

## What the PTO Funds

### **Art Classroom Support - \$200.00 Budget**

The PTO gives funds to the Art Teachers to purchase needed supplies for the art classroom.

### **Assemblies - \$1725.00 Budget**

There are 2 assemblies scheduled for the year. The first is "Character Counts" with BMX star Matt Wilhelm on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is "Bringing Literature to Life" with Chris Fascione on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Back to School Picnic \$800.00 Budget**

The PTO completely funded this back to school kick off event for all Hilltop families. Ice Cream treats were purchased for each student. Funds were also used to purchase games and supplies needed for this event.

### **Battle of the Books \$250.00 Budget**

Battle of the Books has been in U-46 School District for over fifteen years. It is a reading program, which has encouraged students to read good books and have fun while reading books. Battle of the Books, which we affectionately call BOB, is a voluntary reading incentive program for students in grades 4th-6th. Students read books and come together to demonstrate their abilities and test their knowledge of the books they have read at the public library. More info about BOB can be found on the district website.

**The PTO funds BOB t-shirts for each student participating, and an end of program celebration like a pizza party or an ice cream party**

### **Bereavement Support \$100.00 Budget**

Funds used to purchase a tree (to plant on school grounds) in memory of a student or Hilltop staff member that has passed away.

### **Classroom Support \$3000.00 Budget**

Each teacher receives \$100.00 to pay for supplies needed for their classroom.

### **DARE Program \$700.00 Budget**

The Streamwood Police Department D.A.R.E. program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) was founded in 1990. The program currently has two officers working in eight elementary schools, primarily with 5th grade students. The curriculum includes teaching our students the eight ways to say **no** to drugs, and techniques for enhancing their self-esteem.

**The PTO funds t-shirts for each 5<sup>th</sup> grade student as well as a pizza party.**

### **Field Days \$400.00 Budget**

**The PTO purchases participation ribbons, treats for students, and water for volunteers for Field Day in the Spring.**

### **Food Drive \$100.00 Budget**

Each year the PTO sponsors a food drive to benefit the Hanover Township Food Pantry. Funds are used to cover any supplies needed and the prizes given to the top collecting classes.

### **Hilltop Young Authors \$1500.00 Budget**

The PTO purchases the "Bare Books" that all Hilltop students use to create their own books with for Celebrate Writing Night.

### **Library Support \$500.00 Budget**

The PTO gives funds to the library to purchase new books. Primarily to fund the purchase of new BOB books.

### **Music Classroom Support \$200.00 Budget**

The PTO gives funds to the music teachers to purchase needed supplies for the music classroom.

### **New Teacher Support \$900.00 Budget**

Each new teacher to Hilltop and any teacher new to their grade level receive funds to help start their classrooms.

### **PBIS Support \$500.00 Budget**

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive systems approach for creating and maintaining safe and effective learning environments in schools, ensuring that all students have the social/emotional skills needed to ensure their success at school and beyond. --- Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible.

The PTO gives funds to the PBIS committee to purchase incentives and rewards for the students.

### **PE Classroom Support \$200.00 Budget**

The PTO gives funds to the PE teacher to purchase needed supplies for the Physical Education Program.

### **Patrol Appreciation & Belts \$250.00 Budget**

The PTO funds Patrol Appreciation, which recognizes the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who took on the responsibility of being patrols. The PTO also purchases new patrol belts at the beginning of each school year.

### **Reading A-Z \$1700.00 Budget**

Reading A-Z offers thousands of printable teacher materials to teach **leveled reading**, phonemic awareness, **reading comprehension**, **reading fluency**, alphabet, and vocabulary. The teaching resources include professionally developed downloadable-leveled books, lesson plans, worksheets, and reading assessments.

Reading A-Z's **downloadable books, lessons, worksheets** and other resources are designed for use in various reading settings from whole class to small group to individual work whether with core, ESOL, special education, RTI (Response to Intervention), bilingual and other such programs. All materials are research-based, standards-based, and results oriented.

The PTO pays for Reading A-Z subscriptions for each classroom.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Tiles \$800.00 Budget**

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students each make their own art tile that is put up at Hilltop so that they can 'leave their mark.' The PTO purchases the tiles and all supplies needed for this program.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp \$3000.00 Budget**

All 6<sup>th</sup> Graders go to [Camp Edwards](#) in East Troy, Wisconsin. Outdoor education is part of the sixth grade curriculum, so they go for that purpose, but they also love camp because it is a great time for kids to get to know each other on a different level than they do at school. Kids often camp back from camp with new friendships, or closer friendships with their current

The PTO pays for the camp busses as well as the camp T-Shirts.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Movie Club \$400.00**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Graders put on a 'movie' at the end of the year, lead by Mr. Leaver. Which is a project all 6<sup>th</sup> graders participate in and the PTO provides funds to help cover the expenses.

### **Staff Appreciation \$700.00 Budget**

We want to give thanks to all the teachers and Hilltop staff who do so much for our children. Every staff member is treated to an appreciation luncheon in May as well as special treats. We also give thank you gifts to the secretary's on Secretary appreciation and the custodians during the holidays - even though they work for Hilltop - they often go out of their way to help the PTO.

### **Staff Requests \$500.00 Budget**

Funds budgeted for programs/supplies that support staff may request throughout the year. For example, the nurse needed funds to purchase new underwear for students who might have mishaps.

### **Technology Fund \$4000.00 Budget**

The Technology Fund has been set up to purchase-needed technology for the classrooms. The Hilltop teachers are deciding together what technology is best to purchase for our school.

\*\* Funds for Classroom Support and the Technology fund come from one half of the walk-a-thon profits. Last year (2012-2013) Walk-a-Thon Profited \$10,000 - therefore \$3000.00 went to classroom support and \$2000.00 went into the Technology fund. That \$2000.00 has carried over to this year. We are hopeful that the walk-a-thon will profit just as much this year - so the totals will come out to be the same. \$3000.00 to classroom support and \$2000.00 to the technology fund. For a total of \$4000 in the technology fund.

The other half of the walk-a-thon funds go towards the funding of other PTO funded programs.