



Garrett Park Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Rocky Fund 2017-18

The Rocky Fund Pays for All PTA Initiatives to Benefit the School:

- ✓ **Free Family Events:** Open House Popsicle Party, Back to School Picnic, Indoor Movie Night, Family Game and BINGO Night, International Night, ALLIES Dance, Spring Fair
- ✓ **Free Enrichment Programs:** Read Aloud Night, Winter and Spring STEM Nights, Science Fair, Coding Club, Black History Month Event, ALLIES Playdates, Parent Education Speakers, Community Service Projects
- ✓ **School and Education Support:** Supplemental Classroom and Counselor Resources Not Covered by MCPS, Recess Equipment, School Musical Theater Production, Raccoon Record Student Literary Journal, PALS School Store Items, Starfall and Mind Yeti Subscriptions, K Orientation, 5th Grade Promotion Party, Safety Patrols, Staff Appreciation
- ✓ **Communication and Advocacy:** Childcare and Refreshments for PTA General Meetings, PTA Website, Email Communications, Social Media, School Directory, WJ Cluster PTA support, Advocacy before the County on overcrowding and other issues facing our school
- ✓ **Capital Items:** Last year the PTA and GPES Education Foundation purchased a complete Chromebook Cart with 30 Chromebooks for use in school use and at PTA STEM events

Ways to Support the Rocky Fund:

- ✓ Direct donation and membership campaign now through October 31
- ✓ Automatic store rebates – see PTA website for details
- ✓ Turn in Box Tops for Education Coupons
- ✓ Silent Auction (February)
- ✓ Silver Diner Night (spring)

Benefits to Direct Donation Campaign Participants:

- ✓ Donations are 100% tax-deductible and include PTA membership and school directory app.
- ✓ **One form covers membership, donation, and directory information (back or online).**
- ✓ Members vote in PTA elections, and on the budget, and shape PTA advocacy positions.
- ✓ No sales or pledge-a-thons, no school time spent on fundraising, and no pressure on kids.
- ✓ The spring fair, which has traditionally been a fundraiser, is now free for all GPES students!
- ✓ 100% of your donation goes to the Rocky Fund, not to an outside vendor.
- ✓ You are busy. This is easy. Donate by cash or check, or online at www.gpespta.org.