

## PTCA Mini-Grants, first 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 first round was awarded at the beginning of October. We received 23 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 (so far this year: the amazingly successful yard sale and the school store), we were able to fully or partially fund 13 of the applications totaling \$6,131.

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 first rounds. The deadlines to submit mini-grant applications for the next rounds are January 25 and March 15.

Thank you for your support of the ANCS PTCA.

Mini-Grant Applications, Sept. 21, 2012	Amount	Approval	approved	Requested by	Notes	Decision	
1 2nd grade garden: irrigation for raised beds, compost, critter tents	\$795.00	y	795.00	Diane Phail, for 2nd grade			
2 iPads for video editing	\$1,000.00	y	1,000.00	Mark Sanders (8th MST)			
3 Ga School Nutrition Assoc membership (2) for Maria Larson & Kelly Dennis	\$243.50	y	243.50	EC & MC Nutrition (Maria Larson & Kelly Dennis)			
4 Equipment stand, scoops, serving utensils for middle campus salad bar	\$689.00	y	75.00	Maria Larson		(incl. shipping)	
5 Paint and other supplies to restore kitchen floor (elementary campus)	\$500.00			Maria Larson & Kelly Dennis			
6 First Lego League start up funds	\$1,000.00			Amanda Pina		No, but we're enthusiastic	
7 Middle campus student government: funds for schoolwide activities this fall.	\$200.00	y	200.00	Maria Larson: MC Student Gov't			
8 Athletic fee for basketball players	\$500.00	y	250.00	Boys & Girls Basketball Teams, Alina Tillery	This will help 5-10 students participate who otherwise cannot afford to play.		
9 Uniforms for ANCS dancers	\$800.00			ANCS Dance Team	8-10 dancers		
10 Lighting system for middle school auditorium	\$1,000.00	y	1,000.00	Drama Club Mr. Aaron	Benefits entire community. For performances, presentations, & stage lighting instruction.		
11 Online subscription to Scott Foresman Leveled Readers Access Pack	\$360.00	y	360.00	Math Science Tech/Mrs. Cannon	Initial benefit for 225 students, but can be used more widely.		
12 Scholarships for 8th-grade trip to DC.	\$1,000.00			8th grade			
13 Build an area for play therapy/OT at the middle school	\$1,000.00			Kate Drummond, parent	15-20 kids at middle school/future students		
14 Portable weather sets	\$407.85	y	407.85	MST/ 6th & 7th	78 per year/6th grade		
15 Hula hoops, certificates, and awards for hula hoop contest	\$700.00			Pam Jones/Hula Hoop contest	approx. 100 students		
16 Monitor connectors and wireless network cards to get computers set up/online.	\$250.00	y	250.00	Cheryll Booth	Benefits all special ed. and academic assistance students		
17 Development of 1st grade garden boxes for fall feast.	\$300.00	y	300.00	Ellie Cantkier for 1st-grade team	All of first grade + families		
18 55 TI-15 calculators to help supply calculators for all 5th graders.	\$990.00			Ms. Marty for 5th-grade team	all of 5th grade		
19 cases, protectors, stylus pents, gift cards, shipping, etc.)	\$950.00	y	950.00	Music Dept./Ms. Williams	Funding will be supplemented from music budget.		
20 Build an area for play therapy/OT at the elementary campus	\$1,000.00			Kate Drummond, parent	15-20 kids at middle school/future students	Please work with us and the	If she gets equip, how will
21 paint kitchen floor	\$300.00			Kelly Dennis	all of elementary	Going with Maria's instead	
22 Outdoor classroom in K greenspace (build, repair)	\$300.00	y	300.00	Heidi Lance/Molly Maland/Ellie Cantkier for K team	all of K		
Total requested:	\$14,285.35	Total approved:	6,131.35				