

# Celebrating Our Diversity



Kennett After-School Association

2018-19 Annual Report

## AFTER-THE-BELL

*"It's been a great experience. My students have been a pleasure to be around – so polite and well behaved. I have enjoyed getting to know them and feel privileged to have spent time with them."*

- Adult Volunteer

*"I love ATB and always have so much fun. Thank you!"*

- 7th Grade Girl

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# Celebrating Our Diversity BY THE NUMBERS

**342**

Number of individual students who attended After-The-Bell

**1,060**

Number of non-unique students who attended  
(This number includes students who attended multiple times per week and/or multiple cycles, all of whom participated in activities and were given snacks each day.)

**33.7**

Percentage of Kennett Middle School students who attended After-The-Bell

**42**

Percentage of ATB students who live in homes where Spanish is the primary language

**52**

Percentage of ATB students who qualified for Free and Reduced Lunch

**17**

Percentage of ATB students with special needs

**169**

Number of incredible volunteers who donated their time to After-The-Bell

**42**

Percentage of volunteers who were high school students

**58**

Number of unique activities offered

**13**

Number of arts-related activities offered

**18**

Number of sports and fitness activities offered

**69.1**

Percentage of Brain Base students who saw their GPAs rise

**99**

Percentage of students who indicated they had a positive experience at After-The-Bell



## Pieces of the Puzzle

As we concluded our wonderful 20th Anniversary celebration earlier this year, we took some time to think about what has made After-The-Bell so successful over the years. What is it about our unique formula to provide meaningful, educational and fun activities at no cost to any families and at no cost to taxpayers that has resonated within the Kennett community?

If we had to choose one word that truly explains the After-The-Bell success story, that word would have to be *diversity*. It is the diversity of our students, our volunteers, our supporters, our community partners, and our unique activities that truly set After-The-Bell apart.

We are not merely talking about ethnic and cultural diversity, although those are important and treasured components of our identity. We are also talking about the diversity of backgrounds and experiences that bring both students and volunteers to After-The-Bell. We are talking about the diversity of programs that we provide our students, which include science, nature, technology, art, dance, music, writing, multimedia, cooking, strategic games, community service, academic assistance, and a variety of sports. We are talking about the diversity of organizations that partner with us to provide our students with unforgettable experiences. We are talking about the diversity of foundations, businesses, and individuals that support our students through generous donations that make our program possible.

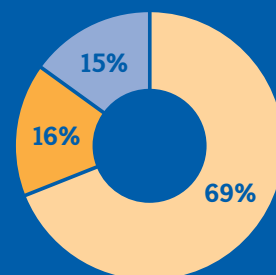
For all of these reasons, and so many more, we have made *CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY* the theme for our 2019-20 program year.

In particular, the diversity of our volunteers—more than 1,000 people since we opened our doors—has been amazing. Among the people who have donated their time and talents to After-The-Bell are teachers and other staff members from Kennett Middle School, high school students from Kennett and Unionville high schools, the residents of the Kendal and Crosslands senior citizen communities, current and retired educators, scientists, nutritionists, business professionals, and public servants, as well as the parents and grandparents of our students.

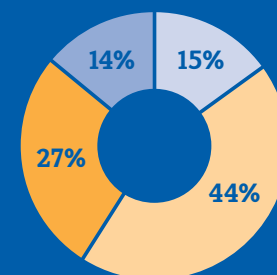
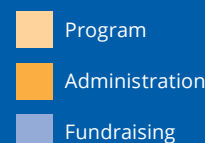
Every component of After-The-Bell is like a piece of a giant jigsaw puzzle. Some of the pieces have remained constant for 20 years; strong corner and edge pieces that provide the structure, the mission, and the commitment to ensure that the children we serve have a nurturing, worthwhile experience. Other pieces change from year to year, adding color and texture, relevance and excitement, inspiration and fulfillment. All of the pieces fit together to create a beautiful final picture of smiling children having an unforgettable adventure.

### Finances: JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

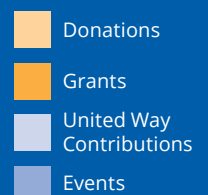
Operating revenues totaled **\$174,181**  
Operating expenses totaled **\$189,010**



#### EXPENSES



#### REVENUES



# Volunteers

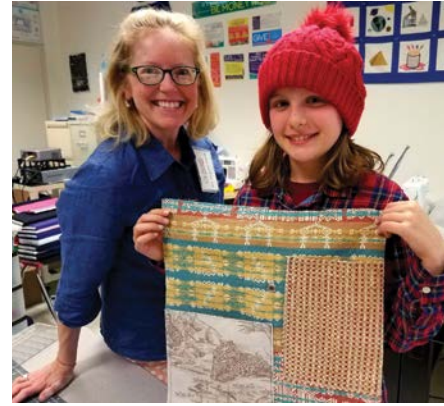
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Emily Yao  
Jacqueline Zavala  
Alvira Zilbershteyn  
Erica Zurita-Juarez



\* All high school volunteers attended Kennett High School or Unionville High School.

*"As a volunteer, I get as much enjoyment as the students, particularly when I see them learning new skills."*

- Adult Volunteer

*"ATB is a great way to get students involved in different activities and to meet new people."*

- High School Volunteer



# Loving to Learn in 2018-19



## Amazing Arts & Crafts

The visual arts are among our most popular activities at After-The-Bell. We offer a wide variety of opportunities for our students to explore their artistic talents, both onsite and offsite. In 2018-19, we offered *Advanced Arts & Crafts*, *Art Club with Kennett Design*, *Art with Mrs. Uhl*, *Coloring All Grown Up*, *Everyday Artists*, *Origami Fun*, and *Unexpected Art at La Comunidad Hispana*.

## Answering the Call

After-The-Bell is proud to have offered our *Cops!* activity—with the help of the Southern Chester County Regional Police Dept.—for many years. Last year, we were thrilled that members of Avondale Fire Rescue joined the activity we now call *Cops & First Responders!* Together, these committed public servants teach our students about the importance of good citizenship and answering the call to protect all members of our local community.



## Gone Fishin'

Many of our After-The-Bell students will tell you there is nothing better to do after a long day at school than to head out to Anson B. Nixon Park and put their *Fishing* poles in the water. However, nothing tops the thrill they feel when they start to feel that tug on the line and reel in bass or trout.

## Pony Partners

We are so grateful to our longtime community partner, *4-H Pony Partners*, for bringing these sweet and beautiful miniature horses to Kennett Middle School each fall and spring. Students participating in this activity learn to care for these gentle creatures and, for some, a passion for animal care is born!



## Wonderful Community Collaborators

After-The-Bell is blessed to have the support and collaboration of incredible community partners that invite our students to their offsite locations for memorable experiences facilitated by their own staff. For example, our students love heading into Kennett Square for *Art at La Comunidad Hispana*. LCH does so much to help local community members access healthcare and other vital services; their support and fondness for the children of ATB is truly extraordinary.

"I love ATB because it helped me be a better KMS student."

- 6th Grade Girl

"Brain Base is calm and inviting so I can relax and do my homework."

- 6th Grade Boy



### Time to Relax

Sometimes the best thing to do at the end of the day is just relax in a quiet, stress-free activity. Students love activities like **Perler Beading** where they can work by themselves to create beautiful patterns and just take a break from the world around them.

### On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

Many of our students arrive at After-The-Bell ready to burn off excess energy in the wide variety of sports and recreational activities we offer. In 2018-19, we offered **Basketball, Bowling, Dance, Fitness, Golf, Hula Hoops, Indoor and Outdoor Fun & Games, Martial Arts, Pickleball, Soccer, Strength & Conditioning, Swimming, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Yoga**, and, of course, **Running Club**.



### Cooking Up Something Special

Let's face it, middle school kids love to eat! It turns out they love to cook just as much and that is why our various cooking activities are always popular. Last year, our students put on their aprons to develop their culinary skills in **International Cooking, Tasty Bites, Sweet Shop, and Yum Yum Healthy Kitchen at Anchor Fitness**. In **Sweet Shop**, the students sell the baked goods they create and donate the proceeds to local and national not-for-profit organizations.

### Learning Life-Saving Skills

**Swimming** is one of the most important skills children can learn. We are extremely grateful to our partners at Kids First Swim School in Hockessin and the Kennett YMCA for providing swimming lessons to our students that are both instructional and fun!



### Second Annual A Taste of Kennett

It is almost hard to believe, but after we had the most successful fundraiser in our history in March 2018, we were able to top that at our Second Annual **A Taste of Kennett** event in March 2019. Featuring signature culinary dishes and spirits from 22 local establishments, the event attracted supporters from throughout the Kennett area and quickly sold out. *Planning is underway for our Third Annual A Taste of Kennett on March 20, 2020. So be sure to stay tuned and get your tickets early!*

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### 2018-19 COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

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*The Board wishes to thank the entire Kennett Middle School staff, particularly Principal Lorenzo DeAngelis and Assistant Principals Brenna Austin and Jake Moore, for their incredible support of After-The-Bell. We could not do it without you!*

## From the Board

After serving 11 years as the Superintendent of the Kennett Consolidated School District back in the early 2000s, there is probably nothing I enjoy more these days than walking the halls of Kennett Middle School when After-The-Bell is in session.

Middle School students are, by definition, a very diverse group of kids. Some have gone through their adolescent growth spurts and can look this 6'1" retired superintendent right in the eye; others have to get up on their toes to be seen over the counter of the main office. Of course, in Kennett, we take particular pride in our diversity. Students come to this district from all over the world, many arriving with their families looking for the wonderful opportunities that this community provides.

As I walk past the cafeteria and down the various wings of KMS, the diversity of our happy and engaged students, along with our caring and dedicated volunteers, is a joy to behold. And the diversity I witness is not just characterized by who these students and volunteers are; it is also about what they are doing.

Students arrive in the cafeteria at 2:35 and immediately scope out the day's offerings of fresh fruit and delicious snacks. (Of course Pizza Week is their favorite!) As they head off to their activities at 3 pm, their paths diverge to a robust plethora of adventures. On any given day, about 1/3 of the students board buses to head to places like the Stroud Water Research Center, the Kennett YMCA, Coverdale Farms, and New Garden Airport for offsite activities. The rest of the students head into the classrooms, science labs, gymnasiums, outdoor fields and cooking classrooms with volunteers who cannot wait to share their experience and passion with our kids.

As I walk the halls, I can smell some tantalizing aromas coming out of our **International Cooking** activity. In the 6th Grade Wing, I poke my head into a classroom to watch students building bird houses in one room, playing Chess in another, and getting one-on-one help with their homework in still another. As I step outside in the front of the building, I see an emergency vehicle from Avondale Fire & Rescue, with EMTs demonstrating the proper use of life-saving equipment to our students. Off in the distance, large groups of boys and girls can be seen chasing a soccer ball. And around the back of the building, there are three miniature horses from our **4-H Pony Partners** activity, surrounded by students who are learning to care for them.

This year, our theme is CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY. We clearly have a lot to celebrate... our students, our volunteers, our community partners, and our activities. But there is still one more. We celebrate the extraordinary diversity of those who support After-The-Bell. From foundations, to businesses, to individuals, the wide-ranging and, yes, *diverse* support we receive has been the key to our success for 21 years, and counting!

**Rudy Karkosak**, Board President, *Kennett After-School Association*



## Mission Statement:

After-The-Bell provides a supervised after-school program of recreational, social, and academic skill-developing activities for Kennett Middle School students. The program is led by community volunteers and provided without charge.

## Vision Statement of the Kennett After-School Association:

All middle school children will have a safe, enriching environment to go to after school.

## Values:

- Respect for self and others
- Caring relationships with adults
- Improved interpersonal & social behaviors
- Appreciation for volunteerism
- Exploration of varied opportunities

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