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2014 - 2015

Willow Glen Performing Arts Boosters Bringing the Arts to Life For Our Middle & High School Students

Annual Report

Your Support Keeps our Performing Arts Programs Vibrant and Active

Dear Friends,

What a fabulous time we had last year at Willow Glen Middle and High Schools! The theatre, dance, choir, and band performances were amazing. We are incredibly grateful to the generous supporters who have helped grow the performing arts programs into what they are today.

As a supporter, you may already know that The Willow Glen Performing Arts Boosters is a group of parents, teachers, alumni and community members who believe that the performing arts are an essential part of public education. We advocate, provide volunteer support, and raise funds to ensure that thriving performing arts programs continue at Willow Glen Middle School and Willow Glen High School. Your support last year helped our mission succeed – our programs are healthy and are continuing to grow in size and quality. Just a few short years ago, performing arts played a small part in our school culture, but we are now bursting at the seams with a healthy 735 participants in performing arts programs. This could not have happened without your help. This past year, the generous Willow Glen community helped raise net proceeds of over \$42,000 at our annual Crab Feast dinner and auction – a record high for the event – and additional donations helped us crack the annual fundraising level of \$50,000 for the first time! During the 2014-2015 school year, we spent almost \$31,600 on our programs, and have already designated the remaining funds for program enhancements this year.

Studies show that performing artists have increased self-confidence, a greater rate of graduation, better public speaking skills and even higher SAT scores! However, the entire student body benefits from these flourishing programs with heightened school pride and an increased exposure to mind-opening art forms and cultural experiences. All of our students are richer because of your support.

All of you – our generous neighbors, donors, and hard-working educators and volunteers – are responsible for creating this rich Willow Glen Middle School and High School experience. Thank you for supporting the performing arts in Willow Glen.

With gratitude for all you do and give,

Erika Friedman President



Supporting the Performing Arts

Bringing the Arts to Life!







Scholarship Winners

This year, the Performing Arts Boosters' fundraising efforts enabled increased support of drama, choir, band and dance across both the Willow Glen Middle School and Willow Glen High School communities.

Drama

Your support enabled two very successful productions at the middle school—*Grease, Jr.* and *High School Musical, Jr.* Almost 200 students were able to experience the theatre—as performers or technical crew. At the high school, PAB supported productions of *The Good Doctor* and *Legally Blonde.* Your funds also enabled the drama class to participate in the TheatreWorks program and to stage *A Very Potter Musical.*

Choir

WGMS' two performance choirs—Applause and Encore—participated in the Willow Glen Founders Day Parade and at festivals at both Disneyland and Great America. WGHS' Jazz Singers performed at Anaheim Music in the Park and Bella Voce performed in Great America's music program. PAB funds enabled all choirs to establish class costume sets and purchase necessary music.

Band

Each school had three bands during the 2014-15 school year: WGMS— Beginning, Intermediate and Jazz—and WGHS—Pep, Wind Ensemble and Jazz. The Pep Band entertained at football games and other high school spirit events. The remaining performance bands held winter and spring concerts. This was the inaugural year for a new event: Jazz on the Grass. A significant part of funding for middle and high school bands went to instruments, instrument maintenance and building the music library. This year the band was able to purchase a French Horn.

Dance

The WGHS Dance program provided opportunities for students to grow as dancers and to use the arts to positively affect the community. WGPAB supported the Dance Team's attendance at an intensive, prestigious dance camp at UC Santa Cruz. Your contributions also helped to support the Dance Team's 4th Annual Arts and Cultures night—a family friendly evening of dances, songs, and exhibitions from cultures around the world.

Performing Arts Scholarships

WGHS Seniors received over \$5000 in scholarships for college.









8%

81%

11%



Crab Feast

Membership Dues

Miscellaneous

WGPAB Funds Come from You!

The Performing Arts Boosters raise their money through memberships, individual donation and, primarily, our Annual Crab Feast.

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