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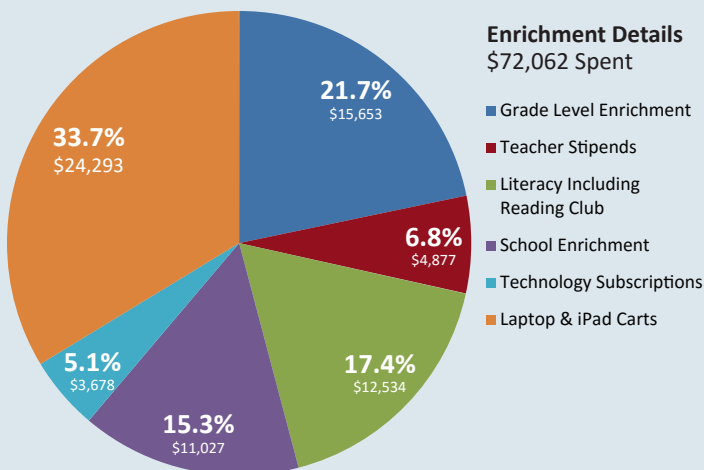
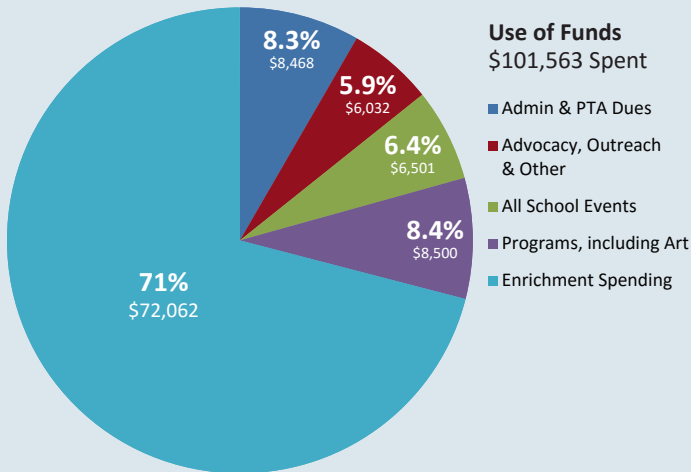
ANNUAL REPORT 2015–2016

Message from the Board of Directors

Thanks to all of the parents, teachers and staff who made 2015–16 an amazing year for our Grand Ridge Grizzlies. Our annual report highlights how your donations and volunteer hours make a difference for our school community. This year our only enrichment fundraiser is *Orange Ruler*, so please give it your all and let's make 2016–17 a year to remember.

Financial Highlights

- Laptop & iPad carts were purchased by the school with almost \$24,000 in Orange Ruler & auction proceeds
- 585 members, a 15% increase over the prior year, including 100% staff membership
- 85% of funding came from Orange Ruler, 2016 auction proceeds, direct gifts and related corporate matching



Accomplishments

Our Mission *To create and foster opportunities that enrich and support our children, school, and community.*

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- Funded more than \$72,000 of enrichment, including teacher stipends and grade-level grants, field trips to Mercer Slough and Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, hands-on science labs from Science to Go, and 'in-house field trips' including the Toyman, Roger Fernandes, Pioneer Farms & the Pacific Science Center's travelling planetarium.
- Delivered engaging monthly art lessons in every classroom with the help of more than 50 parent volunteer art docents
- Helped our library acquire new resources relevant to the changing curriculum, including starting an e-book collection thru the Scholastic Book Fair and *Gift-A-Book* program
- Brought in artists from Taproot Theatre and Seattle Opera to provide all school assemblies supporting the school social and music curriculum
- Hosted a community wide Science Fair with hands-on demonstrations led by local vendors and PTSA volunteers, as well as featuring 227 student prepared science projects

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Sponsored fun, no-cost events for the whole family, including *Grizzly Reading Camp-out*, *Fall-o-ween*, *Grizzly Guys' Build It Night*, and *Summerfest*
- Offered four stimulating parent education sessions covering topics such as emergency preparedness, child safety and girl friendship issues
- Inventoried and restocked emergency backpacks in all classrooms including the addition of additional supplies for power outages
- Supported volunteer (*Grizzly Patch*, *Grizzly Guys* and *Cultural Club*) and YMCA led recess activities, providing more choice at recess and helping every child be active so they can return to the classroom ready to learn

MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Organized and provided volunteers for: Room Parents, People Movers, Lunch Helpers, Picture Days, Vision & Hearing Screening, Kindergarten Registration, Bear Hunt...and so much more!



In 2015–16, Grand Ridge was able to have the unique experience of hosting the Seattle Opera for two performances assisted by our very own choir.