

## Support Stratton Students: See the Impact of the PTC

The **Stratton Parent-Teacher Committee (PTC)** is dedicated to enriching the academic and extracurricular experience for every student at Stratton. We are more than just a fundraising group—we are a community of parents and educators working to provide the resources and opportunities that make Stratton an exceptional place to learn.

Every dollar we raise directly impacts our students and teachers. Here's a look at what the Stratton PTC does throughout the year and why your donation is so critical:

### Academic and Arts Enrichment

We believe in supporting learning both in and out of the classroom, and across all departments:

- **Arts Funding:** We fund the instruction for **Steel Drums**, bringing unique musical experiences to our students. We also make contributions to the **Art and Music Departments** when funds are available to support their ongoing needs.
- **Field Trips & Special Events:** We funded this year's **Kindergarten through 4th-grade trip to Lakewood Theater to see *Sleeping Beauty***. We also fully fund the **annual 5th-grade play**, organizing the potluck, set-up, and clean-up.

### Celebrating Achievement and Community

We foster a supportive community and celebrate the hard work of our students and staff:

- **Student Recognition:** At the end of the year, we provide **gift certificates for the Top Scholar, Most Improved, and Volunteer of the Year** awards for 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** We show our gratitude during **Teacher Appreciation Week** by giving a thank-you gift to **every teacher and Ed Tech**, organizing a daily breakfast and treats, and ending the week with a **PTC-organized lunch**.
- **Community Building:** We kick off the school year by organizing the **Back-to-School BBQ**, handling the side dishes, drinks, desserts, and the full setup and cleanup.

### Equipping Our School

Over the past few years, we have responded to specific needs and requests that directly enhance student safety, sports, and outdoor play, going above and beyond our annual commitments.

#### Sports & Safety:

- Funding **sports assembly awards** for each sport.
- Purchasing essential equipment like a **Softball scoreboard**, **additional soccer uniforms**, **Boys and Girls Basketball uniforms**, and **Basketball racks**.
- Contributing to student safety with **life jackets**, **rain suits**, **sleeping bags**, **safety vests**, and school-wide resources like **radios and whistles**.

#### Classroom & Outdoor Resources:

- **ADHD stools** to help students focus in the classroom.
  - Outdoor play additions like **sandboxes, mud kitchens, 2 basketball hoops, frisbees, cornhole boards**, and a **soccer board**.
  - Funding various **field trips** and providing **party speakers** for school events.
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### Why We Need Your Help

The Stratton PTC's work is entirely dependent on the generosity of our community. Your donation ensures that we can continue to say "yes" to requests that enrich our children's education, support our dedicated staff, and build a vibrant school community.

By fundraising, we can:

1. **Sustain Annual Traditions:** Secure funding for the 5th-grade play, teacher appreciation, student awards, and the back-to-school BBQ.
2. **Continue Enriching Programs:** Guarantee the continuation of programs like Steel Drums instruction and fund memorable field trips.
3. **Address Urgent Needs:** Be ready to purchase essential items—from new sports uniforms and playground equipment to safety vests and classroom tools—as they arise.

Please consider donating today to help us continue making a tangible difference in the lives of Stratton students.

### We Need Your Hands! Volunteer to Make it Happen

While financial support is essential, our events and programs rely equally on **dedicated volunteers**. Whether it's a few hours helping at the Back-to-School BBQ, assisting with the 5th-grade play, or organizing treats for Teacher Appreciation Week, **we cannot execute these critical programs without your time**.

Please consider **donating today AND signing up to volunteer!** Contact Stratton PTC PO BOX 112 Stratton ME 04982 or call or text 207-491-0245 to find out how you can lend a hand.

Thank you

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