

Homestead PTCO Mid-Year Update

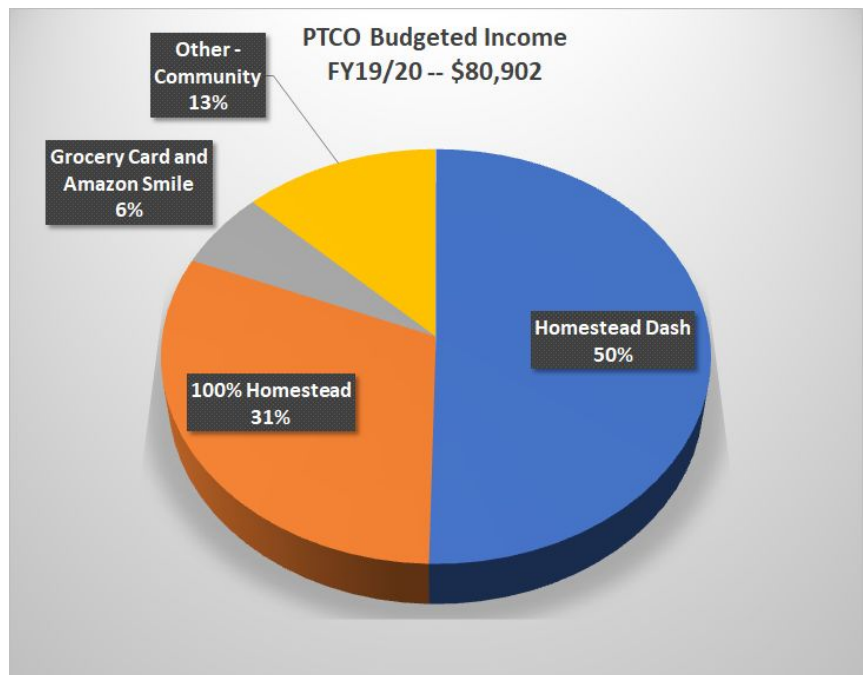
So far this school year, the PTCO has accomplished quite a lot and there's more to come - take a look!

FUNDRAISING

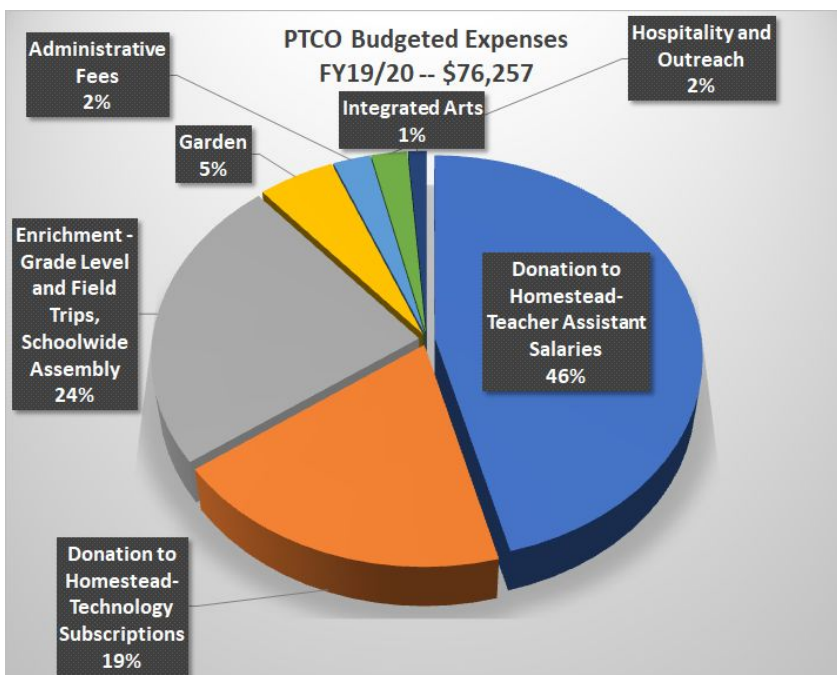
Our goal this year is to earn about \$81,000 for Homestead through the following activities:

Our fall fundraiser, the Homestead Dash, earned over \$53,000. Exceeding our original goal allowed us to cover our budgeted items (see below chart) and with the additional surplus we invited teachers to apply for special grants (a one time expense outside of the grade level budget). The PTCO approved and funded the following special grants this past fall:

- 1st Grade - Nonfiction Classroom Books - \$500.00
- 3rd Grade - 1 Year Typing Subscription - \$302.72
- Art/Steam - 13 Pinhole Cameras - \$663.00
- GT/Art - Mobile Art Gallery (supplemented by grant from Cherry Creek Arts) - \$650.00
- Steam - New 3D Printer - \$1,426.76



A new source of income for us this year was provided through our **Sponsorship Program**. Over a dozen companies participated and we raised over \$6,000. Thank you to all our wonderful Homestead Sponsors!



The PTCO's total budgeted expenses for 2019-2020 are \$76,257. As represented in both charts, **we still have a large percentage of our budget to cover through our next fundraiser, 100% Homestead**. But we would also like to have the ability to help Homestead with more than just our budgeted items. Because of the generosity of our Homestead families over the years the PTCO has been able to buy computers for Homestead which helped put our school at a 1:1 ratio of computers to students. Some of those computers now need to be replaced and we would love to be able to help Homestead with this expense in addition to everything we have already

budgeted for. So please keep that in mind when you are making your donation for our spring fundraiser - **100% Homestead!**

The programs illustrated above would not be possible without your generosity and for that we are grateful for your participation in this final fundraising push of the year - 100% Homestead!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We hope you all enjoyed our Fall Festival, Muffins with Moms, and Mobile Art Gallery! Please join us for our next community events:

- **Innovation Night**, Thursday, February 20, 2020, 4:30-6:30 pm
- **Bingo Night** – Friday, April 10, 2020, 4:30-7:00 pm
- **Donuts with Dads** – Friday, April 24, 2020, 7:15-8:00 am

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Homestead Gives!! Our school community provided the following to Homestead and other Cherry Creek School District families in need:

- 86 turkeys and sides for Thanksgiving
- Gifts for over 40 families during our Winter Wishes Campaign
- Gift cards and food

We will also be hosting a Spring Food Drive the week of February 24th, a Toiletry Drive after Spring Break, and then a Summer Food Drive in May.

GARDEN

The Garden Committee created and implemented curriculum for each grade level and many students participated in the Garden Club this fall. Ask your child(ren) about their hands-on experience. We have also started work on a new reading garden area and will continue this work over the winter.

STAFF APPRECIATION

Our staff enjoyed their Fall Conference dinner and loves the monthly snacks that are provided. Thank you to all who contributed! This spring we plan to shower them with more love.

HOW DO I KEEP UPDATED?

Stay informed of these events through our PTCO website at www.homesteadptco.org, our Facebook and Instagram @homwesteadelementaryptco pages and the school Weekly Hawk newsletter.

And be a part of the conversation!

We invite you to attend our **upcoming PTCO General Meetings** in the cafeteria:

- **Cherry Creek High School Principal Ryan Silva and West Middle School Principal Monica Garcia** - Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 8:30 am
- **Social Media and our Kids Guest Speaker and End of the Year Wrap-up and Transition Meeting** - Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 8:30 am

Last but not least, we would like to thank everyone who has given their time to volunteer at Homestead this year. You help make Homestead an amazing place! The students, staff and PTCO Board truly appreciate you!!!

Best regards,

Homestead PTCO Board

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