

Wellington Elementary School

Parent Teacher Organization

Annual Report 2021-22

The Wellington Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is an all-volunteer 501c3 charitable organization that relies on the generous involvement of parents and teachers. By working together, we are able to make a big difference to the school!

The purpose of the PTO is to enrich the educational experience of the children; build a stronger school community; and facilitate and foster communication between the home and school. We are pleased to report on this year's progress towards these goals.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the PTO! Have a great summer, and see you next year!

Becky Berk & Audrey Miller

Wellington PTO Co-Presidents 2021-22

Enriching the Educational Experience

A significant portion of the PTO's budget supports experiential learning opportunities to enhance the curriculum in grades Kindergarten through four. We started the school year with most programs on hold. Gradually we were permitted to allow modified in school enrichment. Programs traveled from classroom to classroom. In the spring, the PTO funded field trips, enrichment activities, like the Tanglewood Marionettes, and project supplies for teachers.

PTO events were hosted outdoors with great success. Volunteers made events like the fall picnic, movie night, multicultural night and carnival (held for the first time on the Wellington field) a huge success! The book fair returned in person on a smaller scale and with more restrictions. We continued some online events, like BINGO Night, Pajama Story Time, and Wellington Story time with Belmont Books.

Building a Strong Community

The PTO builds community at Wellington by helping families connect with each other and with the school.

The PTO nurtured school pride by providing every kindergartener and new student/staff with a Wellington t-shirt to welcome them to our community. The PTO supported funding for each 4th grader to receive a t-shirt with the names of their classmates & a memory book.

Enrichment Programs & Supplies

- * Scholastic Let's Find Out (K)
- * Physical Changes of Matter - Acton
Discovery Museum (2)
- * Iditarod Subscription (2)
- * Museum of Science(2)
- * Plimoth Patuxet (3)
- * Harvard Natural History Museum(4)
- * Greek Mythology Project (4)

Facilitating Communication

For the fifth year, the PTO provided an upgraded, more durable plastic Home-School Communication Folder to every student. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped stuff and bundle the folders for delivery to each classroom when students returned to school!

The PTO also held two general meetings during the school year to share updates about school happenings as well as to provide an opportunity for parent learning.

Moreover, we continued to modify our communications to reduce redundancy and streamline our messaging. We focused on balancing sending regular emails via room parents with papers sent home with your students. News and events were also posted on the Community Bulletin Board and lettered sandwich boards near the main entryways.

The PTO created and distributed to every family in the school the School Directory (using information the school district shared with the PTO), a great resource for connecting with your student's classmates and other Wellington families, planning play dates, birthday parties, etc.

Supporting the School & Community

An important aspect of the PTO's work is to support Wellington staff and their excellent teaching. With that in mind, the PTO provides funding for numerous supplies and programs not covered by the Belmont Public Schools budget.

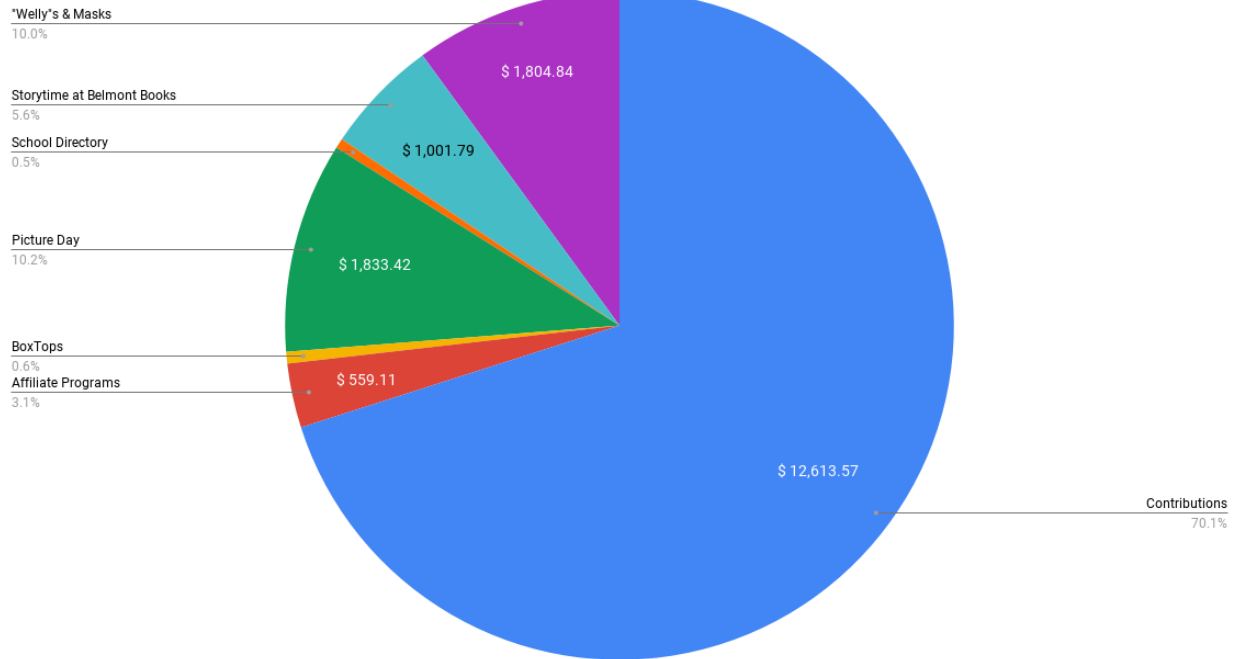
The PTO provided: \$4,634 in funding for classroom equipment & materials; \$2,221 to support the school library; and \$436 for the Principal's discretionary fund.

Thank you for making it possible for the PTO to go above and beyond to support the entire Wellington community!

Financials

The PTO is funded through the generosity of our donors – primarily Wellington families. In addition to our Annual Appeal, we also coordinate a handful of community-oriented fundraisers each year.

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