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TRIADELPHIA RIDGE PTA NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL FINANCIAL EDITION

## Financial Status Update by Cindy Skalny, PTA President

As a parent, there is nothing better than hearing your child's excitement about their school day. Last December, my kids came home from school sharing renditions of what visiting Author Laurie Keller's illustrations depicted. I'm sure we can all think of instances around the dinner table where our kids share their enthusiasm about an activity that exposes them to the arts, or allows them to learn an appreciation for things outside of the pure academic environment. Thank you all for supporting our PTA efforts and making this a great year so far.

Unfortunately, our kids may miss out on some of these opportunities next school year. Our PTA fundraising efforts have fallen short this year, and we are in jeopardy of not having the same level of cash to carry over into the 2010-2011 school year. This would require us to cut the programs that our students have come to expect and enjoy. Your direct contributions and participation in our fundraisers are what comprise the PTA budget. Our tradition of strong after-school, and classroom enrichment activities, has been possible thanks to your outstanding efforts.

Please help us to continue this level of excellence into next year by increasing your support to OUR PTA. We've published this special issue of the newsletter to highlight the actions you can take to make a difference and help our organization remain strong for OUR kids.

At this point you may be asking, where does the money raised for PTA go? To clarify the activities and programs the PTA funds we've listed them in this issue. The PTA Board welcomes innovative ideas for improving programs or fundraising efforts. Parents also have an open invitation to attend the monthly PTA board meetings and you may request a copy of our budget for review. We do not want your voice to go unheard.

We know the current economic climate makes fundraising more challenging than in years past, and our TRES community is sensitive to that fact. Aside from monetary support, the PTA always needs volunteers to give their time and talent. There are various opportunities to fit the schedules and interests of our volunteers. Our school is lucky to have a dedicated group of volunteers.

The time to act for our next school year is NOW. Please support OUR PTA financially, or through volunteerism this spring. I know I can't wait to see the smiles of our kids as they continue to explore their world through enrichment programs brought to you by the TRES PTA. Thank you for your commitment to the TRES children!

### The Numbers Tell OUR Story

Amount spent on each  
TRES student this year: \$81.95

Fundraising income  
this year: \$22.23

**Amount still needed  
to keep programs: \$59.72**

See what YOU can do to help  
on the reverse side of this letter.




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# Dollars at Work

PTA funds make these school events possible.

 **Family Fun Programs like International Night, Retriever Rally, Family Fun Night and Movie Night**

 **Cultural Arts Assemblies like Laurie Keller, Billy B. Productions and Lesoles Dance Project.**

 **Academic Enrichment Programs like the first grade Bread Bake and third grade Rainforest Day.**


 **Staff Appreciation**

 **Health and Wellness programs like Walking Wednesdays**


 **Young Authors Program**

 **Reflections**

 **Field Day**

 **Memory Book**

 **Fifth Grade Special Events**

 **Monetary supplements to our teachers for classroom supplies and activities for OUR kids.**

 **Community Outreach Projects**

 **Playground supplies**

# How YOU Can Make a Difference

*Here are ways you can help the PTA earn needed income.*

## **Make a direct donation to TRES PTA.**

So you didn't need more gift wrap, and aren't interested in pottery or TRES spirit wear. Make a hassle-free, direct donation. Did you know the PTA is 501(c) 3 organization and donations are tax deductible? Send a check to school made payable to TRES PTA marked "attention Rebecca Gruber, PTA treasurer."

## **Participate in the Gift Card Program.**

Change your shopping habits to pay for goods and services with gift cards purchased through **our new gift card program**. For each gift card sold our school will get a percentage back. TRES families will be able to purchase gift cards throughout the school year for birthdays, holidays, groceries, date nights, or whenever it's convenient to pay with a gift card. More details to follow in a separate flyer.

## **Support our upcoming Retriever Rally/Silent Auction**

Based on input from the TRES community, we've switched our **biggest fundraiser of the year** to this family-fun night with a carnival atmosphere. Let the kids enjoy games and inflatables while you peruse the **PTA's annual Silent Auction**. This year's auction will feature class pottery pieces, teacher follies and theme baskets in this new twist on a classic TRES event. Attendees bid on the items and proceeds benefit OUR PTA.

## **Buy Spirit Wear**

The PTA is adding a spring, spirit wear sale with **new** items. Proceeds benefit OUR PTA. Order forms will be sent home soon.

## **Volunteer**

Some of the rewarding areas are:

### **Gift Card Program**

Contact Cindy Skalny at [cindyskalny@verizon.net](mailto:cindyskalny@verizon.net)

### **Silent Auction**

Contact Laura Hulett at [lhulett@verizon.net](mailto:lhulett@verizon.net)

### **Retriever Rally**

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