

Fundraising at Portland Village School

To maintain our school with the programs we are able to offer on our lean budget, we require more money than what we receive from PPS (\$4,692.80 per student each school year, half that for kindergarten). We have several ways of *closing this gap*. We hope that this overview answers your questions. Keep in mind that every public and private school across the country must fund-raise....

Raising money to close the gap of this year's General Operating Budget

Annual Fund

This is a charitable-giving campaign directed to parents, family, and friends of the Portland Village School and is launched each fall before Thanksgiving. Your contribution is doubly important because it helps us reach our goal *and* we can demonstrate to charitable foundations that we are committed to our school through such collective support. A foundation will inquire about the financial participation of individuals within an organization when it reviews a grant application. Every gift is significant and represents your commitment to the school. Each year the goal is to raise half of the difference between what the school receives from PPS and what it costs for our school to operate. This year our goal is \$35,000 with 100% participation.

Auction

This is an adult-only evening event with music and food typically held in the spring. Parents, family, and community friends of the school are invited to purchase tickets to attend the event. There are silent and live auctions that consist of donated items from local businesses, parents, PVS students, and friends of the school. All money goes directly to the school. The goal is to raise the other half of funds needed for the current school-year.

Scrip

Scrip is sold throughout the school year. You can purchase scrip and raise money for our school! *This does not cost you any money*. For instance, you can purchase a \$100 scrip card for Fred Meyer, and you spend \$100 at Fred Meyer. The school receives \$4.00. *It is that simple*. If each family purchased \$400 of scrip each month to purchase groceries and other necessities, our school would raise well over \$30,000. Imagine what we could do! Visit the scrip table to find out more....

Berries

The proceeds from this fundraiser support the general fund. Like scrip, this is something you would purchase anyway, but the school benefits from the profit instead of a store.

Raising money for our Growing Needs

Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign was launched in 2010. It is a fund specifically designated to secure a permanent home for the Portland Village School. Those who give to this

campaign are ensuring that the necessary funding is in place when we find that location. In donating to the Capital Campaign, your individual gift will leverage additional support from our lenders and foundations. This is a gift that extends beyond our current school-year to create stability for our children and the children who will attend Portland Village School 50 years from now. Our current site is only a temporary solution to our long-term needs. For more detailed information on participation, please contact Grace Sanders.

Other Fundraisers

Apples/Pears

Each fall, Mt. Hood Organic Farms generously gives PVS biodynamic pears and apples from their orchard and we supply the labor to bag and transport it. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to supporting our music program. The school is able to help purchase flutes, sheet music, and subsidize the after-school Strings class. It is the school's hope that string-instrument instruction will again be a part of the curriculum. As with berries and scrip, this is likely something you would purchase anyway, but the school benefits from this farm's generosity.

Craft Fair

This is an annual event that is open to the general public. Local craft vendors, PVS parents, and PVS students sell their wares before the holiday season. There is soup, bread, and pie for sale and activities for children. *All proceeds (including 20% of vendor sales) directly support our PVS teachers and staff.*

Class Fundraisers

In addition to school-wide fundraisers, classes will hold fundraisers throughout the year to help raise money for field trips. The classes are encouraged to sell their offerings to the community beyond our school. The school does its best to manage these so they allow ample exposure for the class while not overlapping with each other and general-fund fundraisers. With 15 classes, and one school-year, this is certainly a challenge! Your support of these fundraisers is greatly appreciated.

Do you want to get involved? Do you have additional ideas about raising funds for our school? Do you have additional questions? Please let us know!