



Curriculum Enrichment

- Science month in January included weekly interactive science experiments for students from Connecticut Science Center, and 2 family Science Nights presenters were Mad Science and Animal Embassy
- Author visit – Megan McCarthy (November) and Laurie Wallmark (November)
- Chinese Acrobat Performance
- Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration
- Creative Connections Art Link Program linking our 2nd graders to other art students around the world
- Additional grade level science and social studies enrichment financial support
- Math Night – PTA sponsored evening event in cooperation with ISD teachers
- High Touch/High Tech interactive presentations for each grade level.
- Classical Café – monthly lunchtime musical performances for all grades
- Student Newspaper Support
- Weeklong creative writing residence with Courtney Sheinmel
- Ted Scheu (poetry) presentation for grades K-2 (May)
- The ISD PTA is proud to support the IB Cultural Partnerships which included financial support and volunteer opportunities for:
 - K- Stamford Nature Center
 - 1st Grade – Greenwich Audubon
 - 2nd Grade – Stamford Nature Center
 - 3rd Grade – IB Ballet Program
 - 4th Grade – SoundWaters
 - 5th Grade – Philadelphia Day Trip
- Financial support for the Fifth Grade Exhibition production
- Purchased nominated books K-3 teachers as part of the Charter Oak Book Award

Social and Emotional Learning

There is a large SEL component woven into the IB framework of ISD through the IB learner profiles which include being open-minded, caring, balanced and being a risk-taker and communicator, among other character traits.

The ISD PTA supports Social and Emotional Learning through a range of activities and events for the children and families. In addition, the PTA provides:

- Hosted a parent education session on Anxiety in Elementary School Aged Children, presented by the GPS Psychologist Dr. Boie
- Hosted 2-part parenting workshop based on the book “The Whole Brain Child.”
- Birthday T-shirts gifted to each student on their birthday, which are decorated and signed by their classmates
- ISD Spirit Wear
- 5th Grade Musical – The Lion King Kids (in partnership with Open Arts Alliance)

Family and Community Engagement

- ISD PTA continued to fully sponsor family events this year, with no cost to the families attending, with the purpose of bringing the community together.
 - Welcome Back Ice Cream Social (September)
 - Monster Mash (October)
 - New Parent Coffee (September)



- Family Skate Day (March)
- Talent Show (April)
- Parent Socials including Back to School Night (October) and Cocktail Party Fundraiser at Innis Arden Golf Club (March)
- The Afters Committee organized three sessions (Fall, Winter and Spring) of after school programs for ISD students to explore their various interests. Offerings included sports, arts, creative performance and STEM classes.
- Provided Afters Scholarships to students for each session of Afters classes.
- Hosted the 2nd annual Greenwich Color Challenge (fun run), in October
- Scholastic Book Fair (November)
- ISD Photo Day
- Hosted 2nd annual International Family Night at ISD in May – ISD families hosted 16 countries through interactive presentations and displays throughout the school. The world tour was followed by a buffet of international foods donated by families and performances.
- Beach Party Family Event at Tod’s Point Clambake Area in June
- Continued providing ISDPTA.ORG website- allowing access for all PTA members to ISD activities, events, directories, forms, purchases etc.
- Weekly electronic Dragon Tales issues inform parents of ISD and district events
- ISD PTA online directory available to all families who joined the PTA
- Welcome Back to School Coffee for all parents on the first day of school
- Buddy Families - Families new to ISD are paired with seasoned ISD families to welcome and assist them with questions related to the school, held in September.
- Health & Wellness Week: activities including smoothie and fruit & veggie tastings with fitness and stretching in the morning announcements
- Donation to Greenwich Alliance Tuning In To Music Program in recognition of ISD Music Teachers
- Hosted workshop on setting parental controls on devices for parents with MacInspires
- Hosted 2-part parenting workshop based on the book “The Whole Brain Child.”
- Hosted Staff Appreciation Week in May which included multiple lunches, breakfasts, gifts and gift cards for the staff
- Holiday Staff Breakfast in December
- Holiday cookie packaging party- brought parents together for a fun morning to create sweet treats boxes for teachers during parent-teacher conferences
- Financial support for scholarship awards to GHS students and the Distinguished Teacher Awards.

Facilities & Purchases:

- Purchased Rigamagig Building Kit for Learning Commons
- Three Teacher Grant applications fulfilled
- Amazon Gift Cards presented to all certified teaching staff on the first day of school to assist with supplemental classroom purchases
- Amazon Gift cards presented to all staff members in December