



Forest Ridge Elementary School PTA

2019-2020 Annual Report

Supporting and Building Community

Special thanks to the executive board, Khaleda Hasan, Jennifer Renkevens, Jessica Petro, Faith Lahmon-Martin, Heather Tordella, Ozzie Edmondson, Lauren Giles, and Lloyd Collier, our dedicated volunteers, and the entire FRES community for making this a great year!!

Community Engagement

- Kindergarten Playdate—35 families
- Wellness Walk and Ice Cream Social—300 attendees
- Halloween Dance—370+ attendees
- Two movie nights—142 movie watchers
- Four restaurant nights—\$1,411 raised
- Six skate nights—572 skaters/\$2,015 raised
- Dad's Club event—65 family members
- Over 100 Watch D.O.G.S.
- Partnered with school for KG Gingerbread Night—over 80 people
- Partnered with school and businesses for Family Fit Night—100+ attendees

Teacher/Staff Support and Appreciation

- Two luncheons, one tea cart, one breakfast, and two dinners
- Paid for PTA memberships
- Indoor Recess Games/Toy Drive—over 25 games/activities collected

Arts and Culture

- Culture Fest—25+ cultures represented
- Subsidized Drama Club—42 students
- Hammond High Arts Showcase—free for Grades 3, 4, and 5
- Initiated National PTA School of Excellence designation process
- Partnered with Emerson HOA to promote Ralph Waldo Emerson Poetry contest—awarded \$500

Student Support

- First day of school gifts for every student—\$986.60
- Chess, coding, robotics, cooking, Spanish and art afterschool classes!
- Holiday Shoppe—244 shoppers
- T-shirts and yard signs for each 5th grader—\$1,331
- Yearbook—225 copies sold
- Summer activity prizes—58 participants
- \$5,000 COVID-19 Phase 1 Relief Grant for Social Emotional and Mental Health Support

PTA fundraising

We raised **over \$16,800** for PTA-sponsored activities and generated **over \$1,250** directly for the school through Box Tops, Amazon Smile, Harris Teeter, and Coke Rewards!