



CSS BLAST

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 26 2021

CREATIVE SCIENCE SCHOOL Book Fair



The Book Fair starts this coming week on Thursday, September 30th and goes through Friday, October 8th.

What to know about the Book Fair

- Our Book Fair offers a cash-free payment option called eWallet. It's a convenient digital account that your child can use for shopping at our Fair. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute, too!
- Families will not be able to go to the Fair in person this year but students can shop during **their library time** and online at our school's Virtual Book Fair.
- All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25.
- Your online orders will benefit our school.!

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=creativescienceschool>

PICTURE DAY

September 30th



Dates to Remember

School Retake Day
Tuesday, December 07, 2021

Class Group Picture Day
Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Link to Order: <https://www.dorianstudio.com/search/account/d8e7fabf-1ad8-4a8a-8cdb-65d0c1ec5a5d/>

WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US NAVIGATE PICTURE DAY! YOUR ROLE AS A VOLUNTEER WILL BE HELPING THE STUDENTS GET TO/FROM CLASS TO GET PICTURES TAKEN. THERE WILL BE A LUNCH BREAK.

AFTER SIGNING UP ON KONSTELLA PLEASE CONTACT THE CSS OFFICE FOR DETAILS BY EMAILING LACY LMCKINNEY1@PPS.NET OR CALLING 503-916-6431 EXT. 73300
VOLUNTEERS MUST BE APPROVED THROUGH THE PPS VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, BE FULLY VACCINATED, AND HAVE COMPLETED VOLUNTEER TRAINING.

THE CSS OFFICE WILL NEED TO SEE A COPY OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE CARD ON YOUR FIRST DAY IN THE BUILDING. THANK YOU!



Volunteer Updates & Opportunities



Hillary Naishtat - PTA Secretary

Katie Gavula - Christi Room Lead

Jessie Plotkin- Lauren Room Lead

Sam Seagraves & Jacinda Williams - Sharon Room Lead

Valerie Graham & Jessica Hansen - Wade Room Lead

Traci Odishoo & Sarah Riggs - Molly Room Lead

Greta Dortch-Meyer - Allison Room Lead

Jessica Hansen - Katie Room Lead

Katie Gavula - Katy Room Lead

Coralie Cosgrove - Megan Room Lead

Melissa Curry - Justin Room Lead

Traci Odishoo - Laura Room Lead

Greta Dortch-Meyer & Biff Chaplow - 6th Room Lead

**We still need a room lead(s) for
Brandi's 2nd grade class as well as
for 7th and 8th grades**

**We also have an opening for
Fundraising Chair**

Community Meeting

You're Invited!

Join the PTA board for a kick-off
Community Meeting & virtual pizza party



When: Tuesday, September 28 from 6:30-8 PM via Zoom

What: We'll talk about what is already in the works for community building and fundraising, vote on this year's PTA budget, and have a community forum. Come with your thoughts and ideas!

Where: In normal times, we would host this meeting in a pizza place with pizza and drinks, but these are not normal times...

How: Join us on Zoom and bring your own favorite drink and pizza (or whatever you like best!). <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83121258885?pwd=ZnRxeHBhWVFkaVZ6Y1FIS0hmR2ZiZz09>

Join the PTA Garden Team

Gwyn Benders, Garden/Sustainability Lead

If you are inspired to help with our garden spaces, outdoor learning and lunching, sustainability projects (including working with Veronica, our Cafeteria Lead), garden education, getting a student green team started, litter pickups, or the like, please reach out to me! Let's come together and collaborate to support our kiddos, our educators, and our environment. You can message me on FB, or preferably using Konstella. You can also sign up for the Garden Team on Konstella.





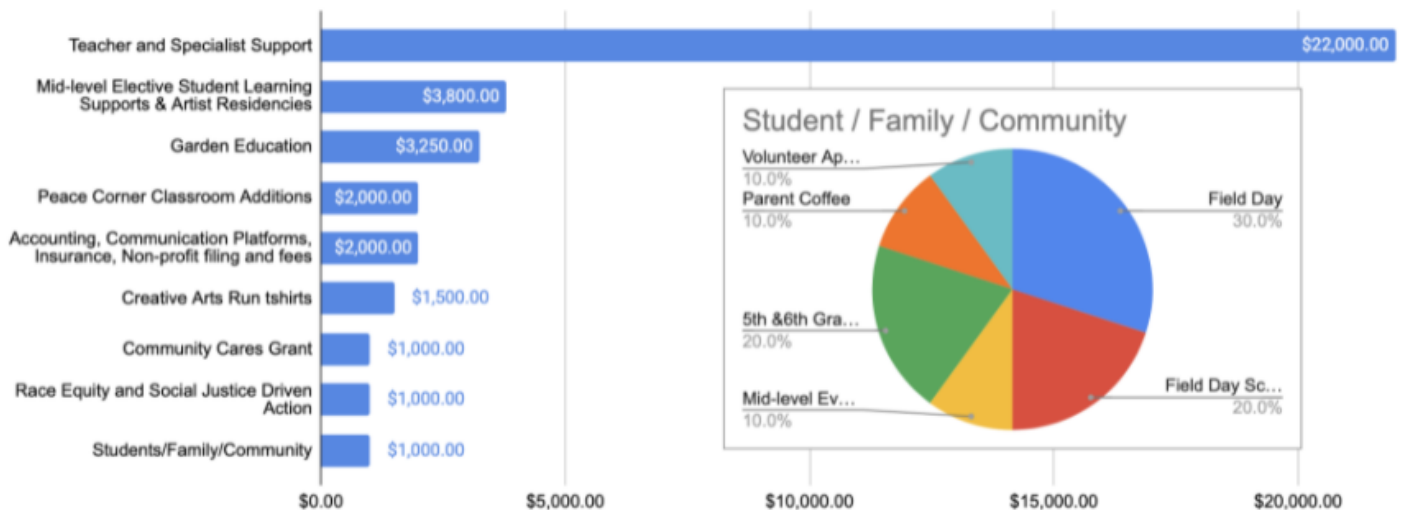
PTA's Budget Proposal for 2021-2022

Catherine Cody, PTA Treasurer

As you may have heard, it's time to vote on our next budget. We want to be sure everyone has the same information and opportunity to review this year's proposal in advance and we've included a breakdown to help better explain our process.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to get familiarized with this year's proposal. It is a fluid object and may be adjusted during the year to reflect changing needs within our community. During our upcoming Community Meeting scheduled for September 28th we will have an open discussion about the proposal and record our vote as a community.

Projected Budget Expenses \$37,550



Breakdown in expenses

- \$1,000 Community Cares Grant
- \$2,000 Peace Corner Classroom Additions
- \$22,000 Teacher and Specialist Support
- \$1,000 Race Equity and Social Justice Driven Action
- \$3,800 Mid-level Elective Student Learning Supports & Artist Residencies
- \$3,250 Garden Education
- \$1,000 Students/Family/Community [Field Day 30%, Field Trip Scholarships 20%, Mid-level Events 10%; 5th & 8th grade promotions 20%; Parent Coffees 10%; Volunteer Appreciation 10%]
- \$1500 Creative Arts Run tshirts
- \$2000 Accounting, Communication Platforms, Insurance, Non-profit filing and fees

How do we fund our programs?

CSS raised \$24,250.00 through fundraising during the 2020-2021 school year.

- \$12,500 Virtual Creative Arts Run
- \$6,500 Cash Donations from Community Members
- \$2,000 Bottle Drop
- \$1,050 Restaurant Nights
- \$675 Shopping Partners/E-scrip
- \$1,525 Plant Sale

Adding to our fundraising total, we included

- a rollover balance from 2020-21 classroom and teacher funding that was not spent. (\$6,650)
- a refund from the cancellation of the 2019-20 Opal Creek Overnight Trip. (\$2,850)
- a rollover balance for mid-level student electives & artist residencies that was not spent. (\$3,800)

Support funding for CSS Teachers and Specialists is guided by their schedules at CSS. Teachers and Specialists that teach full time at CSS receive \$750, half-time at CSS \$375, and quarter-time at CSS \$200.

Apart from our expenditures and income included in the yearly budget, we have a dedicated reserve of \$5,200 left over from the previous after-school CSS Sports Program. We are looking into using some of this reserve to purchase recess equipment for our students.

Our All School Camp Out (ASCO) has been on hold for two years due to the pandemic. We maintain a balance to pay for the facility and food which is reimbursed with the costs of attendance fees. We are holding \$30,000 in reserves for whenever ASCO is able to resume with added consideration for alumni families that missed the past two years due to its postponement.

If at any time you have a need for assistance or have questions, please email our treasurer at ptatreasurer@creativescienceschool.org.

SPIRIT DAY!

Students can show their school spirit by wearing a jersey, clothing, accessories, or colors of their favorite sports team. Students can also wear their own team uniforms. Let's have some fun and show some spirit together!



**FRIDAY OCTOBER 1ST
SPORTS DAY!**