

PTA School Gift News

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What is the 2009 PTA School Gift?

A PTA School Gift package was approved at the January PTA meeting, and we are pleased to share it with you.

Where did the ideas come from? The ideas came from multiple sources. We heard from our parents, our staff, and our principal through the Survey Monkey e-mailed in the Fall, as well as from personal ideas and opinions sent directly to us. All of the gift ideas were generated by YOU.

What were the results from the survey? What we saw most from the survey was that parents and staff wanted a gift that would be purchased and implemented this year. You asked for a gift that would not only benefit our students but also a gift that would assist our teachers and current teaching methods in the classroom. Up-to-date technology was a top concern.

How were ideas narrowed down? Three main factors were applied to our gift idea discussions. The factors considered were: 1.) this year's gift budget, 2.) what the PTA is capable of accomplishing, and 3.) which ideas could possibly receive additional funding through the school district, the District Foundation, or alternative funding sources.

The 2008-09 school gift package includes:

- A **Climbing Wall** -- an 8' x 30' climbing wall will be installed in the small gym in February. The climbing wall idea came to us from Todd Fowler, one of our physical education teachers, who has extensive climbing wall teaching experience at the elementary level. Come on by to see the new wall!

- **Canon Powershot A590 Digital Cameras** -- eleven digital cameras with 4GB memory cards along with two rapid battery chargers were purchased for both our staff and student use!

- **Installed LCD Projector with Speaker and Large 6' x 8' Screen** -- the first of what we hope will be the future for all of our classrooms will be installed in Mrs. Porter's Art Room. Over 45 Keynote Presentations of artwork slides are shared with our students throughout the year in Mrs. Porter's class. This initial installed LCD projector will also be used to enhance staff development.

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