

# L.C. Bird High School PTSO Accomplishments in 2017-2018



- Assimilated, printed and provided freshman and new student's parents with a *L.C. Bird Parent Handbook*
- Supported *Parent & Student Communications* through social media by maintaining PTSO Website, Facebook page, maintaining two PTSO Bulletin Boards, used ParentLink to relay info to parents, providing articles in the L.C. Bird Newsletter, sent out PTSO materials in School Summer Mailing and first day of school, provided PTSO materials at Back-to-School Night, presented PTSO info thru email, maintained a *Suggestion Box* in the main office for parent and student feedback to PTSO
- Hosted a *Student Academic Excellence Reception* in the fall where students received their academic letters and pins
- Sponsored 4 *Core Values Breakfast Receptions* throughout the year for parents and students who were selected by their teachers
- Sponsored a Community Service Program by which students could work on PTSO sponsored programs and projects and earn community service hours; recognized 42 students during Awards Programs for volunteering 248 hours throughout the year.
- Supported *Homecoming* by providing chaperones, refreshments and selling tickets for dance during lunch blocks
- Hosted *Junior Ring Ceremony Reception* providing food and volunteers
- Hosted *Baccalaureate* - covered all costs, send out invitations, developed program, obtained guest speakers, planned and executed event
- Awarded \$5,500 in *Scholarships* to six graduating seniors and presented 23 Seniors *the prestigious PTSO Skyhawk Award*.
- Provided *Volunteers* to assist with Collating Summer School Mailing; Freshmen Orientation; Back To School Night; Fees Collection nights
- Hosted a monthly "Big Blue Day" for student PTSO members, providing snacks, drinks and sometimes lunch.
- PTSO Board consisted of *representatives from other parent booster organizations* including Rocket Boosters and Athletic Boosters parents to help increase communications and collaboration
- PTSO Board included 3 student members representing *the freshman, sophomore and senior classes*
- Provided snacks and drinks for students during SOL prep and testing
- Sponsored a *Skyhawk of the Month program*, highlighting teachers and staff who have supported the school and students in a special way; awarded engraved paper weight, certificate and recognition. Published winners through various media.
- Conducted a year-long recycle bin program with Goodwill; Goodwill made monthly donation to PTSO for efforts
- Gave 5 retiring teachers and staff members a retirement gift as thanks for their many years of service
- Provided Skyhawk Spirit Wear for sale for reasonable prices during sporting events and lunch blocks
- Provided lunches for 100 students for the 2-Day "*Work Week at the U*" program.
- Purchased 200 scientific calculators for students to use while taking the PSAT tests.
- Purchased Spanish / English dictionaries for the ESOL department.
- Purchased 1 weight rack and donated to the renovation of the athletic weight room for our PE classes and athletes.
- Facilitated the purchase of a *Garden Tower* for the science department.
- Provided a creative way to fundraise to avoid selling items during the year to parents – our Capital Fundraising Campaign
- Held several *Eat Out Nights* sponsored by local restaurants to make money to support PTSO programs for students
- Hosted *Faculty and Staff Appreciation Functions*:
  - Welcome Back Teacher's Luncheon
  - Chili lunch for Teachers during Parent Teacher Conference Day
  - Treats to Bus Drivers for National School Bus Safety Week
  - Lunch for Principals during Principal's Appreciation Week
  - Cafeteria Staff Appreciation Luncheon
  - Monthly Appreciation Treats for Faculty
  - End-of-year Teacher's lunch during exams
  - Holiday Teacher's Luncheon
  - Teacher Appreciation Week "Grab-n-Go Breakfast"
  - Appreciation gifts for Nurse and Office Staff
- Continued *Business Partners Discount Program* for PTSO Members
- Held monthly PTSO board meetings to insure programs for students, teachers and school were properly executed and to provide communications to/from school administrators and teachers
- Hosted the Junior Marshal's luncheon on graduation practice day
- Participated in Electives Day for students
- Participated in Goodwill Denim Collections contest

**THANK YOU** to everyone who worked with the PTSO this year to make so many successful things happen at Bird High School. Without your support of our students, teachers and school, these programs would not be possible.