

East Ridge Elementary PTA 2010-2011 Survey Results

May 2011

Introduction

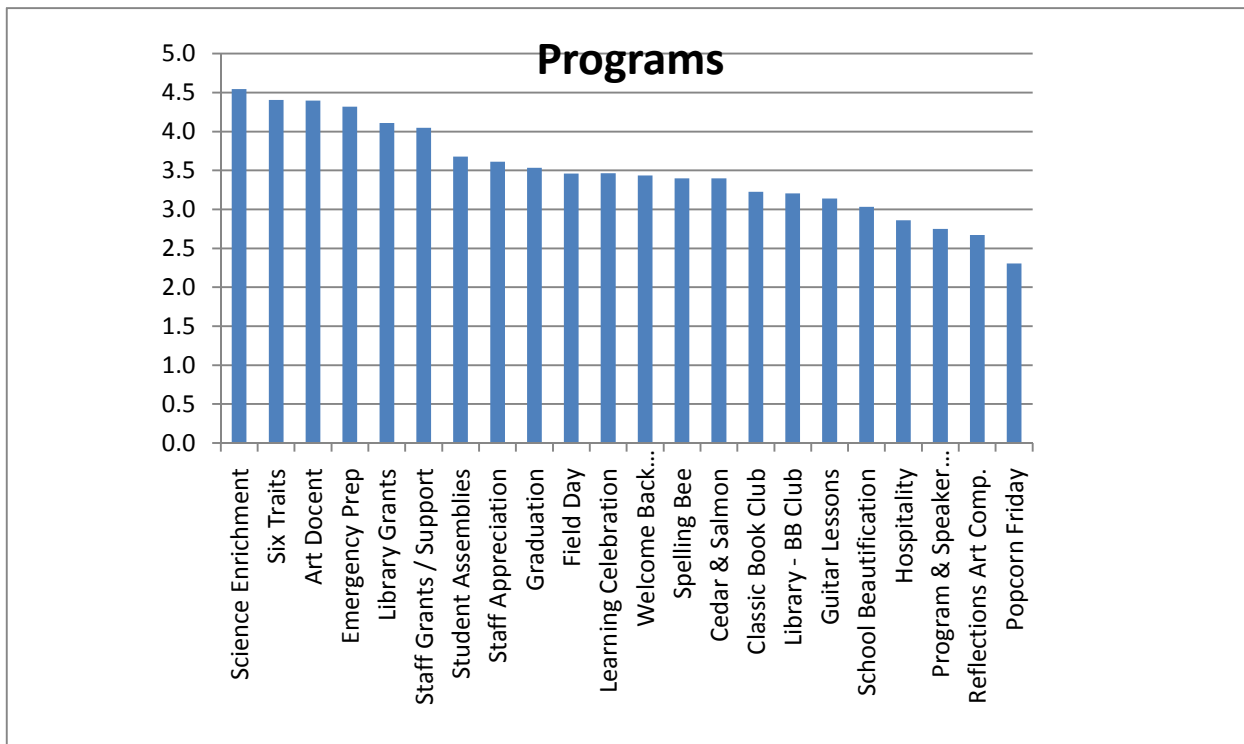
We did a survey so we would see what programs people liked (and maybe didn't like) and to ask for comments, prior to setting the budget for the next year. We sent a paper copy to all parents and staff and also made it available online (surveymonkey.com).

Results

74 people took the survey, 14 were staff and 60 were parents. 62 were PTA members. 20 used the online survey. (Last year we had 54 people respond).

1. PTA Fully Supported Programs

People were asked to rank the current supported programs from 1 (most important) to 5 (least important). All the categories could be ranked. The results were weighted like GPA scores (scoring 5 for a 1, 4 for a 2 etc) then the average rating calculated.

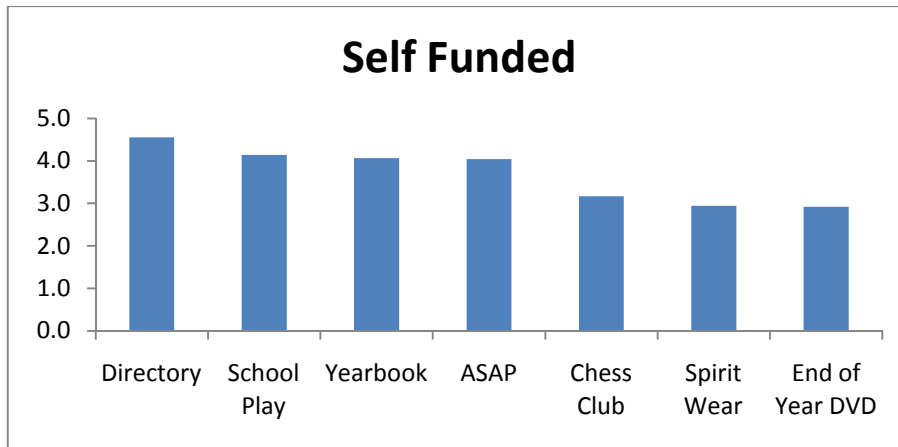


The top five were Science Enrichment (Science to Go), Six Traits Writing, Art Docent, Emergency Preparedness, Library Grants. The bottom three were PTA Programs Nights/speakers, Reflections and Popcorn Friday. Last year the top three were Six Traits, Emergency Prep and Science Enrichment.

The programs with the most people not scoring were Classic Books, Cedar & Salmon and Program/speaker Nights.

PTA Self Supported Programs

The same ranking question was asked for these programs.



The top were the Directory then the School Play, Yearbook and ASAP (After School Arts Program). We took out the programs that weren't being run this year. Last year the top three were Directory, Yearbook and School Play.

Suggestions and Limitations

The program list is long and we don't know if people know what they all are. A couple of people may have misunderstood the ranking order or thought they could rate 5 programs only. We should be clearer on this next time.

Where people didn't score we don't know if this is because of a lack of interest or lack of knowledge about the program.

The Learning Celebration was called the Art Walk this year. We used the "old" term in the survey so new parents might not have recognized this. We should use the new name.

18 comments were received, some suggested activities (roller skating, zumba, math, Chinese language classes) and some general comments plus two on fundraising. It's difficult to conclude anything. One written comment in a survey like this carries a lot of weight but may not reflect the overall opinion of parents. On the other hand the fact that someone has taken care to write something may also mean most parents feel the same way but are not moved to write about it.

Summary

Academic enrichment programs are popular. The simple paper directory is by far the top of the self supported programs, probably because everyone gets it and uses it and it's easy to use.

Data

Question: Please rank programs from 1-5 (1 being the most important – you can count more than one as most important). Please put a N/A on programs you are not familiar with. Individual counts were given points, 5 for a 1 (most important) ranking, 4 for a 2 ranking, 3 for a 3 and so on. So 5.0 would be a perfect score if every person marked that program with a 1 (most important).

Results show with the rankings from the April 2010 survey for comparison.

Programs	May-11		Apr-10
	weighted value	wtd rank	wtd rank2
Science Enrichment	4.5	1	3
Six Traits	4.4	2	1
Art Docent	4.4	2	5
Emergency Prep	4.3	4	2
Library Grants	4.1	5	N/A
Staff Grants / Support	4.0	6	6&7
Student Assemblies	3.7	7	12
Staff Appreciation	3.6	8	10
Graduation	3.5	9	14
Field Day	3.5	9	13
Learning Celebration	3.5	9	20?
Welcome Back Celebration	3.4	12	9
Spelling Bee	3.4	12	15
Cedar & Salmon	3.4	12	8
Classic Book Club	3.2	15	16
Library - BB Club	3.2	15	11
Guitar Lessons	3.1	17	22
School Beautification	3.0	18	17
Hospitality	2.9	19	21
Program & Speaker Nights	2.8	20	18
Reflections Art Comp.	2.7	21	18
Popcorn Friday	2.3	22	N/A

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Directory	4.6	1	1
School Play	4.1	2	3
Yearbook	4.1	2	2
ASAP	4.0	3	4
Chess Club	3.2	4	7
Spirit Wear	2.9	5	6
End of Year DVD	2.9	5	5