

# LOWELL SCHOOL PTO



JUNE 2018

## 2017-18 Year in Review

*Another great year!*



This school year the PTO funded \$20,000 in teacher requests! Our funds have touched every child in the school. Whether it be through the Buddy Program, new PE mats or library books to specific purchases for individual classrooms we have been able to use the funds we made through dues and fundraisers to foster a better learning environment for all of our children. Thank you to all who have paid dues and donated your time and money to make this possible!

See page 2 for the full list of what the PTO funded this year!

**And investment in knowledge pays the best interest.  
~ Benjamin Franklin**

## Watertown Community Foundation Grants

*PTO received \$1500 in grants*

The PTO applied for a number for grants on behalf of our teachers, staff and student for the 2017-2018 school year and we were awarded nearly \$1500 in grant money. With the funds we were able purchase books for every member of the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club with Mrs. Knight. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade received funding for STEM initiatives in the Science club and in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms. A big thank you to the Watertown Community Foundation for their support and funding of these programs!

# PTO Funded

## *Full list*

- **Books for the Cafeteria** – Mrs. Masters received funding for \$350 for “Where’s Waldo” & “I Spy” books for children to read if they finished lunch early. Mrs. Masters was able to build activities in the cafeteria off these books. It was a great addition to lunch time!
- **OT Supplies Schoolwide** – The PTO purchased over \$650 in OT items including: oral motor & sensory items, chewing gum, auditory items, classical music, deep pressure items, weighted lap pads, fleece material, fidget tools, seating option items, fine motor items.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Picture Books:** Six copies of each book, each chosen to address a specific learning purpose and theme for a total of just over \$1000.
- **Reading Department Stability Ball Chairs:** \$125 was funded to purchase these Stability ball chairs that have been shown to help children focus during work and reading time.
- **Book Bins** for organizing and color coding 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom books was funded for \$180.
- **Stamp & See Screens** for all Kindergarten classrooms: 30 screens were funded for approximately \$450.
- **School-wide Field Trip to Stuart Little:** PTO funded \$3000 for buses for all students to attend the performance of Stuart Little at the Wheelock Theater.
- **Germ-this Program:** Funding of tissues for \$185 for Nurse Taverna’s Germ-this program
- **High Interest, Low Level Reading Books for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** The PTO purchased 77 books totaling \$489.
- **Literacy Materials for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade:** Board games such as Hazard Mountain & Monopoly, tool kits & games to help with focus & needs. 5 games, 4 kits, 2 card banks, 1 set paired passages were funded at \$400.
- **The Historic Newton Classroom Workshop for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** The presentation includes the context of American History and highlights 2<sup>nd</sup> grade social studies and history. Funded at \$360.
- **Teacher supplies:** Each teacher was entitled to \$75 in reimbursements for classroom supplies for the school year.
- **Buses for field trips:** The PTO committed to funding buses for one field trip for each grade for the year.
- **Mobile Learning Center for 5<sup>th</sup> grade:** This specialized easel with magnetic white board for easy attendance system was funded at \$350.
- **Three Light Weight document Cameras for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade:** Funded at \$840
- **Music Stand Storage Stand for the music room:** Funded at \$300
- **TLA Literacy Books for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** Books specifically chosen to span the independent reading levels of kids and in line with the TLA Literacy curriculum, funded at \$1200
- **Alternative Seating for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Funded at \$350.
- **Math Supplies for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade:** 48 dry erase paddle boards and number lines to increase participation in math lessons, totaling \$151.76
- **IPads for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade:** Funded at \$3800.
- **PE Mats:** Purchased for the gym at approximately \$550
- **Alternative Seating for the Integrated Support Program:** Funded at \$530
- **Self-regulation awards the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade inclusion classroom:** \$300 was funded to award students who use the 'strategies and tools' they are taught to self-regulate or other students who remain self-regulated (ready to learn, listening...).
- **Zoo New England 1st grade In-House Field Trip:** Zoo New England visited the school and taught 2 sessions on animal adaptation. Funded at \$200
- **Alternative Classroom Seating for 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Funded at approximately \$1800
- **Book bins for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** Purchased for \$110 for organizing and color coding
- **Garden Supplies for Lowell Learning Garden:** the PTO funded \$500 for school gardener, Judy Fallows, to purchase supplies to stock the school garden shed
- **Library books for Lowell School Library:** The PTO purchase just over \$875 worth of books to replace and stock the school library.
- **School-wide Buddy Program:** Funded at \$1500

# THANK YOU!

## A BIG THANK YOU to Home Depot in Watertown

The PTO was able to secure a donation from the Watertown Home Depot for much needed storage shed for the Lowell School Gym. Now all of the gym equipment can be stored onsite, safely and securely. Thank you to the Watertown Home Depot for your support and generosity!

## **Enrichment clubs**

*After school is where it's at...*

*The PTO sponsored three afterschool clubs this year:*

Cooking club for K-1

Science club for grades 2-3

Newspaper club for grades 4-5

## **And all the events...**

*From September to June the list goes on and on....*

*This year the PTO hosted:*

Movie Night

Halloween Event

International Night

Literacy Night

Math and Science Night

The End-of-the-Year picnic

All events the PTO planned, managed, ran, and paid for!

### ***Book Fair!***

The annual book fair raised \$10,000 in books for every classroom!

### ***Auction!***

The annual auction raised just shy of \$20,000 making this all possible!

**AND TO YOU, OUR WONDERFUL FAMILIES...**

Thank you for making the Lowell Community such a wonderful place for our children to learn. None of this would be possible without your support and generosity! See you September!