

Prairie Fund Annual Meeting

September 29, 2022

What is the Prairie Fund?



PRAIRIE FUND PURPOSE

To provide resources, **beyond tax funding**, to stimulate excellence at the School by supporting delivery of special programs and services to **enhance the learning environment** for the children attending the School, increasing the effectiveness of instruction at the School, and strengthening ties between the School and the community.



A 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization

Prairie Fund Board Members

- ► Chair Kate Sullinger
- Vice Chair Matt Clark
- ▶ Treasurer Matt Myers
- Secretary Angie Turpin Nelson and Hillary McCoy
- Past Chair Gina Monger
- Auction Chairs Mandi Chappell and Amy Nohl

At-large Members

- ▶ Kelly Askew
- Laura Donnelly
- Monica Faught
- Matt Jones
- Stacey Winfield
- PTA Liaison Lindsey Bock and Julie Prewitt
- ► Non-voting Members:
 - Principal Kristen Jones
 - ► Teacher Representative Molly Rogers

Why was the Prairie Fund created?

2001

KS Funding Formula

We fell below the threshold and our nurse & reading specialist were both cut to half time.

2002

Prairie Fund

The Prairie Excellence in Education Fund was officially formed with an idea that it was temporary.



501(c)(3) non-profit, tax exempt status was obtained.

Gym Floor

Parents joined funds to upgrade the gym floor to a wooden court vs. a sport court.

May 1st Fund

Parents raised over \$60k in 3 weeks to fund the 2 positions for the next year.

2003

Auction

The auction was created & became the main source of funding.

2021



- Supports teachers, staff and students to enhance their overall experience at Prairie Elementary
- Fosters Prairie's community
- · Small-scale fund-raising

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DINING WEAR SALES

SCRIPS BOOK PTA
MEMBERSHIP

Fundraising Supports:

- Field Trips
- Staff Appreciation
- Art in the Garden
- Red Ribbon Week
- Kindergarten Round Up
- Student Clubs

- Field Day
- Carnival
- Variety Show
- Project Snowball
- STEAM Night
- Prairie 5K

Working Together





- Primary Focus: Education enrichment for the kids; Prairie Fund currently supports two community funded positions at Prairie
- 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization
- Large-scale fund-raising

PRAIRIE AUCTION

LUMINARY WALK GRADE-LEVEL PARTIES

CORPORATE SPONSORS

Fundraising Supports:

Two community-funded positions at Prairie Elementary:

- Full-time: Innovation Specialist
- Part-time: Reading Specialist

Prairie Fund also helps to fund big-ticket items needed at the school (e.g. Picnic Tables, Playground Equipment Shed)

Overview of Funding & Funding Needs

- Annually, we need \$124,468 to fund multiple positions:
 - ► Innovation specialist full-time
 - Reading specialist part-time
- ► Class Parties raised \$22,571 last school year! Thank you to the AMAZING hosts, co-hosts and donors for helping setting a new school record!
- Corporate Sponsors raised \$14,500 last school year!
- ▶ The Auction, our largest fundraiser, will occur in person in February 2023. Last year, the auction event raised \$118,252.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- ► The Prairie Fund is actively seeking corporate or personal sponsors for the 2022-2023 school year
- Signature and Partner Sponsorships are still available
- If you are interested please reach out to a board member for a sponsorship packet
- Thank you to our existing sponsors!!!

Presenting Sponsor





PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY 2022-2023	PRESENTING \$4,500	PARTNER \$2,500	SIGNATURE \$1,000	SELECT \$500
EVENTS				
RECOGNITION (provide a single color .PNG and a full color .PNG or JPEG)				
- Logo included weekly in PTA e-newsletter footer	✓	✓		
Logo advertised along Mission Road and 67 th street for 1-2 months during the school year	2 months	1 month	1 month	
ADVERTISING				
- One feature of logo on PTA Facebook page	✓	✓	✓	
- Logo on PTA and Prairie Fund websites	✓	✓	✓	
5K FUN RUN (pending for Spring)				
- Logo on 5K t-shirt	✓	✓	✓	
- 5K Run Packet including t-shirt and race chip	√ (6)	√ (4)	√ (2)	√ (1)
 Opportunity to include a promotional item in runner bags (Item is subject to approval) 	✓	✓		
- VIP event parking	✓	✓		
2023 AUCTION				
- Auction tickets	√ (6)	√ (4)	√ (2)	√ (1)
 Advertising during auction promotions* 	✓	✓	✓	✓
- Live mention during event announcements	✓	✓		
- VIP event parking	✓	✓		
SCHOOL BENEFITS				
- Front door drop-off / pick-up for 2022-23 school year	✓			

Class Parties

- ▶ Kindergarten October 7th
 - ▶ The Monger Home
- 1st Grade September 25th
 - ▶ The Gahagan Home
- ▶ 2nd Grade September 23rd
 - ▶ The Hertzenberg Home
- 3rd Grade September 24th
 - ▶ The Jones Home
- ▶ 4th Grade October 1st
 - Rockcreek Brewery (The Brahmavar Family)
- ▶ 5th Grade October 1st
 - ▶ The Beam Home
- ▶ 6th Grade September 30th
 - ► The Knighton Home

Donations are now available online!



AUCTION Sneak Peak!

Save the Date: Saturday, February 25, 2023 (tentative)

Auction Ticket

Food & Drinks

Bidding Access

While you CAN bid on silent auction items virtually, you must purchase a ticket for access to bidding platform

SILENT AUCTION

Grade-Level Projects
Handprint Art / Photos

Prairie Experiences

Teacher Asst, Dodgeball game, Daisy's Helper

Kids & Adult Parties

Ties & Tiaras, Oktoberfest, Tiki Party, BTS swim party

Sports Tickets

Vacation Packages

Local Merchandise



LIVE AUCTION

VIP Parking Spots

Sports Memorabilia

Vacation Packages

Principal for the Day





AUCTION: Volunteer Opportunities

- We are currently looking for people to:
 - Email businesses to request auction donations
 - Drop off auction request letters to businesses
 - ▶ Pick up donations from local businesses
 - Provide leads on potential auction donations
- Work for a business who would be interested in donating?
- Other leads/contact information, please pass along our way!

Interested? Please contact Lindsey Bock lfire33@hotmail.com (913-707-5038)

This year's theme: CAMP PRAIRIE





