

The great news is that already, coming into this year, parent group has around \$12,000 to continue our good work and to be a funding source, *particularly to students*, for projects that need urgent funding or when funds can't be found through the district or grants. Parent group is especially excited to be able to support the new Passages program (required passages) for those students who will possibly need some funds to carry out their project.

The not so great news, as I am sure that most of you are aware, is that funding sources within the ASD are drying up, Dale's budget is being cut and it is likely that more and more the Steller community will be looking to Parent Group for money. Currently, we are by far the major fundraiser at Steller. Other smaller sources of fundraising are the Steller dances (most of that goes into specific projects), the Talent Show which goes to the Coalition of Essential Schools, and Op group making some money from the vending machines.