

Summary of 2010 PTO Parental Survey Results

- 189 families responded (80 percent response rate!)
- 50 percent said the current rate of 20 volunteer hours is "manageable" and another 20 percent said 20 hours was "not a problem at all."
- Nearly 80 percent had volunteered at one time or another for fundraising-related work.
- 68 percent of respondents said they support the idea of a new annual fundraising campaign that would replace many existing fundraisers (47 percent said "Yes, definitely" and 21 percent said "Yes, but I would like more information"). Only 13 percent were opposed to this idea (another 18 percent said they were "not sure").
- About 47 percent of respondents said they would be willing to help with the building of our new community playground.
- In terms of PTO improvements, 21 percent said they want better communication with parents; 28 percent said they would like more special programs; and 34 percent said they would like more opportunities to discuss school educational issues. Several respondents also said they would like to see more information on the PTO website (about PTO meetings, financial information, etc.).
- Many also responded to the final open-ended question with helpful comments and suggestions. Key themes include:
 - More active communications with ECC families
 - More opportunities to volunteer in the classroom
 - More opportunities for community activities – like a middle school dance, a revamped fall festival, etc. – particularly if we are moving to a new fundraising plan that eliminates several fundraisers
 - Better follow-up with people who have indicated a willingness to volunteer