

Ashton Elementary School

5-Star "A" Rated Model School of Academic Excellence

Kristi M. Jarvis, Principal

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Dear Families,

Ashton Elementary and the Ashton PTO would like to welcome you and your student to the 2020-2021 school year! We thank you for your patience as we thoughtfully planned for the start of this unprecedented school year. Working with the administration of the school, the PTO has many exciting events planned for our students and staff this year that fully comply with CDC guidelines. These events are made possible by generous contributions from our families and our Business Partner community. Ashton Elementary invites you, your business, or perhaps even your employer to become one of our most valued Business Partners for the 2020-21 school year. A business can partner with Ashton as a Business Partner through monetary donations or through our Community of Caring program, which provides donations of products and/or services. Ashton in return recognizes our Business Partners and Community of Caring Partners' involvement through various methods of exposure to Ashton's community.

As you know, we have over 1100 students at Ashton Elementary, and our part of Ashton Elementary PTO's mission is "to help all students become productive citizens through staff, student, parent, and community involvement." Our partners help us in fulfilling that mission. Last year the PTO raised \$130,000, and \$26,100 came as direct cash donations from our Business Partners. These numbers are amazing.

What did we do with all of this money raised?? The PTO was able to use these funds in so many wonderful ways to support Ashton such as, Adopt-A-Class (\$11,700) and Classroom Enhancements (\$7,800) as well as grade level magazine subscriptions (\$12,000). We were really able to focus on our Media Enrichment (\$11,000) which all students and staff are very excited about. Additionally, we were able to provide agenda books to all students in grades 1-5 (\$3,300), Mini Grants (\$10,000), Professional Development for the teachers (\$7,000), \$5,000 for our amazing Performing Arts program and much more! We recognized students through Soaring Academic Superstars, Astro Citizens and our new Lanyard Program! It was an exciting year and we are looking forward continuing all of the above this coming school year with your support! This year we have added a new way to contribute to the safety of our students and staff by donating to our Safe and Orderly Schools fund. This fund will directly go to purchasing additional equipment needed to keep our schools clean and safe.

There are two ways to contribute to Ashton Elementary, as a Business Partner and/or as a Community of Caring Partner. Business Partners include all monetary donations and Community of Caring Partners include all in kind and donations of products and services. If you are interested in forming a partnership with Ashton, please return a completed Business Partner agreement. For more information, please contact our Business Partner Coordinators, Amanda Gambert and Jennifer Wick at ashtonbusp@gmail.com or call 941- 361-6440 or check out the Business Partner Tab on our school PTO website.

Thank you for your interest in helping Ashton Students continue **Reaching for the Stars!**

Very truly yours,

Amanda Gambert and Jennifer Wick, Business Partner Coordinators
Kristi Jarvis, Principal



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