

Did You Know?

Do you know where your donations to Gift Your Child go? Read on to find out about just a few of the many ways the PTO puts your donations to use in our elementary schools!!

▪ Every elementary teacher starts off the school year with at least a \$300 stipend from the PTO to be used for classroom materials and supplies. Some teachers even qualify for \$500! Ask your teacher how these funds have benefitted your child's classroom!

At Loker last year:

- The PTO spent almost \$2000 on cultural enrichment programs for all kindergarten students from Nappy's Puppets, Sandy Kiefer and her talking cello, and a Mr. & Mrs. Fish program.
- The PTO donated \$1300 to sponsor the Rhythm Kids music presentation for all kindergarten students.
- The PTO spent \$3500 to install a new tire swing structure on the Loker playground.

At Happy Hollow last year:

- The PTO Cultural Enrichment Committee spent almost \$3000 on presentations for grades 1-5 including a visit from author Michael Tougias, a concert by Ball in the House (an a capella musical group), a performance of Little Red Riding Hood by Boston Opera, and a performance by the Deraldo Ferreira Brazilian Capoeira dance ensemble, to name a few.
- The PTO donated \$4345 for two new playground structures on the playground—ask your kids about them or check them out yourself!
- The PTO provided \$450 for the third grade recorder program (concert and presentation), and \$600 to subsidize the third grade field trip to Plymouth Plantation.
- The PTO gave \$300 to subsidize the Museum of Science field trip, and spent \$600 to update books and grade-level cultural enrichment materials for the fourth grade.
- The PTO gave \$750 to subsidize the fifth grade walking tour of Boston, as well as \$875 towards fifth grade activities, including the Memory Book and Fifth Grade Play.
- The PTO sponsors many school-wide activities including Halloween Movie Night, Coffees with Mr. Lee, Talent Show, the end-of-year celebration picnic, and teacher appreciation events.