

Blanchard Memorial School PTF



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Each year, the PTF works with the Blanchard administration to help bring a variety of curricular enrichment programs, new equipment, and grants to support the type of innovations in education that make this school system so strong. The money spent by the PTF touches every single student each year.

For the 2010-2011 school year the PTF made a bold decision to dramatically reduce the number of fundraisers and rely heavily upon direct donations from families to meet our fundraising goals. This decision was driven by the feedback received from families that they would rather make a direct donation than participate in ongoing fundraisers throughout the year.

Unfortunately, with **only 20% of families** making any type of direct donation, we were forced to reduce the Grants, Arts and Science Enrichment budgets for the 2011-2012 school year. We are confident we can restore full funding to those programs for next year and we continue to experiment and find the right fundraising plan for Blanchard families. But, we need your help and your participation.

Direct donations remain a great way to fund the programs: they are tax deductible, 100% of the proceeds go to the PTF, online donations are quick, safe and easy, and your donations may be eligible for matching by your employers. Please help ensure that we continue the PTF programs that make a difference in our children’s education. Make your **tax-deductible donation** to support the enrichment programs, educational materials, and equipment that the PTF provides to the school, including this sampling of events and purchases from 2010-2011 and prior years:

<p>Arts Enrichment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Potato Hill Poetry with Poet in Residence for 4th grade ● Black and White Photography for 3rd grade ● History of ballet, jazz and tap with demonstrations Ball in the House, a capella group 	<p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eno-boards and Equipment for 6th grade ● Archeologist Presentation for 6th grade ● Electrical Safety and Energy Conservation Enrichment Program for 3rd grade ● DVDs of the National Parks Series for 4th grade
<p>Science Enrichment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tide Pools and Fossils for Kindergarten ● Audubon Ark and Drumlin Farm for 1st grade ● Reason for Seasons for 2nd grade ● Drumlin Farm Ecology for 3rd grade ● The Green Machine for 4th grade ● WBZ-TV Meteorologist and Creature Teacher for 5th grade ● MOS Cryogenics, and Pyramids and Pharaohs for 6th grade 	<p>Other PTF support includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support of PIP programs such as Market Math, Star Party, and more ● \$3,000 in books for Blanchard Library ● Two \$1,000 Scholarships to Former Blanchard Students at ABRHS ● Funding for Destination Imagination program ● Social Events: Senior Luncheon, Teachers/Staff Appreciation Lunch, Movie Night, Pumpkin Walk, and Bingo Night ● Blanchard Bits and the School Directory

How to make a donation

Make a secure online tax-deductible donation at www.blanchardptf.org (click on donate) OR fill out the form below and send via backpack with your check made payable to *Blanchard PTF* in an envelope marked *PTF donation*.

YES! Our family supports the quality programs that the PTF funds for the Blanchard Memorial School.

Name _____

Family Contribution Amount** _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ Other

** *Your employer may match your gift! Check with your Human Resources Department.*

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For administrative purposes only: Date received _____ Amount _____