

Thanks for a Great Year!
From Little Flower PTO

THANK YOU from the Little Flower Parent Teacher Organization to everyone who made this school year's PTO activities successful! Your time, talents, and donations funded field trips for over 300 students, brought families together for fun events, and helped show our teachers how much we appreciate them. Here are a few of our favorite highlights:

FUNDRAISING

- We ordered beautiful weather for the Walk-a-thon! Students encouraged each other around Scecina's baseball field, enjoying fresh air and exercise, while volunteers counted laps and passed out snacks. Pledge payments accounted for about a quarter of the PTO's revenue!
- Trash Bag sales were another big money-maker, with 50% of proceeds coming back to LF. We love that this is a practical, environmentally conscious, locally-produced product.
- 2 Unlimited Pancake Breakfasts were held with invaluable support from The Historic Steer-In Diner.
- The PTO joined forces with the Athletic Association to co-host Bingo and Reverse Raffle during an evening of fun so packed we had to find extra tables and chairs! Lucky winners walked away with cash and prizes, and everyone could feel good about "losing" their money to great causes.



STUDENT BENEFITS

- These and other fundraising activities enabled the PTO to cover field trip costs for students so that parents didn't have to! These included IRT, Tuttle Orchard, Camp Tecumseh, CYO Camp, the Zoo, and The Children's Museum. (PLEASE FACT CHECK - ANYTHING ELSE IMPORTANT TO MENTION? TOTAL NUMBER OF FIELD TRIPS?)
- PTO brought Silly Safari and Windy City Players to LF on special program days.
- Starting this spring, the PTO will annually award \$2,000 in scholarships to 8th graders in categories reflecting the 4 mission areas of LF School: Strive for Excellence, Serve the Community, God is First, and Make Every Day and Every Moment Count. Stay tuned!



FRIEND-RAISING

- Of course, it's not all about money. The PTO brought LF families and teachers together for events like roller skating parties and the St. Patrick's Day Parade - a fun tradition for Indy-area Catholic schools.
- The PTO also coordinated appreciation activities for our teacher friends. Room parents arranged memorable holiday parties. And we counted down to Christmas break with a "Wrapped in Warmth" gift theme including everything from scarves to potpourri to hot sauce thanks to generous donations from LF families.



FAMILY RESOURCES

- This year PTO activities also emphasized connecting parents and teachers with resources that help them guide LF students to excellence.
- The new Welcoming Committee started the year off by helping new families get acclimated.
- PTO meetings featuring guest speakers on: scholarship programs, NWEA test scores, technology used in LF classrooms (wow, times have changed!), and the benefits of reading to children and how to do it effectively.
- Parents were invited to voice opinions about the uniform policy, the results of which will be supported by the PTO with at-cost apparel sales.
- Next up - the PTO will offer scholarships toward the cost of Catholic High School tuition to aid families in continuing Catholic educations.



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