

PTSA is rockin'...and having a blast doing it. So far this year, we've organized and participated in the Freshman / New Student Open House in August, serving more than 225 families. Our membership is burgeoning at over 250 families – and we still want more – in fact, we want ALL AI families, students, faculty and administrators to join!!! Keep 'em coming!!! Plans for After Prom are in place and positions staffed, so we will have another spectacular event. And, we have been able, due to last year's wonderful fundraising efforts, to fund a number of very worthy causes to help with various educational programs and needs at AI. We've been able to purchase 30+ graphing calculators for the math department (in addition to the 28 we purchased last year). So, each math class has graphing calculators for students to use. We purchased two Quark software packages for the Tiger Pause, enabling the newspaper to be timely published. We've funded foreign language magazines for the entire Foreign Language Department so all students now have access to timely and interesting current events in the language they are studying. And, we've provided start-up funds for both Entrepreneurial classes so the students can build viable business plans and businesses. Last year we were also able to contribute significantly to the newly-installed AI Library security system, and many PTSA parents and students helped "tag" the books to get the system operating. We feel honored to be able to help and serve the AI community!!!

Next up – look for newly clarified criteria for the PTSA Service Awards (yes, students, by participating in the PTSA you can earn treasured awards for those college applications), Reflections (another way for students to win school, state, and even national awards), the No Bake Bake Sale, Not My Garage Sale opportunities, a slammin' PTSA Student Dance, and much more.

The PTSA is an important part of AI High and is comprised of Parents, Teachers and most importantly Students working together, side by side, to enhance the AI High School Community. The PTSA is a great way for students to become involved in and have an active voice in AI DuPont high school. It is also a great place for students to establish and exhibit leadership skills, to work on a variety of projects and to have another activity for that college application. The PTSA is an all "inclusive organization". All are welcomed and included. We hope you will join and come work with us. Meetings are on the AI website under PTSA, and are generally on the second Tuesday of each month in Room 153. See you then!!

Cathy and Molly