

Welcome back to school, Hanover families! The Hanover PTO will be holding the annual fundraiser Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>-Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Every dollar given to the fundraiser is used to support your student and to bring additional educational opportunities they could not receive without your support. We as a PTO board struggled with whether to even do a fundraiser when so many of our families, friends and neighbors could be experiencing financial hardships. Since we know how important the fundraiser is to the Hanover students to get the experience they know and love we decided to reach out and ask for your support if you are able. In preparation for this important event that funds all the PTO-sponsored programs, materials, and activities throughout the year, I want to ensure all parents receive an overview of how the fundraiser will work, where the funds will be allocated, raffle information and how we can take advantage of charitable matching programs.

On behalf of the PTO, thank you for your continued support for our children and the educational experiences at Hanover Elementary.

With Sincere Gratitude,

*Natalie H Lee*

HES PTO President

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### **What are the dates of this year's fundraiser? And, is this a donation-only fundraiser again?**

Yes, we will once again be asking for donations to the PTO in lieu of any other fundraisers this year. This ensures 100% of all donations will go towards supporting Hanover Elementary, instead of selling items where we receive 40% of the proceeds. Children will receive a donation envelope and will be able to return it between Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>-Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The envelopes will not be returned to the student, so send in the envelope once, after you have received all your donations (including relatives, friends, and charitable match receipts).

### **Can I leverage my employer's charitable matching program?**

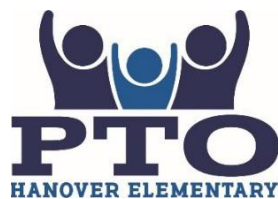
Yes! Leveraging your employer's charitable matching program is an excellent way to take advantage of an opportunity that doesn't cost you more, but translates into a HUGE opportunity to boost our children's academic and experiential learning at Hanover Elementary.

Here's the information you'll need to submit a charitable match for the fundraiser:

Charitable Organization Name: Hanover Parent Teacher Organization Inc.

Address: 274 LeBeaux Avenue Northeast, Hanover, MN 55341

Tax Id: 41-1355288

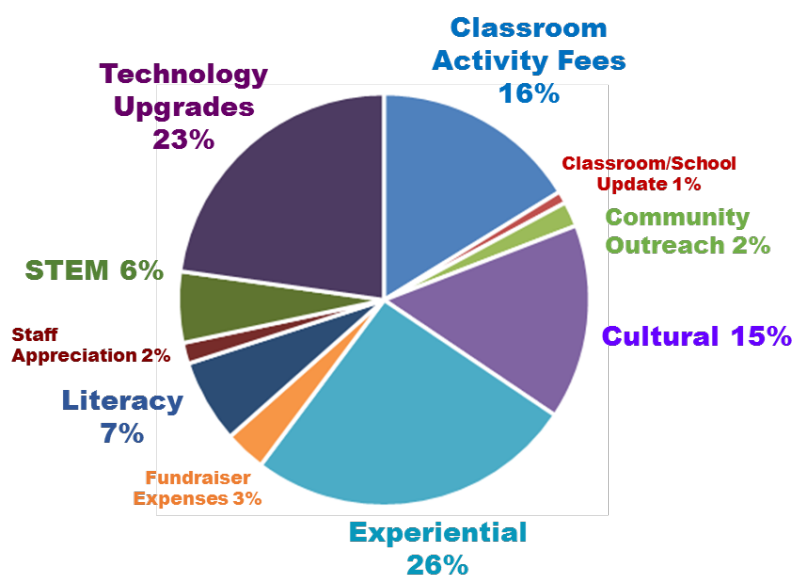


## How do I know if my employer has a charitable matching program?

Ask your Human Resource Department if they have a charitable matching program where they will match employee donations to non-profit organizations.

## Where does the fundraiser money go?

The PTO consults with Principal Koltes, the teachers and parent representatives to ensure we are spending the fundraiser dollars in the most impactful ways. Below is a breakdown of the way we have used your donations in the past. While the 2020/2021 school year may feel different, we still want the students to be happy wherever they are learning and to be able to have the Hanover Experience. Since no one knows what this school year will look like, your support will help us adapt to whatever the students need to have a great year!



## Is there a raffle prize this year?

We will be drawing names each day for Amazon and Target gift cards for the winner to be able to pick out their own prize with their grown up at home.

## 2020 Fundraiser Dates

**Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>-Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

*The best ideas come when we work together. We would love to have you at our next PTO meeting to share your ideas with us. Check out the calendar on the school website for our next meeting information.*

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