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Timber Ridge Elementary School Foundation Annual Report 2010-2011

This academic year, the Timber Ridge Elementary School Foundation raised just over \$70,000 for our school! The generosity of our 2010-2011 donors enabled the Foundation to provide every Timber Ridge classroom and every Timber Ridge student with valuable learning resources, and to fill gaps where county budgets fell short. With these funds, the Foundation accomplished many important goals. For a complete list of the year's funding source and expense categories, please refer to the tables on the next page. Highlights from this year include that the Foundation:

- **Paid for two year's worth of printer ink for every printer in the school. Cobb County no longer funds these purchases.**
- **Gave every teacher a \$40 Lakeshore Learning gift card to purchase needed supplies for his/her classroom. Cobb County's budget for these items has been greatly reduced the past several years.**
- **Paid 100% of the costs associated with a full-time technology teacher. Cobb County provides no monetary support for this position.**
- **Funded all curriculum grant requests. A full listing of grants made this school year can be found on the next page.**
- **Purchased one High Touch High Tech in-house science field trip per grade level.**

In addition to the curriculum-based purchases mentioned above, the Foundation hosted Timber Ridge's annual Monster Mash and annual Art Show, held two Chick-fil-A spirit nights, and facilitated all Timber Ridge after school activities including Blake Cooper Productions, Kid Chess, Brainy Builders, Brainy Bots, and Yoga Club.

This year, the Foundation also received a record number of community sponsorships. A new platinum community sponsorship level accounted for most of the increase in business funding, but other sponsorship levels increased as well. The generosity of the community sponsors (many of which are Timber Ridge family-owned businesses) is greatly appreciated. A list of these businesses is included in this report. Should you have a need for any of the products or services these companies offer, please consider supporting them, as they have financially supported our children's education.

Thank you again to all who donated to the Timber Ridge Foundation. The generosity of our parents and our local business partners enabled the Foundation to play a significant role in your child's education again this school year.

Please visit www.timberridgefoundation.org for more information about the exciting events and activities facilitated by the Timber Ridge Foundation.

Timber Ridge Foundation 2010-2011 Income and Expenditure Categories

Funding Sources	
Direct Donations (from parents like you!) -	80%
After School Program Contributions -	7%
Community Sponsor Contributions -	5%
Corporate Matching Gifts -	5%
Art Show Proceeds -	3%
Spirit Night Revenues -	1%
Interest Earned -	<1%

Expenditures	
Technology Purchases and Personnel Expenses -	70%
Curriculum Grants -	17%
In-house Science Field Trips -	7%
Classroom Supply Gift Cards -	3%
Administrative Costs -	3%
Landscape Maintenance -	2%

Timber Ridge Foundation 2010-2011 Curriculum Grant Purchases

- **Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade** – Subscription for all three grades to the BrainPOP Junior website. This website creates animated, curriculum-based content that engages students and can be used for everything from introducing a new lesson or topic to illustrating complex subject matter to reviewing before a test. Content is aligned to academic standards.
- **1st Grade** - Language Arts enrichment materials for use during writing centers, reading activities and vocabulary centers.
- **3rd Grade** – ETA Cuisenaire Versatiles Level 3 Math. VersaTiles activity books combine the challenge of a puzzle with the purposeful practice of a workbook. This unique program offers classroom-tested activities in which students can practice skills independently and at their own pace. VersaTiles also gives students immediate feedback when they check their answers so they can correct mistakes on their own. VersaTiles books and activities are aligned with Georgia’s learning standards.
- **3rd Grade** – Purchase of new reference materials, thesauri and dictionaries.
- **3rd Grade** – Purchase of new microscopes for use during science lessons.
- **4th Grade** – License to the Comic Life Deluxe website. Comic Life helps break down complex ideas and create entertaining content to help teach everything from timelines (history, events, sequences) to historical figures (history of, life of) and character analysis - to name just a few. The website’s programs engage students through thinking, creating and writing and incite students with low interest in writing. The program also helps with writing organization through storytelling and storyboarding. In addition, visual images help to convey meaning to a story or topic. Comic Life develops creative and higher level thought processes and enriches reading, writing, and thinking.
- **5th Grade** – Mastering GA CRCT – 5th grade Reading and English/Language Arts. This resource will be used as needed for 5th grade CRCT preparation.
- **5th Grade** – Purchase of a set of Number the Stars historical fiction books.
- **5th Grade** – Purchase of various materials to enhance guided math instruction.
- **Music** – Set of books to support movement activities in music class.
- **Media Center** – Materials for the Teacher Production Lab, including everything from book binders to paper cutters to lamination materials.
- **Reading Specialist** – Materials to support 1st grade guided reading work.
- **Special Education** – Read and Understand Story Series, Vocabulary Workshop resource books, and Linking Words to Meaning books. These resources will be used to enhance special education learning across all grade levels.
- **Physical Education** – Projector and screen for the PE room to be used for school assemblies and events.
- **Target/Advance Learning Program** – Blood pressure set, stethoscopes, heart models and stopwatches to be used for a new 2nd/3rd grade unit of study.

Timber Ridge Foundation Community Sponsors

The Timber Ridge Elementary School Foundation provides for the development of Timber Ridge students and teachers. The Foundation's programming requires financial support, and each year the Foundation turns to our local business community for assistance in reaching our required financial goals. Timber Ridge Foundation's Community Sponsors are local businesses whose financial support is vital to the Foundation's annual campaign. These businesses help sustain the Foundation's mission, by making a financial commitment of varying amounts. We therefore dedicate these pages to recognizing the Timber Ridge Elementary School Foundation's 2010-2011 Community Sponsors.

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Timber Ridge Elementary School Foundation Mission

The mission of the Timber Ridge Elementary School Foundation is to provide resources to enhance the school's ability to create rich educational experiences for all students. Specifically, the Foundation supports programs and purchases in the following areas:

- Science and Technology
- Teacher Curriculum Grants
- The Arts

10 Things Every Timber Ridge Parent Should Know About the Timber Ridge Foundation

1. 80% of your Foundation's funding comes directly from parents like you.
2. Your Foundation can purchase instructional support items for Timber Ridge's classrooms that the PTA cannot legally buy and for which no tax dollars have been allocated.
3. Your Foundation can be flexible from year to year in how it spends its funds to adapt to a changing budget environment, purchasing anything from Smartboards to classroom supplies.
4. Every year, your Foundation invests in every grade level and every classroom at Timber Ridge, impacting every Timber Ridge student.
5. Since it was created in 2005, your Foundation has invested over \$270K directly back into Timber Ridge.
6. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, and therefore donations are tax deductible and eligible for many corporate matching gifts.
7. The Foundation annually funds 100% of the cost of our technology teacher and has ensured that every K-5 classroom in the school has a Smartboard, a document camera, and a teacher webpage.
8. Without the Foundation, there would be no afterschool enrichment programs such as Brainy Builders, Yoga Club, Kid Chess, Brainy Bots and Blake Cooper Productions.
9. Your Timber Ridge Foundation, along with an outstanding PTA, faculty, staff, and parent volunteer hours is a big piece of what makes Timber Ridge Elementary an excellent school.
10. The Foundation needs your support. Whether you give more, less or exactly the \$110 per child asked for during our patron drive, you make a difference in the quality of education your child is offered at Timber Ridge Elementary.

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