

PTCA Mini-Grants, third round of 2012-13

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: classroom field trips; annual-grade level trips including the 8th-grade trip to Washington DC and the 5th-grade trip to Blue Ridge; library enhancements; assemblies; student extracurricular activities including sports, band, drama club, and yearbook; and classroom supplies including maps, books, magazine subscriptions, technology software, and equipment.

This school year the ANCS PTCA has 3 rounds of mini-grants. The third round was awarded at the end of March. We received 13 applications for over \$11,000 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, dine-outs, Run with the Wolves, and Whole Foods 5% Day), we were able to fully or partially fund 9 of the applications totaling \$3,980.

As part of the second round of mini-grants in January 2013, 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. One of the mini-grant applications we received in March was deferred until phase 2 of the PTCA Technology Project, which will be implemented next year.

The PTCA proposes to allocate a portion of its budget for the technology initiative going forward.

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 a Fundraising Friday?

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

Thank you for your support of the ANCS PTCA.