

## **PTCA Mini-Grants, January 2015 (second round of 2014-15)**

One of the initiatives that the ANCS PTCA is proudest of is its Mini-Grant Program. The money we raise provides needed funding for programs, activities, and materials that enhance students' experiences at the school. PTCA mini-grants have supported: field equipment and curriculum materials; media center enhancements; assemblies, guest speakers, special activities, field trips; extracurricular activities including sports, band, drama club, and yearbook; staff travel to national, professional conferences; and technology software, equipment, and training

This school year the ANCS PTCA has 3 rounds of mini-grants. The second round was awarded at the end of January. We received 16 applications for over \$14,000 from teachers, staff, and parents, all of whom belong to the PTCA. Thanks to the support of the ANCS community in the form of PTCA memberships and participation in fundraisers (including the yard sale, school store, Barnes & Noble shopping day, dine outs, and Run with the Wolves), we were able to fully or partially fund 13 of the applications totaling \$6,558.60.

After each mini-grant deadline, the PTCA Executive Committee determines which requests can be granted based on the following criteria:

- Where is the greatest need?
- How will this grant impact the ANCS community?
- Can we fund it fully or partially?
- Is there a potential for the group to raise money through other approved means?

Two years ago we started the PTCA Technology Project, led by executive committee vice president Laura Finch and ANCS technology specialists Cheryl Booth and Michael Boardman. Together they prioritized the school's technology needs. Technology and mini-grants share a portion of the PTCA's budget this year. In conjunction with this second round of mini-grants, we funded some technology expenses: \$1400 to fund the purchase of additional iPads and document cameras for the elementary campus.

Please see the accompanying spreadsheet for more information on mini-grant funds that were requested during the first round.

Thank you for your support of the ANCS PTCA.