

2008-2009 Parent/Child Survey Results

Rate the following fundraisers from 1-5 (1=most preferred, 5= least preferred)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1+2 | 1+2+3 |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Fun Run | 41% | 22% | 21% | 9% | 6% | 64% | 85% |
| Take Out Tuesday | 38% | 27% | 17% | 12% | 6% | 65% | 82% |
| Catalog/Gift Wrap | 19% | 16% | 28% | 19% | 18% | 36% | 63% |
| Original Works | 18% | 20% | 25% | 23% | 15% | 38% | 62% |

What is the best timing for your family for the fall catalog fundraiser?

September 50%
 October 50%

How many PTA meetings have you attended this year?

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| 0 | 55% |
| 1 to 2 | 21% |
| 3 to 4 | 9% |
| 5 to 6 | 6% |
| 7 or more | 8% |

Would you be more likely to attend PTA meetings if they were held at a different time?

Yes 32%
 No 68%

If Yes, select all that apply below:

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| Monday AM | 9 | 10% |
| Monday PM | 12 | 13% |
| Tuesday AM | 12 | 13% |
| Tuesday PM | 18 | 19% |
| Wednesday AM | 11 | 12% |
| Wednesday PM | 15 | 16% |
| Thursday AM | 5 | 5% |
| Thursday PM | 12 | 13% |

Do you think we should rotate the meetings on a monthly basis from mornings to evenings to allow a greater number of people to attend the meetings?

Yes 50%
 No 26%
 I still would not attend 24%

If the PTA were to arrange for guest speakers would you be more likely to attend the meetings?

Yes 42%
 No 43%
 I still would not attend 14%

Topics of interest for meetings and/or guest speakers that you would like to see:

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|----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Academics | 27% | Conflict Resolution | 10% |
| STAR Testing | 17% | Legislative issues | 10% |
| Parenting | 13% | District Personnel | 6% |
| Health and Nutrition | 13% | Diversity | 4% |

Evaluate the following PTA-sponsored programs from 1-5:

(1=Great Program, 3=Satisfactory Program, 5=Do Not Like Program)

| Cost | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1+2 |
|----------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| Career Day | \$800 | 81% | 6% | 8% | 3% | 3% | 87% |
| Imagination Machine | \$2,100 | 67% | 9% | 21% | 1% | 2% | 76% |
| Walk Through History | \$4,500 | 65% | 9% | 19% | 3% | 4% | 74% |
| I Know My States | \$300 | 54% | 11% | 28% | 3% | 4% | 65% |
| Science Fair | \$200 | 52% | 13% | 26% | 3% | 6% | 66% |
| ArtMasters | \$7400* | 49% | 8% | 35% | 2% | 6% | 57% |
| Red Ribbon Week | \$1,200 | 47% | 9% | 30% | 5% | 9% | 56% |
| Science on the Go | \$2100* | 47% | 9% | 33% | 3% | 8% | 55% |
| Reflections | \$200 | 37% | 11% | 39% | 6% | 7% | 48% |
| Literacy OnStage | \$4200* | 34% | 10% | 36% | 3% | 16% | 45% |
| Class Act | \$6,500 | 31% | 8% | 44% | 5% | 13% | 39% |
| Write On! | \$825 | 23% | 11% | 48% | 5% | 13% | 34% |

What would you like the PTA to spend money on that we are not already doing? Or stop spending money on?

Contests, events, talent contests

PTA is doing too many programs and too many fundraisers

More music, more physical activities (fun run)

Playground balls/equipment

Would like \$ spent on children's activities, field trips, not shows

Science fair

Healthier school lunches

Spend \$ on school supplies

Tasty and healthier lunches

Strong cuts on programs, teachers kept to keep small class sizes

I don't like class act

Healthier lunches

No spend money

Spend money on school supplies

All programs are good - continue if they are affordable

Do anything and EVERYTHING to save Class Act

Add shade to the playgrounds

No Trick or Treat night - Pumpkin Carving/Decorating instead

Consider music or art class for academic year

I see no results from Literacy on Stage or Class Act

STOP - Write On, Class Act. MORE – Imag. Machine, Math Team, Art Masters, Reflections, Science Fair

Computer technology to continue through next year

Purchase smart boards for each classroom

How about a Parent Appreciation week?

Art Masters is great, but how about an alternative cheaper program?

Include cultural awareness events

Playground without sand, more for Intermediate kids to do at recess

Jump ropes, stop spending \$ on teachers, spend more on children/needs for classroom

Discontinue music, keep science, art. Not sure if Imag. Machine is educational

Summer bash baskets/stupid and costly w/ no good outcome

Transportation and school supplies should be #1, followed by music, P.E., sports

Put more grass and shade areas on the playground

Spend money on computers for classroom, different lunch meals i.e., Carls, Taco Bell

Primary playground needs more shade, trees, grass - its HOT out there

Spend more money on campus maint. (peeling paint, dead grass)

Charge parents for field trip transportation to help save \$

Cancelling Class Act is awful - great program, my favorite - please don't cancel

Purchase more reading cnts tests, library books, Worldly wise books, classroom novels, Ocean Institute Field Trips

I think you have done a great job cutting where possible

You guys are doing a great job. Thanks for all your hard work

We need more p.e. - have a p.e. volunteer. Also need better cafeteria food

Spend more \$ on field trips

Music Programs

I do not want the Literacy on Stage music

We will be cancelling our participation in Science on The Go, Reflections, Red Ribbon Week Assembly this year

Bathrooms? Lots of complaints about dirtiness

Have more outings (picnic settings where kids bring their own food) at Peralta Park

Please cancel Class Act and the All Day Assembly Performance. It takes away from valuable class time K-3rd

Mother Daughter Tea, Father Son day

Field Trips - charge the parents. Nothing should be free - if they can't afford, child can't go

I think we need just the basic assemblies

Keep everything. The students need to be exposed to different things.

Science fair

Transportation for field trips (or ask parents for \$ for the transportation so field trips will not be cancelled)

More \$ time & energy on academics, music, science, math & arts prog.s - less on talent show & other "social" events

PTA does a great job. We will miss Class Act

PTA does a great job. So sad to see Class Act go.

Better cafeteria food. Hire better music teachers like Mrs. Rome

Spend less on Art Masters. Spend money on camping

I Know My States is a short test & then pizza. Seems a waste of \$. Red Ribbon is TOO much.

Science Fair

Reading programs for struggling students

Technology

Science on the Go for Upper Grades

Less on Class Act, more on Career Day

Spend money on supplies for teachers

Stop spending \$ on Walk Through History

Stop spending \$ on Literacy On Stage Music

The PTA should ask the teachers what they need money spent on

It would be good to have computer/technology, business, leadership programs to introduce the concepts

More field trips

I Know my Geography

Physical fitness/nutrition

Doing a good job already

Stop spending money on field trips

Tutoring

Love all our programs, wish we could keep Class Act for lower grades

My school does not provide ANY of the above - so I appreciate any of the above

No more "pricey" programs. Glad Class Act is going

It's all managed appropriately

Don't cut the music

Shaded area to avoid sun

We will really miss Class Act - it is such a special program!

Spending \$ on music, art, P.E. is always a great idea!

Could less \$ be spent on Art Masters while still maintaining exposure to the children?

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for the PTA to try for the upcoming year. Ideas can be meeting topics, fundraising ideas, ways to encourage meeting attendance, new programs or activities to try, etc.

Homemade bake sales, lemonade stands or chili cook-off
Cut back on programs and promote giving cash donations at the beginning of the year
Partylite fundraiser
Bring back Sees candy fundraiser
Bags, bake sale for lower grades
Zoos, parks, museums, parents wouldn't mind spending more \$ on field trips out of our own pockets
PTA is doing a great job
Due to upcoming cuts, money should be spent wisely
Would like to have sports week
Meetings should be shorter
Meeting for better comm. skills among faculty to parents about students
More field trips
Sees candy holiday sales, publish agenda prior to meeting
Golf Tournament, Silent Auction Dinner, Corporate sponsors
Laurie Giery Family Portrait Fun Fundraiser (familyportraitfun.com)
Recycle Center
Combine PTA newsletter and school newsletter into one
Roller skating fund raiser
Health Educational Program Kaiser Permanente (free) <http://xnet.kp.org/etp/scal/index.html>
Look into Capri Juice pouch recycling (2c per pouch goes to the school)
Casino night
Awards for lower grades
School shirt fundraiser - great for spirit and good for fundraising
The fundraiser at Cinema City sounds interesting
My school district uses All the Arts for art, theatre, music, dance, etc., might be worth looking at
Conference call into PTA mtg, New program Rocket Science Program
Ralphs coupon book like boyscouts have
Candy bar sales, popcorn sales, after school music lessons parents can pay for
Holiday boutique might generate some profit for the school
Add pentathlon, keep book swap, keep talent show
More Islands nights or try some new restaurants
Ask kids to help at home during Parent App. Week and parents donate \$ according to their effort
Selling cookies close to the Christmas Holidays for fundraising
More evening PTA mtgs, fundraising events using parent skills or profession
Less fundraisers like cheap catalog gifts
Reduce # of outside FRs (pennies 4 patients, food bank) all GREAT org, but need to raise \$ for school-related things
Create child/student appreciation week
Like monthly restaurant fundraisers - not all at one place
Would like a guest speaker on a certain topic for each meeting (child obedience, conflict resolution, etc)
Stop cookies, wrapping paper! Ideas - look outside box for fresh economic fundraisers
More exits for the parking lot
School shirts - great for spirit days and good fundraiser
We usually donate \$ without any fundraisers - maybe we can just donate \$100 a year and be done with it
Incentives for students who have a parent that attends PTA meetings (assuming some are offered in the evenings)
I love the idea of changing PTA meeting times
We think the PTA at Crescent does an amazing job...keep up the great work
Can Class Act musician come and skip the end of the year performance? Is that \$6500 just for the bus?
Try to include working parents

Ask parents to pay a portion of the activity expense to divert cost from PTA

I think all the programs we have are fine.

Have a raffle drawing at each PTA meeting to promote better attendance

Different fundraisers. Instead of cookie dough, how about something more useful - fruit, coffee, etc

Keep PTA meetings short

To have meetings in the evenings

Maybe parents could earn carnival tickets for PTA meeting attendance or volunteering

Once a quarter - night PTA meetings

Donation, recycling, set up more festival activities like Summer Bash

After school sports and homework help.

Something that makes the kids active

Reduce the amount of fundraising that doesn't directly benefit CRESCENT

Accommodate working parents

Campout

Fundraising - Tastefully Simple and/or Juice Plus - way ummier and healthier than gift wrap and cookie sales

I really enjoy the take-out nights

One time fee for all families... "no more fundraisers"!

Multicultural day

Would like to see more parent participation. Make meetings at a time that parents can attend

How much did you make on the gift baskets? How about silent auction instead?

Preferably no have activities during the same week of a holiday cuz hard to get time off

At previous school PTA meetings were held in evening with kids programming afterwards...

Maybe school lunches for variety offered by local restaurants

To maximize the survey response, next year please include a brief definition reminder for each program