

The Island School Turtle Trot

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■ The 2nd Annual The Island School PTO Turtle Trot was a huge success! The students worked hard to collect pledge donations and in return we raised a little over \$10,000! Students had a fun warm up courtesy of Mrs. Truisi and Mr. Benson, ran laps during their allotted time, and received certificates and a special treat to celebrate! We would like to thank everyone in the community who made a pledge and came to cheer on the students during the Turtle Trot!

TIS PTO is dedicated to supporting the children, teachers, and staff of The Island School by offering activities, events, educational enhancements and programs. Some of our events include sponsoring pizza for lunch on Spirit Day once a month, Bingo Night, Donuts with Dads, and our Annual Friendship Dance. We also provide after school clubs such as Craft Club, Garden Club & TIS Dribbling Team and are hopeful to add a few more clubs in the second half of the school year. TIS PTO also sponsors TIS yearbooks, Teacher Appreciation Week and the photographer for fifth grade graduation each school year.

We really appreciate the support from our TIS families & community and could not provide all of these fun activities without your support!

Please save the date for our next community event: TIS PTO 8th Annual Chowder Dinner on Friday, Jan. 19, 6 to 8 p.m. We are excited to announce our new venue, The Gasparilla Inn Beach Club! We hope to see you there for a sampling of delicious chowders and soups from our favorite restaurants, silent auction & more! *Photos provided.*



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