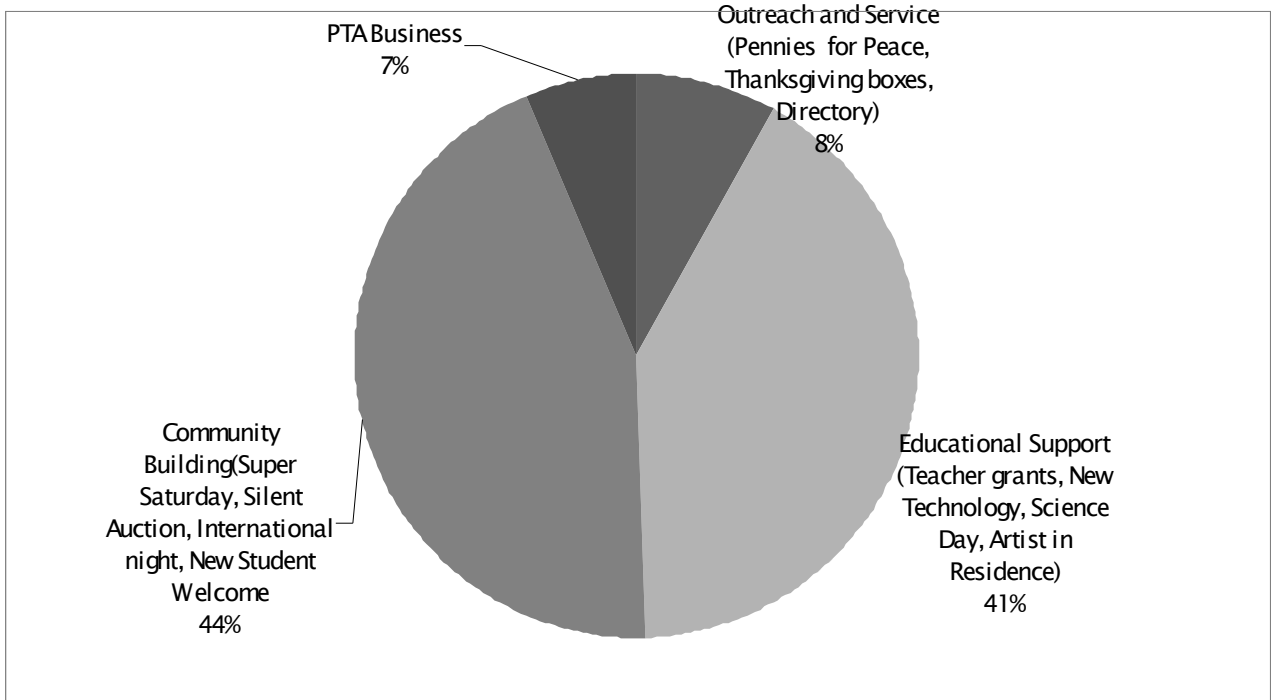




**YOUR PTA MEMBERSHIP HELPS FUND THE FOLLOWING AND MORE...**



Please show your support by becoming a member of the Rosemary Hills PTA.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ (Dues are \$10 per person)

Donations: \_\_\_\_\_ (Donations are tax-deductible)

Total: \_\_\_\_\_ (Checks can be made payable to the "RHPS PTA")

You can also become a member online at <http://www.rhpspta.org>

Drop this form and your check (in an envelope please) in the PTA box at the Open House on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> OR return it via Backpack Mail, addressed "PTA Mailbox".

Thank you!

## **RHPS PTA Fundraising News 2009-2010**

### **How do my contributions to the PTA help Rosemary Hills?**

Your PTA contributions help fund our Cultural Arts, Kids & Community Initiatives, Teacher Grants, events like Super Saturday and International Night and so much more!

- **Cultural Arts** – Families have told us how important bringing art, music and culture into the school are for our children. Our artist-in-residence program, assemblies and other cultural programming will remain a major priority for the PTA funding. In keeping with our “green” theme for the year, most of the cultural arts programming will follow that theme for all grades.
- **Kids & Community Initiatives** – We strive to help all of our children learn and succeed at Rosemary Hills. *Rainbow Kids*, in its’ 5<sup>th</sup> year, is a highly successful after school enrichment program for children who need a little bit extra help. We also help with a parent resource center that has special emphasis on materials and assistance for our non-English speaking parents.
- **Teacher Grants** – Through these grants, we fund training, equipment and classroom materials otherwise not available. This enhances our children’s learning while helping our teachers and administrators. Last year, the PTA was able to purchase a Promethean board for the Media Center that is used by all the children.
- **Special Events** – Events like Math Day, International Night, Science Day and Super Saturday celebrate learning & community. Their success depends on your PTA contributions.

### ***Why does the PTA need to pay for these things? Shouldn't the funds come from somewhere else?***

The PTA is careful to evaluate outside resources before committing to fund a project. We work with our school staff and with the county to ensure that we are fully utilizing resources with the MCPS system before committing to a project. We also apply for outside grants to support our activities. The majority of resources for these activities and programs come from you – our RHPS parents – through our fundraising efforts.

### ***It must take a lot of money to fund all these priorities. Where does the money come from and how can I help?***

The PTA has a fundraising goal of \$65,000 for this year. That may seem like a lot, but we are a large school and there are a lot of ways to reach our goal. Here are some of the ways that you can contribute to our fundraising efforts:

- **BECOME A MEMBER OF THE RHPS PTA** – Membership dues brought in over \$2,700 last year. Only PTA members can vote at meetings, so get involved and help us meet this year’s goals in the process.
- **Buy Sally Foster** – 50% of the proceeds go to our school! This early fall sales drive raised nearly \$11,000 last year.
- **Visit the Book Fair (and buy books!)** – Encourage our young readers and raise money for the school at the same time. Have enough books at home? Our teachers are always looking to enhance their classroom libraries.
- **Support our Affinity Programs** – Save those grocery receipts!! These programs don’t cost you one penny extra, but they make a difference. We received nearly \$3,000 last year from these programs.
- **Contribute to and Attend This Year’s Silent Auction** – Enjoy a festive evening with other RHPS parents while raising money for our school. The silent auction raised \$35,000 last year. Mark your calendars NOW for Saturday, March 20, 2010.

- Write a check – The PTA can take your tax-deductible contribution any time. In fact, we raised over \$9,000 in unsolicited cash donations last year. Every contribution counts, from \$1 to higher!