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To the editor:

As the year starts to wind down, the PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank the hundreds of people who have made this year such a success. We would like to thank the executive board for all their dedication to helping out whenever and wherever they were needed. This board is made up of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and directors at each of the four schools.

We held book fairs, a gift wrap sale, Yankee Candle sale, penny drives, “Cartridges for Kids,” a comedy night and our most successful fund-raiser this year, our auction. With these main fund-raisers and a few smaller ones, we were able to raise more than $55,000 for the schools for this school year. The executive board would like thank all of the chairpersons of these events as well as everyone who worked at, donated to, or bought items from these events.

Our business sponsorship program is an ongoing program. We have a total of 16 businesses that have donated to this program this spring. The most recent participants are Dr. James Koglin, orthodontist, UFP Technologies and Merrimack Valley Hospital. The money that is raised through this program goes directly to the teachers and is used for items they need.

The PTA has sponsored or purchased a multitude of things for the schools this year. Here is a sampling from each school to give you an idea of how the money we raised has been spent. Perley had three storytellers brought to the school, kindergarten and the first grade went to the North Shore Music Theatre, computer equipment was purchased and mulch will be spread in the play area. Penn Brook chose to spend their money on teaching supplies. Chapter books were replaced, math supplies were purchased, Mr. Magnet and Wingmasters came to the school, grade 3 went on the Duck Tours, gym equipment and computers were purchased. The middle school purchased computers for each grade and we paid for most of the Camp Kieve buses. The high school purchased computers, paid for buses for career day field trips, a leadership course was held for the students and four scholarships will be given out at graduation.

Our success depended upon you and your families. Please accept our deepest thank you for all you have done to help the PTA succeed this year. We want to wish all of you a healthy, safe and happy summer. See you next year!

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