



The Importance of Invest in Your Child

What does \$30,000 pay for?

Money raised through Invest in Your Child provides supplemental tools and supplies for our teachers, allows each grade to invite authors, speakers, and outside programs to enhance the ongoing curriculum, and enables Mitchell to bring in programs and performances that benefit all our children. For those who are interested in a line-by-line description of the budget, an overview of each item is provided on the website.

This is a public school, shouldn't my taxes cover everything?

We are fortunate that Needham has a robust budget to fund our schools. What the PTC is able to provide is above and beyond the fundamentals. The more we are able to collect, the better we are able to offer exciting enrichment opportunities to our students and provide additional resources to our teachers.

Who decides how the money is spent?

Each grade and specialist teacher is allotted a certain amount of money from the budget. Teachers apply for the funds, and the PTC leadership team approves their requests. The Curriculum Enrichment committee collaborates with teachers to offer additional opportunities that enhance what is being taught in the classroom. Anyone interested in researching programs is welcome to join this committee. At the end of each school year, the budget for the following year is made public and is voted upon by members of the PTC. All families have a vote.

Why is the goal 100 percent participation?

100 percent participation translates to 100 percent engagement. We want all families to feel connected and invested in the community. We recognize that families must determine discretionary spending in the way that makes the most sense to them. We encourage you to give what you can. Every dollar helps students directly. The Mitchell PTC is a 501 (3)(c), so if your company offers matching funds for charitable giving, please consider applying for them to make your contribution go even further.

How does the PTC fund extra-curricular community building events?

Community Events like the Ice Cream Social or Candy Bar Bingo cover their own costs. Any profit is put back into the PTC and can be used to pay for the Mitchell Picnic at the end of the year, which is then free to all families. Money from the Invest In Your Child Campaign does not fund social events that not all children may attend.

Who can donate?

Anyone! Please share the donation options with friends, neighbors, family, etc. What benefits our children will benefit the community at large.