

Virginia PTA

Local Units of Excellence

2021-2022



Hollin Meadows Math and Science Focus PTA

Northern Region, Fairfax County Council of PTA/PTSA's

Hollin Meadows Math & Science Focus PTA surveyed their families at the start of the year and adjusted their communications and family engagement programs to cater to the needs of their school community. Through a newly formed 4-person communications team Hollin Meadows ES PTA provided translated materials and outreach via email, social media, flyers and bulletin boards. They also moved some of their events to an outdoor pavilion area where they hosted book giveaways, a vaccine information day, distributed free art supplies, and provided translators to connect families with valuable PTA and community resources. Hollin Meadow PTA hosted spelling and math clubs as part of their after-school enrichment programs, operated a weekend backpack program, and supported work in a student-driven garden program that grew enough produce to send more than 7,000 lbs. of produce home with students in the backpack program. A true community builder, Hollin Meadows ES PTA also formed a partnership with neighboring schools which enabled middle school and high school student volunteers to help run Hollin Meadows PTA events.



Little Run Elementary PTA

Northern Region, Fairfax County Council of PTA/PTSA's

Little Run Elementary PTA surveyed their families at the start of the year and learned that student enrichment programs were the highest priority for their families. As a result, they streamlined their mini-grant program, enabling teachers to request extra instructional material to increase student learning, and purchased a math skills tutoring kit for every student. Little Run ES PTA also sponsored quarterly after-school enrichment classes in acting, chess, STEM, leadership, and fitness, and added a parent education speaker at every PTA meeting. This year Little Run ES PTA's events included a Spring International Heritage celebration and their Fall Challenge event included carnival games, raffles, and a series of 10 round-robin stations that challenged students to think and interact in unique ways, such as paper-airplane fly-offs and memory contests. Little Run ES PTA also hosted a vaccine clinic for families, and provided approximately 10% of their student population with school supply kits and supplemental weekend food through their Food for Thought program.



Hovatter Elementary PTA

Northern Region, Loudoun County Council of PTA/PTA's

Hovatter Elementary is a brand new school in a high growth area where students are often rezoned. The Hovatter Elementary PTA worked to build school spirit, a sense of community and establish new traditions for their Hovatter Honeybees through robust family engagement events, an after school enrichment program, and a "BEE the Good" community give-back initiative. Through the Bee the Good Initiative Hovatter PTA donates 100+ coats to a partner Title 1 school, initiated a food drive that gathered 750 pounds of food, and hosted a book drive to donated over 500 books. In addition to sponsoring community building events in their inaugural year Hovatter PTA funded impactful long-lasting-installations including a Bee Wing Mural/Hive in the school entrance by a local artist, and provided Seed Money for the School's Pollinator Garden and Outdoor Learning Center. Hovatter PTA also funded \$15,000 in staff grants to help teachers establish their new classrooms.