

A photograph of two young boys sitting at a wooden table, focused on a craft project. The boy on the left has light brown hair and is wearing a grey hoodie. The boy on the right has dark hair and is wearing a white t-shirt with a grey sleeve. They are both looking down at their work. The boy on the right is holding a small blue and white container, possibly glue or paint, and is applying it to a piece of brown paper. In front of them are several white plates with red paint or glue on them. The background is slightly blurred, showing other children and adults in a room, suggesting a school event or workshop.

**LAFAYETTE
ELEMENTARY
PTA 2023-2024**

WHO WE ARE

The Lafayette PTA has been an organized unit of the National PTA for over 90 years. Our mission is to positively impact the lives of all children within our school community and to advocate for every child to reach their full potential.

The PTA works with the school administration, teachers, and parents to identify the best ways to supplement our children's education at Lafayette. Our role is primarily to strengthen our family engagement at school and to promote academic success.

While we do fundraise to provide each student with the best educational experience at Lafayette, our focus is to build up our community with activities and events which empower our families to get involved. Educational research has proven that children excel at school when their parents are involved. The Lafayette PTA believes that our one voice should represent every child.

WHAT WE FUND + PROMOTE

Donations to the PTA's primary fundraiser - The Annual Give Campaign (AGC) and other supplemental fundraisers fund:

- STEAM Teacher position
- One of the highest teacher classroom stipends in the district (which helps our teachers pay for field trips and other classroom supplies)
- 5th grade outdoor education trip (Nature Bridge)
- Tech educational software/APPs for grades K-5
- A supplemental music program which includes Opera

The PTA promotes family engagement and building a stronger community through the following community events:

- Field Day
- Spring Play
- Donut Dash Fun Run
- Family Movie Night



Field Day is an annual all-day schoolwide BBQ picnic at Golden Gate Park organized and sponsored by the PTA. Games and activities include hula hoops, tug-of-war, potato sack race, bean bag toss, and baseball.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Every year, the 5th grade teachers take their classes into Golden Gate National Park in the Marin Headlands to explore coastal environs, study ecology, and develop a deeper understanding around ways to be stewards of our environment. This is a culminating outdoor education science experience for our Lafayette students.



STEAM TEACHER

Ms. Tong, our amazing STEAM teacher is passionate about teaching computer science, engineering, and maker education. She has been working with Lafayette students since 2014!



MUSIC

Lafayette partners with the city's arts program, including the San Francisco Opera, San Francisco Symphony, and San Francisco Ballet. Through these amazing programs, our students receive 4 to 8 weeks of hands-on instruction in dance, theater, and music. The PTA funds the assemblies for these programs.

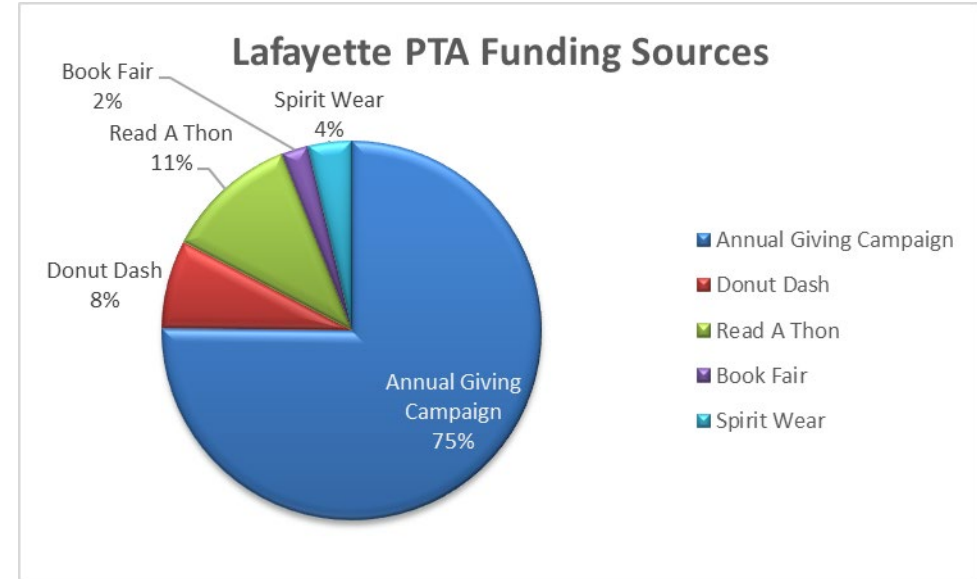


SPRING PLAY

Lafayette students have the opportunity to participate in a professional musical production. All students who want to be in the Spring Play will have a part. The musical is run entirely by parents, from direction to set building to costume creation.

HOW WE FUND

The Annual Give Campaign (AGC) is the primary income generator for the PTA. It is where the PTA directly asks parents for monetary donations to support the wonderful programs at Lafayette by contributing to the AGC either at the ask amount or an amount that best suits a family's budget.



The Annual Give Campaign (AGC) generates 75% of the funds needed for the PTA to supplement teacher positions, teacher stipends, music and art programs, and technology at Lafayette. The remaining 25% comes from our smaller supplemental fundraisers – Donut Dash Fun Run, Book Fair, Read-A-Thon, and Spirit Wear.



DONUT DASH FUN RUN

This fun community-building event and fundraiser promotes physical fitness and good health. Children run a specified distance in a given time and raise pledges for their run. The run ends with a blue glazed donut at the finish line! It is a great way to spend the day with family and friends while supporting Lafayette.



SPIRIT WEAR

The PTA promotes school spirit and raises funds for programs by selling Lafayette merchandise at our Spirit Wear days and online Spirit Wear Store.



WHY WE DO IT

It is the mission of our PTA to advocate for every child to reach their potential by providing each student at Lafayette with access to the educational tools they need to succeed. As an advocacy group, we support our children's emotional growth by encouraging all families to become engaged members of our school community.

Every year, the PTA hosts a Scholastic Book Fair for a week. The idea of the Book Fair is not to raise money, but to put a book in the hands of every student, supplement classrooms and the school library, and to bring the community together.

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