



Mason Rice Elementary School PTO

September 5, 2019

## FOUR REASONS TO GET INVOLVED THIS YEAR

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### 1 Your child

**benefits!** When parents get connected to the school, children do better.

### 2 We make a

**difference!** Our goal is to create the kind of community where everyone can do their best work. We provide support and resources for teachers in and out of classroom, while helping to make learning fun!

### 3 We can match

**volunteer jobs to your interests & skills!** We

encourage creative ideas, and we're thrilled to have parents take on tasks that meet their skills and interests.

### 4 It's rewarding!

It's seeing a child smile and knowing we played an important role in engaging our children in learning.

Dear Mason Rice Families,

Amazing things happens when Mason-Rice parents take part to support our community!

Mason-Rice is known for its welcoming and strong community and this culture has been formed, in part, by the wonderful generosity of our parents. Parent involvement helps bond our community and families together to create a thriving and productive environment.

Your tremendous contributions of time and spirit have an important impact on our school and the daily experiences of students, teachers, and the community. Whether you help shelve books in the library, assist with the Late Arrivals program, volunteer as a Room Parent, organize a Creative Arts & Sciences program, or chaperone on a school trip – it's all important and meaningful work.

As we enter into this new school year, we encourage you to think about how you can continue to give back to our school in ways that you always have and maybe consider some new ways too! **We would love for all families to volunteer at least once during this year. And if you have ideas on how you'd like to be more involved, we'd love to hear them!**

We also hope you will consider joining us in supporting **Mason-Rice's Annual Fund** in whatever way you are comfortable. The Mason-Rice PTO cannot do the important work it does without the support of families like yours. **This year, we'd like to challenge our parent community to reach a goal of 75% participation in the Fund.**

Please take a few minutes to read the Annual Fund information, and to fill out and return the attached form with your Annual Fund contribution.

Thank you for all you do to support Mason-Rice and its incredible community.

Sincerely,

Liz Bouvier, Lucy Mermagen, & Leslie Ziarko Valera  
PTO Presidents, 2019-2020



# ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

We need your support today! Contribute to the PTO's biggest fundraiser!

## Why have an Annual Fund Campaign?

The Mason Rice PTO meets a critical need by providing funding for programs, initiatives, and supplies not covered in the Newton Public Schools budget. **The Annual Fund is the largest single contributor to our PTO's budget, providing 42% of the total funds.** It has to be replenished every year in order to sustain core PTO initiatives.

## How to contribute

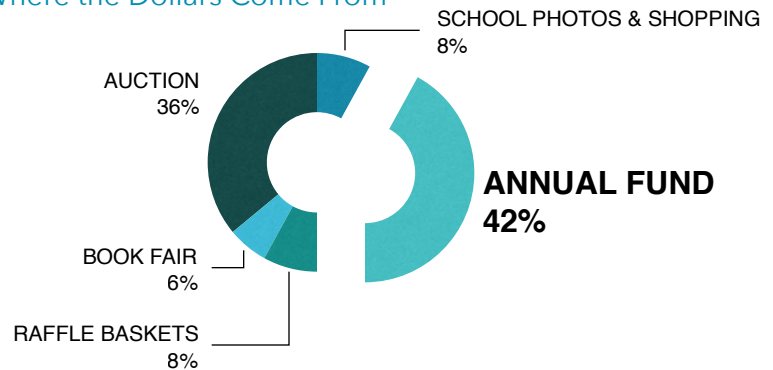
**MAKE A GIFT ONLINE** visit [www.masonrice.org](http://www.masonrice.org) and click on Paypal.

**WRITE A CHECK** to Mason Rice PTO and put it with the attached slip in the Annual Fund box in the front lobby at school.

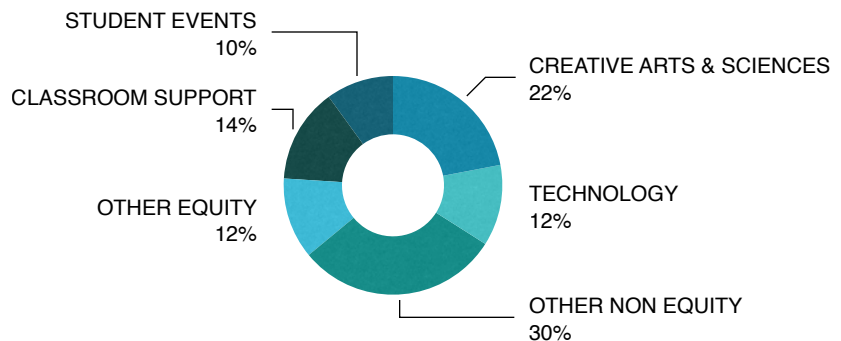
**EMAIL** the PTO at [masonricepto@gmail.com](mailto:masonricepto@gmail.com) for more information. \*Your donation is fully tax deductible

## Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget: \$77,000

### Where the Dollars Come From



### Where the Dollars Go\*



**PTO expenditure per student each school year = \$155.**

We realize every family has different resources and obligations and so we hope you will contribute what is comfortable for you. Let's work together to meet the needs of our school and reach a goal of **75% of our families contributing** to the Annual Fund this year.

*Your gift to the Annual Fund has a direct and immediate impact on Mason Rice PTO programs. Thank you for your support!*

\* Equity spending is restricted and follows NPS Equity Guidelines. "Other Equity" includes spending on curriculum, library, STEAM, staff development, and the Principal discretionary fund. "Other Non Equity" includes spending on building and grounds, hospitality, and extra-curricula programs etc.



NAME:

EMAIL:

GRADE (S) OF CHILD(REN) IN 2019-20:      K      1      2      3      4      5      (CIRCLE)

## ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION 2019-2020

CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT: \$155 per child | \$100 per child | \$50 per child | \$25 per child | other

I would like to make a fully tax deductible gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of my family.

## VOLUNTEER INTERESTS

We have many types of volunteer opportunities for you to choose from to enrich your child's educational experience. From spending an hour at the book fair, or organizing a Creative Arts and Science program to being co-treasurer or a Vice President of the PTO, the choice is yours!

**Please circle the kind(s) of commitment you are interested in making, your volunteer location preferences and any areas of volunteering you'd like to find out more about.**

<b>COMMITMENT</b>	ONE HOUR	ONE EVENT	ON-GOING	
<b>LOCATION</b>	AT HOME	DURING SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	EVENING/WEEKEND
<b>AREA*</b>	FUNDRAISING	COMMUNICATIONS	STAFF SUPPORT	SCHOOL SPIRIT
	PTO BOARD	CLASSROOM	SOCIAL ACTION	

I have a suggestion for how I'd like to be involved this year \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Fundraising:** online auction, book fair, raffle baskets, online shopping, school pictures.

**Communications:** Mason Rice Notes, Website, Directory, A+ Magazine.

**Staff Support:** Appreciation Lunches, Hospitality, Room Parents, Late Arrivals, Lost & Found.

**School Spirit:** Bingo, Buddy Families, parent socials, Mystery Dinner, Back to School Picnic, Fun Run, Field Day, World Cultures Festival.

**PTO Board:** VP (community events & outreach), Co-Treasurer.

**Classroom:** Creative Arts & Sciences, STEAM week, Library, Understanding our Differences, Musical Mornings.

**Social Action:** FORJ, Green Team, Gift of Giving, Newton Serves.