



Dear Parents!

As we start the 2021-22 school year, we are reaching out asking families pay **\$50 per child at minimum for the PiE program fee** along with asking local businesses to serve as our sponsors. This streamlines PiE's need to ask for volunteers for a major fundraising event as well as ask for participation in multiple fundraisers throughout the year.

The fee allows us to continue bringing great assemblies and annual programs that your children not only enjoy but also enrich their school experience. Without financial support, PiE is unable to keep investing in the support it provides to students, teachers, and families of Delaware Township School. **The cost to run all programming organized by PiE each year is about \$75 per child.** We are suggesting that families contribute at least \$50 per child for the 2021-22 school year as we return to programming this year. Paypal and Venmo are options for payment though check/cash are preferred since there are no fees.

PiE organizes and finances in-school assemblies that students often find so enriching to the school day like Wacky Science, Ryan's Story, Dr. Paul Wichansky's "Access to Success: A Dream, Motivation, and a Winning Attitude, and Dynamic Influence Anti-bullying and Social Media safety presentations. These assemblies provide a backbone to both classroom lessons as well as conversations in your homes. The program fee also supports programs that each student may benefit from like the After-School Enrichment (4 weeks of hour long programs in the winter), the Author-in-Residence program for all third grade students, Archery Club, Hershey "Music in the Parks" band/chorus competition, and faculty grant funding. Additionally, PiE's Family Events that encourage a sense of community like the Harlem Wizards Family Fun Night or roller skating nights. We hope to bring additional programs this year like a Book Bingo and a Color Fun Run.

We hope this model streamlines the year resulting in less volunteer hours needed from you as well as fewer communications. This model has been successful thanks to the support of our sponsors – which we in turn would ask you to consider using – **please check out PiE's website (www.dtspie.com) for a list of our current sponsors.** By paying the fee at the start of the year, you will not be required to pay for the Enrichment program in the winter nor will you see other fund-raising events where we ask for money and time. PiE will track payments and participation fees for enrichment will be waived for those who contribute the program fee. Additionally, if you need to split payments into Fall and Spring, please indicate below. PiE will still organize two student-driven DTS PiE events requiring additional monetary contribution, depending on personal level of interest – the Book Fair (October) and the Mother's Day Plant Sale (May).

The success of this model really rests on participation and we appreciate your prompt return of payment and the form below. Low participation may result in less funding for teacher grants and diminished programming for students.

Sincerely,

PiE Executive Board

PS – Please remember if your company offers matching dollars to include PiE and if you know of someone interested in an annual sponsorship, we are also looking for those to offset costs.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO DTS PiE no later than **9/24/2021**

via backpack or to DTS PiE, PO Box 186, Sergeantsville, NJ 08557.

If you would like to pay via Paypal, please contact Dawn MacDonald at dtspie@gmail.com for an invoice to be sent.

| PiE Student Program Fee – payable to DTS PiE | |
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| Child's Name/Homeroom | |
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| Total Amount Enclosed | \$ _____ ___ I would like to make 2 installment payments (Fall and Spring). ___ My company has a matching program. |

If you are interested in being a Sponsor, please contact Dawn MacDonald at dtspie@gmail.com.