

West TV PTC Monthly Newsletter

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Greetings from Amy Flaxel, PTC President

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Hello West TV Families!

As we approach the halfway point of the 2017-18 school year, I wanted to give you an update on accomplishments since September and to look ahead at our goals and plans for the remainder of the year. It's an exciting year at West TV as we undertake major fundraising efforts to support our students and teachers and improve our school grounds with a paved path.

At Back to School Night, I mentioned that the role of the PTC is to enhance our children's learning experience and support the teachers and staff, and that we do this primarily through volunteering and fundraising. Along the way, we also want to help create a strong and vibrant school community that is ready and willing to jump in and support both our school and each other.

With that in mind, I'd like to highlight what have we accomplished so far this year as a PTC community:

- Thanks to contributions from 152 West TV families along with additional friends and family members, we exceeded our \$15,000 goal, raising \$15,663.
- Over 2000 volunteer hours have been recorded in our MyVolunteer system, and probably as many volunteer hours have been worked at home, or after hours and not recorded (you can always do this, but I know it's hard to remember!)
- 8 community events have been held, including the Back to School Picnic, Math Night, 2 Movie Nights, Walk to School Day, Si Senior Dinner Night, Standard Response Protocol Training, and Art Night.
- Volunteers have supported class parties, Art Lit, Continent Club, classroom needs, auction baskets and art, brought pies, cookies, and taco bar goodies for staff and much more!

What's next for the remainder of the year? By far, our biggest event is the school auction, coming up on March 3rd. This event, which is our 'large' auction, has traditionally been held every other year, with alternating years being a smaller event with only classroom art and a few other items to bid on. In addition to raising money to cover expenses over a two-year period, the auction will also kick off the fundraising effort for our paved path project.

The auction is a huge undertaking from a volunteer standpoint. The planning team started meeting last summer to identify a venue and start procuring donated items for you to bid on at the event. Sabrina Snow, mom of a 3rd and 5th grader, who also works a full-time job, is the auction team member leading the procurement of donated items. Her dedication to the success of the auction is more than impressive, and you will be equally impressed to see the outpouring of donations from vendors around the Portland area and beyond who are supporting our school by donating products and services (you'll be able to view auction items in the catalog soon!).

In addition to Sabrina's efforts, there are parents working on creating communications, setting up the auction event software, arranging catering services, creating sponsor materials, organizing classroom baskets, and of course masterminding the amazing classroom art. Thank you auction volunteers! You are appreciated!

After the auction, in addition to the recurring events like Art Lit and Continent Club, we can look forward to more dine-out nights, Family Fun Night, our annual school Carnival and the 5th grade send-off.

I am so grateful to be part of the West TV community and want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all the volunteers and to all of you who have contributed financially to help the PTC accomplish its mission. Let's finish the year strong!

Keep in Touch

We want you to feel welcome and informed about all WTV activities, so please follow our news on our **website** www.wtvptc.org and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wtv.ptc/>, get a quick reminder of upcoming events every Monday in your email inbox from our **Monday Minute**, attend our monthly **PTC meeting** (every 3rd Wednesday evening,) and get to know our organization more in-depth in this monthly **newsletter** sent via email. Cheers!

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