



DECEMBER 2021 DSF/PTA/PTO ACTIVITY UPDATE

Davis Schools Foundation (DSF): DSF completed its fall campaign on #givingtuesday (November 30th) and raised \$42,740, which will go towards DSF's 2022/2023 grant to DJUSD. DSF is now shifting gears to get ready for #bigdayofgiving (May 5, 2022). Renovations on the Flying Carousel of the Delta Breeze in Central Park are complete. DSF is working on signage to recognize major donors of the 25th anniversary in the summer/fall of 2022.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Davis High School (DHS):

- Parent volunteers are continuing to provide "a second set of eyes" on essays for any seniors applying to college as a way to help seniors who feel they need some extra adult support. The offering is listed on our website. (<https://dhspta-k12-pt.schoolloop.com/>)
- We're hosting a Gap Year Fair in February to provide information to students and families who want to explore other options after graduation.
- We've recently undergone a staff lounge refresh, which was very popular with staff and are looking to have parents "adopt" the staff room for a month at a time to keep it fresh and updated with coffee and snacks.
- In November, we granted \$11,000 in Partners In Education (PIE) grants to teachers and staff. There is still room in the budget for more projects, so we have opened the grant application up again.
- Parents are frustrated by bike theft that occurs — even during the day and are exploring actions we can take to combat this problem. We are open to suggestions!

King High School: No update.

DaVinci High School and Junior High School: No update.

Emerson Junior High School: Emerson has been distributing our grant funds to teachers. We fielded a request from the principal to help “adopt families” for Christmas and we’re looking at allocating the budget line that stocks a Resource Closet with school supplies that the counselors can use to distribute as needed to students. We’re also looking at allocating additional funds as needed. Parents reported serious safety concerns about traffic and parent/driver behavior at drop-off and pick-up. The principal added safety messages to his bulletin and periodically is placing cones in the red zones to prevent parents from parking across driveways and blocking sidewalk/street access for students on bikes. Parents are also noting a lack of bike parking on campus and requested additional bike racks. PTA is prepping a holiday gift for teachers in place of our usual cookie exchange that was deemed too “hands on” still this year.

Harper Junior High School: Harper is getting busy with our Adopt a Family Program. The staff and PTO work together to provide gifts and needed items such as food, clothing, and appliances for families and individuals in need. It is a wonderful program that brings much delight to the families and students at this time of year. Everything is delivered to them before winter break.

Our fields are being worked on and we are happy to see that and excited for them to be usable again! The Tree Harper Fund was a success and Mr. McKim wore a rainbow leopard spots beard for 3 days last week. A total of \$1,582 in donations this year - that’s a record! – to be used to buy trees, plants, rocks, tools, and other landscaping supplies!

Holmes Junior High School: Holmes Junior high is launching its "Unfundraiser" Campaign to raise money for 3 grade level focused events. 9th graders will be going a hike in Marin county and PTA will pay for the buses. 7th & 8th graders event is still to be determined.

DSIS: No update.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Birch Lane Elementary:

- MPAC hosted a joint MPAC/PTA Make-a-plate Fundraiser
- Garden Club will be hosting a Holiday Wreath Kit Saturday, December 11th from 2-4PM
- PTA Meet and Greet Coffee, Friday, December 17th at school drop-off
- Beginning working on our Spring Auction/Carnival/Grand Opening of the MPR
- Prepping for the Fun Run coming in February
- Thank yous out for our direct donation drive and Fall volunteers

Cesar Chavez Elementary: No update.

Fairfield Elementary: Fairfield Elementary had a very successful zoom talent show in late November. We raised about \$2,000 for the PTA and it was a really fun community building event.

We recently supported our Fairfield Feast tradition (no families this year) but the kids worked in their small groups to make a meal.

We're working on school shirts, discussing spring auction plans and prepping our school garden for the winter.

Korematsu Elementary: Our PTO hosted a sneakers drive. All donated sneakers will be sent to "Got Sneakers," which will recycle the shoes and in return, give us a small amount of money based on pairs donated. We also collected gently used coats so that we can provide coats for families at our school who can't afford them. We are also hosting an "Adopt-a-Family" drive to buy presents for a few of the families who are most in need at our school.

Montgomery Elementary: We are for the 2nd year in a row hosting our holiday craft night as a pick up event where supplies can be picked up and used at home. We historically do a holiday treat box for all staff. In the past this was made up off dropped off donations many of them home made... but as a precaution last year we did some pre-wrapped treats. This year we are scaling back slightly and are giving a nicely jarred cookie mix that can be cooked at home. We have placed a merch order for pull-over and zip hoodies and are hoping those come before the break. We are also having great success this year with our dine out fundraisers and we are busy planning for our annual auction.

North Davis Elementary: No update.

Patwin Elementary: To continue the spirit of giving and supporting our community, the Patwin PTA will be participating in a TOY DRIVE to benefit Yolo Crisis Nursery, which offers voluntary and free childcare for ages birth through 5 years. Please bring an unwrapped, new or gently used toy to either the Patwin office or to Superowl Brewery between now and December 16th.

Additionally, several classrooms will be helping with Davis Community Meals and Housing's "Good Cheer Package" where each person in DCMH programs and living outside get a dozen homemade cookies, a \$10.00 gift card and a homemade holiday card. If you would like to donate directly to DCMH, please [click here](#).

The Patwin PTA will also be coordinating a food and household items drive in January-February, but if you would live to give before the end of this calendar year, please consider these local organizations:

- STEAC (Short Term Emergency Aid Committee)
- Yolo County Food Bank
- Fourth and Hope

Unfundraiser update: We surpassed our goal! We have collected \$20,265 from over 80 families. Classrooms Tealdi and Dailey won popcorn parties for their classes with the most number of donations. Thank you to everyone who donated to the unFundraiser; our most successful one yet!

Pioneer Elementary: Over the past month Pioneer Elementary PTA has:

- organized a rain/winter gear swap for our school
- designed new Pioneer Pridewear and sold over \$7,000 of gear through pre-orders!

- held our in-person (students only) Book Fair and raised more money than expected
- kicked off our Garden Program and started our annual holiday wreath fundraiser
- catered snacks and lunches for our teachers during conference week
- held a successful Membership Drive

Willett Elementary: We are co-hosting the monthly Coffee with the Principal. In an effort to acknowledge all the hard work of our teachers and staff, we are planning a holiday luncheon for the last day of school before break. Our room parents are also coordinating Kudo Boards for each classroom so that students can say thanks to their teachers before the holidays.