

given generously through volunteer hours, participation at events and donations. Because of you, we have had a wonderful and impactful year.

Congratulations to all our 5th graders! We celebrate your accomplishments as you transition to middle school. To all our families who are moving to new schools, we will miss you and treasure the happy memories. Best wishes as you embark on a new chapter.

Have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer.

The Kingswood Elementary PTA Board

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Dates to Remember

May 2	Teacher Workday
May 9 – May 13	Scholastic Spring Book Fair and Teacher Appreciation Week
May 12	International Festival 6:00pm - 7:30 pm
May 14	Spruce Up Saturday
May 25	PTA General Meeting 6:30pm – 7:30pm
May 30	Holiday – No School
June 8	Field Day
June 10	Last Day for Students

Student Joke of the Month



Why is eight afraid of seven?
Because seven ate nine!

Submitted by Daniel Moreno, Grade 3

A great big THANK YOU...



The movement to establish a national day to recognize the hard work and dedication of educators can be traced back to 1953. That year Eleanor Roosevelt persuaded Congress to proclaim a National Teacher's Day. Through lobbying efforts of National Education Association and National PTA, the 1st week of May was designated National Teacher Appreciation Week.

Due to the May 2nd teacher workday, Kingswood's celebration starts May 9th. KES has a talented, dedicated group of people working tirelessly to enhance the knowledge and skills of our children. This week and every day, we give a great big thank you...

...to Ms. Sherry and Mr. Norton for their leadership during yet another pandemic year and for encouraging students through fun incentives.

... to front office, lunchroom and custodial staff who keep the school running, making it safe, pleasant environment for learning.

... to grade and specials teachers and teacher assistants who are instrumental in academic, social and emotional growth of our kids.



PTA General Meeting May 25th

Please join us on May 25th at 6:30pm for the last PTA meeting of the year. Kingswood will conduct an information session on EOG (end of grade) testing. At this meeting members will also vote for the 2022-23 executive leadership (president, vice president, treasurer and secretary). Several board positions (members-at-large (up to 3), teacher representative, and chairs of Audit, Nominating, Advocacy and Reflections committees) are appointed. There are open elected and appointed positions. Contact any board member if you are interested in a leadership role next year.

<https://kingswood.memberhub.com/w/volunteer>



Spring Book Fair May 9 – May 13

Kingswood is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Students can shop for books in the Media Center before school and during their Media special. Parents can browse selections online and during the International Festival on Thursday, May 12th from 6:00pm until 7:30pm. Volunteers are needed throughout the week.



Scholastic online
<https://bit.ly/3s8o2gb>



Volunteer
<https://bit.ly/3kAXRKR>



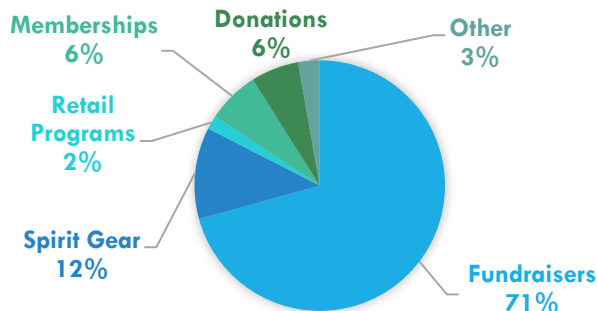
Summer Connections

While school is out for the summer, the KES PTA will continue to post news and information to our new website, kingswood.memberhub.com, and to social media. We expect opportunities to support Kingswood's green initiatives as well as planned activities such as spirit nights and summer park meet-ups. Contact kingswoodelempta@gmail.com to request an email address be added to memberhub in order to receive updates. Membership, though encouraged, is not required to receive messages.

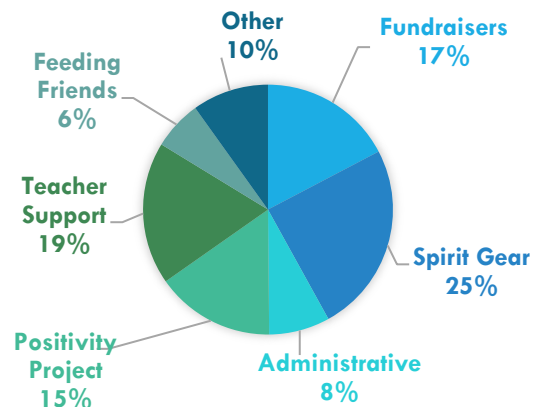
Financial Report – Where did your money go?

The PTA fiscal year runs July 1st to June 30th. From July 2021 through end of April 2022, the PTA has received \$21,000 from fundraisers (\$14600), membership dues (\$1400), spirit gear sales (\$2400), donations (\$1300) and retail programs (e.g Amazon Smiles, \$400). These monies have supported programs and activities for Kingswood teachers and students. To date, major expenses include Positivitiy Project and Montessori Magnet program (\$2200), teacher reimbursements and recognitions (\$2400), costs associated with fundraisers (\$2200) and spirit gear investments (\$3000). Including carryover amounts and funds earmarked for Outdoor Learning and Feeding Friends, the KES PTA account balance is approximately \$27,000.

2021-2022 REVENUE



2021-2022 EXPENSES



Shout Outs to Amazing Volunteers!

We couldn't have done it without you

Advocacy Committee

Advocacy is essential to the PTA's mission. Chair Laura Tillet and the committee has created a series, Advocacy 101, to help inform parents of issues and provide suggestions for how to effectively advocate for teachers, students, and the school. Look for more Advocacy 101 sessions in the fall.



Auditing Committee

Members of the audit committee play a critical role for the PTA. By conducting regular financial reviews of bank statements and supporting documentation, the committee ensures our financial house is in order. Their work contributes significantly to the Kingswood PTA "good standing" status, retaining our charter and tax-exempt status.

Beautification Committee

Our 1st Beautification event on September was a rousing success. Over 40 people spent that afternoon beginning the long process of improving KES campus grounds. Under the leadership of Chair Terri McLeod, the committee has instituted Spruce Up Saturdays, organized Kingswood's 1st Earth Day Fair and plant sale and has made great strides in introducing native plants to landscaping. We all see the fruits of this committee's great work each time we visit KES.

Communications Committee

Each month Communications committee, led by Lynaire Hector, has worked tirelessly to keep the KES community informed about news and events around Kingswood. The monthly newsletters have hopefully given everyone a little insight into the many people who make Kingswood function. Thank you to all the students who sent in jokes for the Student Joke of the Month – we are still smiling.



Fundraising Committee

October was a crazy month for our Fundraising committee. In a matter of weeks, the committee, chaired by Chloe Katz, organized the annual Fun Run, ran a t-shirt sale, created a video montage for the November book fair and planned spirit night fundraisers (whew!). This spring the committee planned the Kingswood Spirit Store. Thanks to their efforts, the PTA has solid financial footings for the year.

Hospitality Committee

Hospitality Chair Maggie White finds ways for our Kingswood family to show appreciation to KES throughout the year. Hospitality aims to create a welcoming atmosphere at meetings and events by organizing and setting up refreshments and recognizes staff during appreciation weeks and on special occasions. Kingswood teachers and staff have expressed joy and gratitude each time.

Science Fair

Kingswood held two science fairs this year. Students in grades 3-5 participated in the fall, and primary, 1st and 2nd grade students participated in the spring. Thanks go to Ade Lee, Steve Green, Kristi Thompson and Gwen Blackmon for organizing the science fairs. Kudos to all our student participants – you did an amazing job!

Special Projects

Beyond committee work, many have given their time to: drop off donations collected for MLK Day of Service, provide data entry, contact vendors for events, create graphics, help with web design, get donated plants in the ground, ... All contributions, big and small, are truly appreciated.

Board of Directors

Each year, as children continue their education away from KES, we lose connections and institutional knowledge. The board has worked hard to improve and enhance systems so that oncoming board and committee members have the tools needed to pick up the ball and run.



To outgoing board members

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2021-2022 Memories

