



Thank You for an Awesome Year! Here's 2010-2011 at a Glance!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for making Mason-Rice a very special place for our children and families. Every year, the PTO funds programs in **arts & sciences curriculum**, **classroom support & fundraisers**, and **community events** at our school in support of Newton's public school education. In a time when city funds are lacking, your participation makes all the difference in our children's experience at Mason-Rice.



We had **more than 100 parent volunteers** participate in more than **50 committees** including: *Technology, Anti-Bullying, School Council, Kids-Take-Action, Green Team, Hospitality, Room Parents, Safe Arrivals, Gift of Giving, Science Discovery Week, Library Gifts, Lost & Found, School Directory, Kindergarten Liaison and Clubs, Website, On-Line Shopping and more.* Our parents **volunteered more than 5,000 hours to help enrich our children's education experience. It was an amazing year.....**

- Organized over **21 guest speakers - renowned authors, illustrators, artists and scientists** to visit our classrooms in all grades.
- Funded **11 field trips for grades K - 5**
- Coordinated over **25 programs, 30 parent guest speakers, and volunteered 100 hours during Science Discovery Week** in our children's classrooms.
- Organized **20 Music Mornings and Arts in the Afternoon**, where over **100 students** shared their musical and artistic talents during the school year.

- Over 66% of families contributed over **\$15,000 in PTO Dues** to jumpstart our year.
- Purchased **\$10,000 in classroom supplies and materials for all classrooms**
- Sold over **2,500 books at our Book Fair**, and consumed 20 gallons of ice-cream!
- Incredible support for our **Fools' Folly Auction and Raffles** raising **\$39,000**, and hosted the **Fools' Folly Social** attended by **250 parents and 50 school staff**.
- Raised **\$9,500** with our popular **Kids Raffle Baskets** fundraiser
- Purchased **35 new laptops and computer equipment** for our classrooms

- Organized and funded our new **Green Team initiatives** - greening our events, beautifying our School Garden and helping all of us to help our environment.
- Supported an amazing **Celebrating Families Scavenger Hunt** – showcasing more than 30 countries with over 200 posters created by students about their family and heritage.
- Organized and donated over **150 gifts for our Holiday Gift Drive** for Battered Women Shelter and Homeless Children
- Collected and distributed **150 goodie bags to Birthday Wishes** for Homeless Children
- Hosted **4 Moms/Dads-Night-Outs events** where fellow parents came out to meet new friends and to catch up with old ones
- Over **200 kids ran in the Fun-Run** and more than **150 families celebrated at our Spring picnic**

And lastly, contributed an extraordinary effort where we raised **over \$97,000 for our new Mason-Rice Playground. See you at the Community Build on September 16, 17 and 18th!**

Thank you everyone who volunteered their talent, invaluable time and energy, and financial support! We look forward to another incredible year with new families and working with everyone in 2012 school year! Enjoy middle school for all those leaving us in 2011. Happy Summer!

~ The Mason-Rice PTO Board and PTO co-Presidents