

PTCA Mini-Grants, first round of 2013-14

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 first round was awarded at the end of September. We received 18 applications for over \$9,000 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, and Run with the Wolves), we were able to fully or partially fund 14 of the applications totaling \$4,087.93.

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?

Last year, we started the PTCA Technology Project, led by executive committee vice president Laura Finch and ANCS technology specialists Cheryll 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 the first round of mini-grants, we funded some technology expenses to complete the purchase and mounting of projectors wherever needed on both campuses. So far this year, the PTCA has provided \$1600 to complete the purchase, wiring, and installation of projectors in classrooms on both campuses.

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.