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<http://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/schools/westside/pta/>

PTA Fundraisers:

- 1. Club Choice Foods:** The frozen foods (pizza, pies, meats, cheeses) are excellent and are a very good value. The payback is about 40%.
- 2. Campbell's labels, GM Box Tops:** As a result of saving labels and box tops from products the school can earn money and/or products.
- 3. Minnkota Recycling:** Families collect cans and bring them to one of the Minnkota Recycling Facilities and tell them it's for Westside School. You will get a receipt and a check will be sent to the PTA quarterly for the total amount brought in. This is a great way to save the environment.
- 4. Target Take Charge of Education:** By using your Target Charge Card and designate our school, Target will donate 1% of the purchase.
- 5. Book Fairs:** Book Fairs occur twice a year and a portion of the proceeds benefit Westside. Books are given free of charge to teachers and the library.
- 6. Microsoft:** When a Microsoft employee volunteers their non work time, Microsoft will pay \$17 per hour to a non-profit of the employee's choice. We were given \$397 last year.

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Objectives of PTA

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.
- To raise the standards of home life
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education

Past PTA Purchases:

Laminator, books, freezer, PE equipment, die cuts, digital camera, popcorn machine, school sign in front of school, signs in the hallways, online resource called Tumble Book Library (see Westside Website), musical instruments, stability balls, coat racks in lunchroom, supplies for classroom workstations....

Purpose of the PTA:

- To find facts, not fault.
- To raise the standards of home life, not to criticize it.
- To raise children better, not to raise them more easily.
- To secure good schools, not to ignore poor ones.
- To cooperate with schools, not to operate them.
- To give every child a chance, not to make each a prodigy.
- To make lives, not to make money.

PTA Mission:

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children
- To encourage parent and school involvement in the public schools of this nation.

PTA Projects / Activities:

1. 5th Grade Recognition: An event to recognize the 5th graders for their academic achievement and to wish them well going to a new school.
2. Yearbook: These are distributed at the end of the year providing a great record and memories of the year and are so reasonable that everyone can buy one.
3. Staff Appreciation Week: In May, week long activities to recognize the great work and show our appreciation to all Westside teacher and staff for all they do for our children.
4. Teachers' Dinner at Conferences: During Parent/Teacher Conferences, we provide a meal for the staff because they have limited time to get away.
5. Class Treats/Awards: All attendees at PTA meetings put their child's name in a hat. The winner receives treats for their classroom.
6. Scrapbook: Keeping the on-going history of PTA alive.
7. Red Ribbon Week: A week of activities for kids to "SAY NO TO DRUGS". We supply trinkets for some of the activities.
8. Donut Day: Supply donuts for the students on the 100th day of school.
9. PTA Member Education: Funding set aside to bring in more speakers and provide education to more PTA parents.
10. Skateland: This family event is held throughout the year. Portions of the proceeds benefit the school.
11. Spring Fling: An annual family carnival is held with plenty of activities for the students.