A GOOD SCHOOL IS MADE A <u>GREAT</u> SCHOOL WHEN PARENTS MAKE THE TIME TO BE A PART OF IT!

Dear all TBES Families, June 2017

As we close out the 2016-17 year, we wanted to take a minute to thank each and every one of you, our fabulous families, teachers, and volunteers, for an amazing year. Based on our community volunteering and fundraising efforts, we were able to offer an action-packed year, filled with fun and exciting events. In summary, we raised about 126K this year, which equates to about \$200 per child!

As PTC, we focus not only on fundraising; we also work on community building events. While we don't make much money on those events, we believe the experience and the sense of community these events foster are priceless. This year we have had a successful *Mother-Son Bowling Night*, *Father-Son Skyzone Night*, *Mother-Daughter Paint Night*, "Evening in Paris" *Daddy-Daughter Dance*, and *Monte Carlo Night*! By continuing to build a strong community, we help to enrich the educational experience of our children.

While it is easy to see our PTC in action by highlighting events like those above, it may be difficult to see the day-to-day impact that the PTC has at TBE and our children. We wanted to take a moment to highlight some of those items to help you understand the importance of your continued support:

Student Enrichment

Technology	\$20,174.98
Library	\$5,000.00
Dance Program - Star Struck	\$4,082.80
iReady	\$3,500.00
Health and Fitness - Sami Circuit	\$3,400.00
Art Program	\$3,364.12
Assemblies - Classroom Learning	\$1,600.00
Playground Equipment	\$1000
PBIS	\$950

Teacher Support

Teacher Supplies - Requests	\$9,600.00
Paper for Teachers	\$2,000.00
Teacher Grant Funds	\$2,000.00
Teacher - Staff Appreciation	\$1,800.00
Green Folders	\$577.81

We added seventy *Chromebooks* to the school, one cart for easy sharing within the higher grades, two *Chromebooks* for the science room, and one laptop for the music program. PTC is also partially funding our school's i-Ready a program. For the library, \$1,500 bought the hardbound books, paid for rebinding etc., and an additional \$3,500 was provided in Scholastic dollars that were earnings from our two Book Fairs. We restocked EVERY teacher's library during the Book Fairs as well, resulting in new books in each classroom. TBES teachers also get \$300 to spend on supplies that they would otherwise have to fund on their own. Classroom assemblies like *Wild Animals, Touch of Understanding*, and *Sami's*

Circuit are all funded by your dedication to the school. Every child gets to do art and bring their creativity forward in a program completely run by the art docents and again funded by the dollars donated by you. For detailed income and expense reports, please contact tbeptc@gmail.com.

These activities demonstrate a direct impact on our children's education. Without our support these items and programs would become challenging to maintain and could cease to exist at Twelve Bridges Elementary. This is why the community and school are so grateful for families like yours!

We say goodbyes this year to Maduri Duddukuri, PTC Co-President; Cyndie Willis, PTC Vice President; Gwen Scales PTC Co-Treasurer; Maureen Richardson, PTC Co-Treasurer; Charlotte Casillas-Magana, PTC Secretary; and Katy Evangelisti, PTC Teacher Liaison. Our year was fun and amazing because of the ladies who made up this team. Thank you for all the hours you put in, all the calls you made, and the fires you put out for us!

On our PTC team for the 2017-2018 year we have returning Board members Meredith Mahoney, PTC Co-President and Leah Bassett, PTC Social Media, Publicist and Room Parent Coordinator. Our board also welcomes new members Marnie Cassidy, PTC Co-President; Joanie Cubias and Kendal Seidl, PTC Co-Vice Presidents; Holly Roznowski, PTC Treasurer; and Kirsten Snook, PTC Teacher Liaison. We are looking forward to another fun and exciting school year.

Do remember to continue to clip Box Tops and use *Amazon Smile* while doing your online *Amazon* shopping, and please follow our <u>Twelve Bridges Elementary Facebook page</u> for updates to the 2017-18 year. Any questions or concerns, we are at <u>tbeptc@gmail.com</u>.

Sincerely,

TBE PTC