

As the year draws to a close, I thought it would be useful to summarize and communicate EEHSP's activities this year. Our books are still being finalized, but through the generosity of our amazing community and families, EEHSP this year raised nearly \$48,000 for our schools through the following programs: Book Fair (\$10000), Box Tops (\$2000), Carnival (\$10000), Directory Sales (\$2500), Direct Donations (\$2800), Fall Fun Fest (\$1400), Kidstuff Books (\$3300), Market Day (\$1500), Mixed Bags (\$5300), Square One Art (\$6300), Target Card registrations (\$1700), and Spirit Wear sales (\$2000)!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

Here's how we spent that money:

- We brought in artists Sharon Bartman (\$3000) and Esther Cohen-Eskin (\$4000) who worked with the students to create wonderful mosaic installations at both schools. We also obtained a RecycleBank grant of \$2500 to enhance the Erdenheim artist project.
- We brought in Susan Stevens Crummel, author of "Help Me, Mr. Mutt!," "And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon," "The Great Fuzz Frenzy," and "Cook-A-Doodle-Do" to present to Enfield and Erdenheim schools. (\$4000)
- We provided \$5500 in book and mini-grants for "special" requests that enhance learning opportunities available to our students – for example, the K "Trip Around the World," 2nd grade's chick embryology unit and the 4th grade's recent philanthropy project with Face to Face. This included educational aids like Eggsperpts and 24.
- We made available \$7000 (\$150/teacher) in classroom funds for teachers.
- We sponsored Grade Level Events for Kindergarten (Zoo on Wheels), First Grade (Science Night), Second Grade (African Bazaar), Third Grade (Springfield History), Fourth Grade (Spacetacular Night), and a flashback party for the Fifth Grade. (\$3600)
- We sponsored assemblies at Enfield featuring Sadecky's Puppets, Young Audiences and the Philadelphia Zoo (\$3300) and at Erdenheim featuring a Franklin Institute Traveling Science show and Bill Wood, a Colonial Storyteller (\$1000). We also sponsored field trips to Pennsbury Manor (4th Grade) and Wissahickon Watershed (3^d Grade) (\$2200).
- We bought basketballs, playground and soccer balls, and soccer nets (and bought them again when they got lost, or broken) throughout the year (\$1150), as well as provided donated games for indoor recess.
- We sponsored Breakfast Buddies and Rise-and-Shine-At-Erdenheim breakfasts at both schools for students and their families (\$1500), and hosted a wonderful Italian Restaurant themed teacher appreciation luncheon for our wonderful staff (\$1500).
- We sponsored Erdenheim's 8 Reading Olympics teams in full, including books and team t-shirts (\$1500), and ran Publishing Center for 3^d graders, helping students create and bind their own creative writing (\$100).
- We sponsored a night at the Phillies and Family Bingo Night –just for FUN! (\$1000). We also put on the tremendously fun Talent Show, during which over 50 student acts performed (\$100).
- We engaged in Philanthropy in various ways – with our MLK Day activities, a Cradles to Crayons Drive, a coat drive and a card-writing campaign for the holidays, all just to show we care (\$500).
- We provided popsicles, tug of war ropes, sacks for sack races, bubbles and other materials for our Color Days at both schools (\$500)
- We provided Financial Assistance to several children for field trips and other expenses (\$200).
- We created a new Green Committee, which installed more noticeable recycling spots in the Cafeteria, and worked to support the student Green Team with its Terracycling efforts.

- Our Garden Committee spruced up Enfield, planting hostas along the walkway, two donated trees and shrubs (an Eastern Redbud in the triangle near the walker's exit and a low piney shrub in the front bed), and purchasing plants for both front beds. They also bought annuals and led a planting event, with every student at Enfield able to plant an annual around the four property beds in advance of Festival of the Arts. They likewise purchased and planted donated hostas and other plantings along the walkway at Erdenheim and planters at both schools. (\$750)

We say goodbye this year to several board members who have devoted countless hours to helping us run our organization, and to do so efficiently. **Kristyn Roessler**, my co-President, will be enjoying some well-earned R&R next year after two years as President, but I expect to keep her involved on a number of ongoing projects (shhh, don't tell her). **Michelle West**, whose efforts to get us operating more like a non-profit corporation cannot pass without comment. She is the accountability queen and forever shall remain. **Kim Briggs** steps down this year as VP for Fundraising (this position is currently vacant for anyone interested!), though she will continue to work on a few projects here and there. Her tremendous work ethic and common sense approach to how we operate will be very sorely missed. Finally, **Elisa Seeherman** is stepping down as webmaster. Elisa is entirely responsible for how we currently look online, and through resourceful digging, managed to save us lots of money along the way. Her creativity will be missed. As a community, we are all in the debt of the above volunteers for their service to EEHSP and our schools!!

We also recently celebrated **over 200 volunteers** who stepped up in various ways throughout the year to help make all of the above happen with an end of the year volunteer appreciation BBQ at Fort Washington State park. We look forward to making something like this an annual tradition!

For 2014-15, **Kris Steen** will be joining me at the helm, **Stephanie McNeil** will be bringing her amazing creative energy to the position of VP for Grade Level Representatives, **Charlotte Igu** will be keeping us all on track as Treasurer (she needs an assistant to train for next year), **Karen McGlinchey** will continue to help us attract and retain excellent volunteers, **Melissa Gatewood** will be continuing to keep us all informed as E-blast coordinator, **Sarah Schock** will be keeping our website up to date, and **Carl Strandberg** will continue to assist us in our coordinated purchasing efforts as the Director of Purchasing.

We all are looking forward to an exciting 2014-15 school year, with new fundraising prospects, a continuation of our wonderful programs, and new opportunities for families to come together to get connected, and to stay involved.

A great way to stay involved is to get informed! If you haven't yet registered for our e-blasts, please do so at www.eehsp.org/eblasts. You can also find us on facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/EEHSP. If you have ideas for how we can do what we do better, smarter, or with newer and fresher ideas, please get in touch at presidents@eehsp.org. I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer, and we'll see you at Sneak a Peek on August 28th, and Back to School nights at Erdenheim (Sept. 4th) and Enfield (Sept. 11th).

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