

We made it! What a great school year 2011-2012 was. Congratulations on our students graduating to the next grade level! I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you who supported Junction Elementary this year via PTC programs, fundraisers, and events. I have had the pleasure serving on the PTC board, primarily as President, for the past four years, and I am very proud to be part of the Junction family.

Back in 2008, Junction opened with approximately 250 students, a dismal library, and little to no technology in any of the classrooms. It was a blank canvas, and I am so proud to say that after four years dedicated to hard work, a solid governing board, and committed families, every classroom at Junction now has state of the art technology, and robust literacy programs. The PTC has provided much needed financial support for classrooms and extracurricular activities, effectively picking up the slack from lack of state funding. Over the past four years, with your support, Junction's PTC has raised approximately \$200,000 in net revenues with 100% of the profit being invested back into Junction's students, and I am so pleased to report that during the last PTC board meeting of 2012, a \$7,500 check was cut to Junction to add an additional 375 books to Junction's library shelves!

Here's just a snapshot of the way PTC dollars were put to work this year. For a full run down, please visit www.junctionptc.com.

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| • Added Classroom Technology \$27,000 | • Art Programs \$2,500 | • School-wide Assembly Costs \$2,500 |
| • Classroom, Office, & Teacher Resources \$4,800 | • Music Program \$1100 | • School Socials & Club Expenses \$3,500 |
| • Lexia Reading Program \$7,100 | • Literacy/Library Fund \$11,100 | • P.E. & Recess Equipment \$1,500 |

I am so proud to have served Junction in this role over the past four years. It is bittersweet to step down, but am so blessed to be passing the torch onto a very passionate, competent, and energetic new board led by Tarik Eldin. The future of PTC is in very good hands, and I thank you for all the time, effort, energy and memories you have helped create both in the Junction community, and for myself over the past few years. Not only do I extend a smiled filled thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time at a PTC sponsored event or fundraiser, I extend a very special thank you to my fellow board members, and consistent volunteers who I have relied on heavily day in and day out, and without none of the goals set forth by Mrs. Vincent would have been possible. Great job team!

Thanks again for supporting PTC programs, ensuring our students have every possible advantage to make their futures as bright and healthy as possible! Have a happy and safe summer!

Sincerely,
Gina Nielsen
President, Junction PTC