

## **Alma Elementary PTO Budget Line Definitions**

*AEPTO Objectives:* The Alma Elementary PTO is made up of parents and teachers who want to give students in the Alma elementary schools the opportunity to participate in enriching experiences and to have the best material and equipment we can provide, and promote an equal opportunity for all elementary students in the Alma School District for the following:

- To sponsor programs which aid teachers and parents in their endeavors to educate and enrich the students of all Alma Elementary Schools.
- To provide activities which promote a community spirit within the schools' population.
- To provide monetary support to all Alma Elementary Schools for the equipment and programs that would benefit the growth and development of the students.

### **All schools:**

*Principal Fund* - Miscellaneous purchases by the principal that support the PTO objectives

*[Grade] Team Fund* - Single budget line made up of individual teacher fund allowances for classroom purchases (currently \$180 per teacher). Not a single lump sum fund.

*[Grade] Field Trips* - Field trip expenses (can be off-site trips, on-site experiences, or virtual)

*Reading Month* - March is Reading Month expenses

*General Assembly* - Assemblies or other expenses that support the PTO objectives school-wide and do not fit under another budget line

*Literacy Lounge/Other Books* - Book purchases for the Literacy Lounge or other projects

*Student Bookfair Fund* - Money for students to get free books during the Scholastic book fair (either divided up into coupons for each student or used to pre-purchase books for the students to choose from)

*Fundraiser Bonus (Tech/Book Fund)* - A one-time reserve fund from a previous fundraiser. Originally intended for technology and book purchases, but any remaining funds can be used for miscellaneous expenses that support the PTO objectives until the fund is empty.

*Library/Media Fund* - Library or Media Center expenses (unused funds roll over into the Reserve Fund at the end of the year up to a maximum \$2500 in reserves)

*Building/Playground* - Building or Playground equipment expenses (unused funds roll over into the Reserve Fund at the end of the year up to a maximum \$2500 in reserves)

### **Luce Rd:**

*Gingerbread House Day K* - Kindergarten Gingerbread House Day expenses

*PACK/RAZ Reading Program* - PACK book program expenses and RAZ license fees

*Science Alive* - Science Alive visit expenses

*Fall Festival* - Fall Festival expenses

*Farm Day* - Farm Day expenses

*First Day of PS/K/1st Books* - "First Day of School" book purchases

*Author* - Author visit expenses

*Bi-Annual Reindeer Visit* - A semi-reserve fund for reindeer visits every other year. Half of the visit cost is set aside in the off years and reserved to be used the following year.

**Hillcrest:**

*CMU STEM Experiences* - CMU STEM Lab visit expenses

*2nd Grade PACK Program* - PACK book program expenses

*Science Night* - Science Night expenses

*Student Council* - Student Council expenses

*Book Fund for Each Student* - Money to purchase additional free books for students

**Pine Ave:**

*Science Fair & Engineering* - Science Fair and Engineering Night expenses

*5th Grade Camp* - Supplemental funds to support the 5th grade camp experience

*Student Council* - Student Council expenses

**General:**

*PTO/Parent Involvement* - Gifts for volunteers or other incentives

*Art Reach* - Art Reach supply funds (unused funds roll over into the Reserve Fund at the end of the year up to a maximum \$350 in reserves)

*Art Fund* - Additional art supply funds for the elementary art teacher

*Childcare* - Babysitter expenses during PTO meetings

*Author (2 schools)* - Author visit expenses to be shared by Hillcrest and Pine Ave (either alternating years at each school or a shared visit to both schools)

*Book Fair* - Budgeted money to cover sales tax on student book fair purchases

*Copies* - PTO copy center expenses

*Carnival* - Spring Carnival event expenses

*Fun Run* - Fun Run Fundraiser prizes and other expenses

*Teacher Appreciation* - Teacher Appreciation Week expenses

*Free Family Event* - Additional family event expenses (usually in the fall)