



DAVID FAIRCHILD ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER

May/June 2016

BOOK FAIR THIS WEEK

The last Book Fair for the school year will take place Wednesday, May 18th thru Friday, May 20th in Room A-1 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to buy books for those long summer days.



The PTA is actively seeking new members for the 2016-2017 PTA Executive Board

Flyers were sent home with your child with available positions and a nominating form. If you are interested in a position or know of another parent you would like to nominate, please click the link below and return the form to the school by Monday, May 23rd:

[Click Here to View Positions Available](#)

[Click Here for the Nomination Form](#)

There will be a PTA **General Meeting** to elect the new PTA Executive Board on **Tuesday, May 24th at 8:45 am in the cafeteria.** We hope to see you there!

YOUR PTA DOLLARS AT WORK

Throughout the 2015-2016 school year, the David Fairchild PTA donated more than \$63,000.00 back to the school. Thanks to your generous contributions, the PTA was able to allocate the following funds to enhance our school and student experience:



AR Program Renewal	\$6,100.00	Student Folders / Planners	\$2,087.50
Copy Machine Fees and Maintenance	\$3,507.33	AR Carnival Program	\$1,317.53
Copy Paper Supplements for Teachers	\$1,036.40	Red Ribbon Week	\$232.76
Classroom Circle Time Rug	\$255.53	Art Department	\$2,496.23
Reading Lab Aide (ACT FUND)	\$10,000.00	Teacher Lounges Supplies	\$1097.68
Music Department Winter Show	\$1,500.00	(3) Desktop Computers for ESE	\$1,800.00
PE Department Field Day/Equipment	\$2,246.85	Fifth Grade Dance	\$2,500.00
Alternate Lunch Program	\$734.80	DFE School Improvements	\$857.22
Library Books Donation	\$2,720.49	Project of the Year (Music/Visual Arts)	\$12,000.00
Kindergarten Aide	\$5,025.80	Student Classroom Supplies	\$2,375.52
Student Hardships	\$943.54	3 rd Grade Anthology Books	\$691.87
Media Center	\$1,000.00	Student Clubs/Organizations	\$1,200.00

A Farewell Message from your PTA President

Dear Parents,

As my time as PTA President comes to an end and another school year is winding down, I am in disbelief at how quickly the last two years of my term have gone by, let alone the last seven years as a volunteer at David Fairchild Elementary School. As my son prepares to move on from elementary school, while excitedly looking forward to middle school, I too would like to say goodbye to this little gem of a school in our community which has become my second home. I would like to take this time to thank you and say how very proud I have been to be part of David Fairchild Elementary School and all of our dedicated teachers who have prepared my son and his classmates so well for their future!



It has been my distinct honor and privilege to have had the opportunity to serve as your PTA President. Having had the chance to get to know so many amazing kids and work with a very nurturing and hardworking team of teachers and staff, who are the heart and soul of David Fairchild Elementary School, has been a rewarding experience. A special thanks to all the incredible and dedicated volunteers who have made it a truly memorable experience. It is remarkable to see parents working together to make such a positive impact in the lives of our children and for the benefit of our beloved school.

I would also like to say thank you to our amazing Principal, Lucy Amengual, for her immeasurable support of our teachers, staff, students, and the PTA.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't express my sincere appreciation to the PTA Board members as well as all the committee chairpersons who have volunteered countless hours of their time and energy to make a huge difference at David Fairchild Elementary School and continuing its tradition of a "A Nice Place to Grow" for our children, teachers and staff.

As I am preparing to close this chapter, it has given me the opportunity to reflect and think back as to why I have been a volunteer for these past seven years. I volunteered because I enjoyed working with our teachers and students. I volunteered because I wanted to support and be part of our favorite school events. I volunteered to be PTA President because I love the many great friendships that have developed from all of my years of involvement as a parent at DFE and because of this gratitude; I wanted to build upon these traditions.

I am very proud of our accomplishments as a PTA organization and all we have been able to contribute back to David Fairchild Elementary School thanks to your generous support. I hope as you read this, you can think of what volunteering means to you, take the time to review the open positions on our PTA Board/Committee Chairs, and consider a position for next year. I assure you that you will greatly benefit from any time or expertise you are able to volunteer to DFE.

As we wrap up our 60th Anniversary, I want to say congratulations to everyone for making it such a successful year. Good luck to our 5th graders as they move on to middle school and into their bright futures. For those families that will continue at DFE, I know with your involvement and support, the traditions of our school will go on and continue to enrich the educational experience of the children at David Fairchild Elementary School for years to come.

Have a safe, relaxing and fun summer!

Best wishes,

Tessie Palma-Gonzalez,
PTA President 2015-16

David Fairchild PTA is your PTA!

We are here for you and your children!

Please support us and volunteer with us!

We are looking forward to meeting and volunteering with you!

You can email the PTA at dfenewsletter@gmail.com