

## Homestead PTCO Mid-Year Update 2020-2021

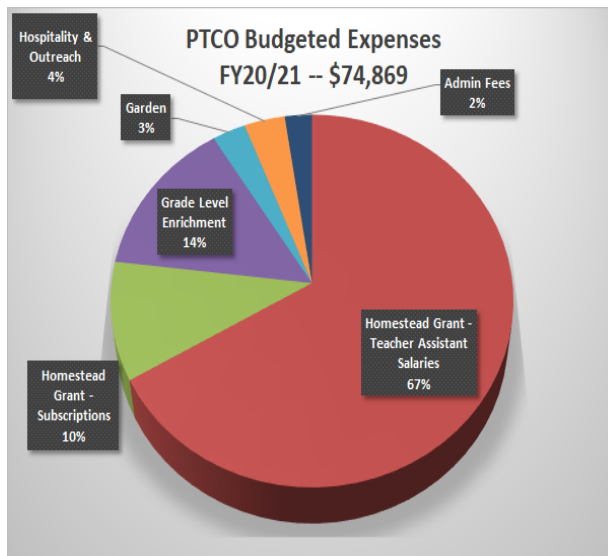
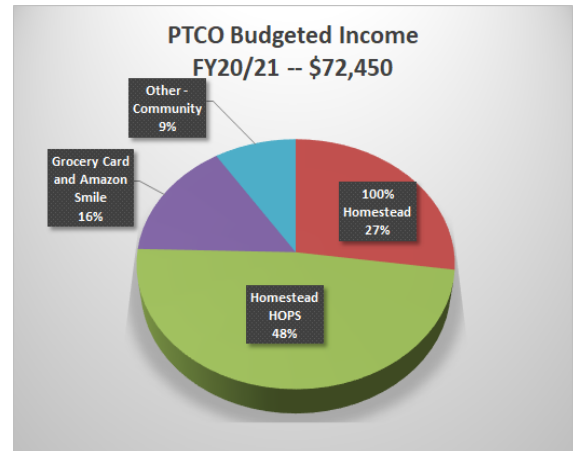
So far this school year, the PTCO, with YOUR help has accomplished quite a lot; and there's more to come - take a look!

### **FUNDRAISING**

Our goal this year is to raise \$72,450 for Homestead through the following activities:

Our fall fundraiser, the Homestead HOPS, earned almost \$35,000. We exceeded our original goal, which will allow us to cover our budgeted items (see below chart); and with the additional surplus, we will invite teachers to apply for special grants (a one time expense outside of the grade level budget) in the spring.

As of last year, a new source of income was provided through our **Sponsorship Program**. NINE companies participated this year, and we raised \$8,000. Thank you to all our wonderful Homestead Sponsors!



The PTCO's total budgeted expenses for 2020-2021 are \$74,869. As represented in both charts, **we still have a large percentage of our budget to cover through our next fundraiser, 100% Homestead**. 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. This was particularly beneficial for remote learning! Some of those computers now need to be replaced, and we would love to be able to help Homestead with this expense. 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!*

### **REMOTE COMMUNITY EVENTS**

We hope you all enjoyed our first Homestead Elementary Spirit Week, Family Kahoot nights, and Restaurant Nights! Please join us for our next community events:

- **Homestead Hawks Hero Appreciation Week** - January 25-29, 2021
- **STEAM Week** - February 22-26, 2021
- **Bingo Night** - Friday, April 9, 2021

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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

- 50 turkeys and sides for Thanksgiving
- Gifts for over 50 families that were made up of 226 people during our Winter Wishes Campaign
- Gift cards, food and clothing donations

We will also be hosting a Spring Food Drive the week of February 22nd, a Toiletry Drive after Spring Break, and then a Summer Food Drive in May.

## **GARDEN**

Did you know the Homestead Garden was featured by the Cherry Creek School District? They highlighted the student learning opportunities and community involvement that our garden provides. This year teachers and students enjoyed the garden and outdoor classroom throughout the fall. Planting will begin early May, so we look forward to another bountiful garden this summer!

## **STAFF APPRECIATION**

Our staff enjoyed their individually ordered and packed Fall Conference dinners. They also love the thoughtful pre-packaged treats that are delivered bi-monthly. 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](http://www.homesteadptco.org), our Facebook and Instagram pages: @homesteadelementaryptco, and the "Weekly Hawk" school newsletter.

*And be a part of the conversation!*

We invite you to attend our **upcoming virtual PTCO General Meetings:**

- **Homestead Elementary Principal Chris Hardy and School Psychologist Lisa Lindquist** - Wednesday, March 25, 2021 at 8:30 am
- **Speaker TBD** - Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 8:30 am

Last but not least, we would like to thank everyone who has given their time to volunteer remotely 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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