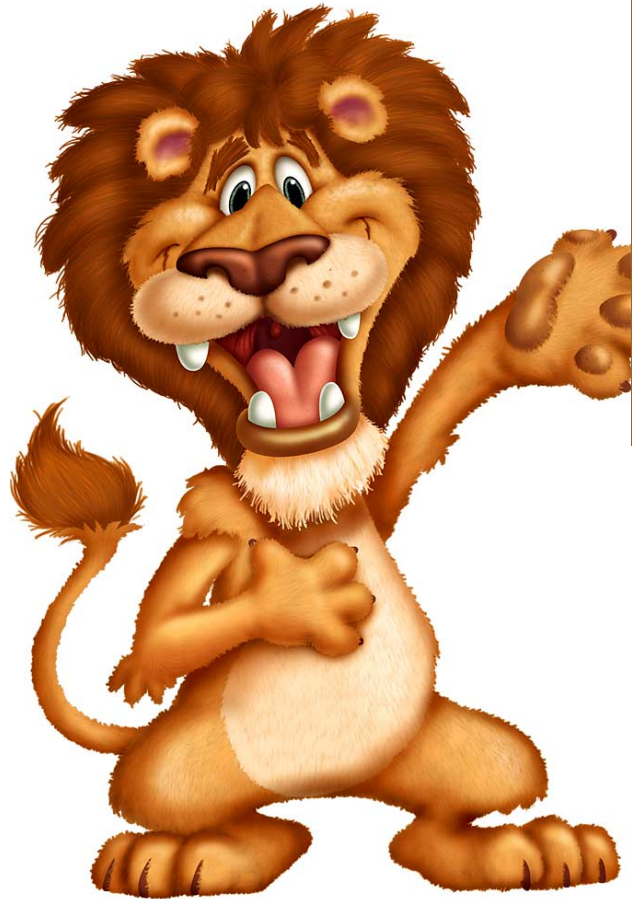




Taylor's Elementary



Building Pride...



**2008-2009
Accomplishments**



Quality Programs

Popsicle Pop-In: Meet the Teacher

"Building Pride in Our School"

Open House, 300+ families attended



"Building Pride in Strong Bodies and Strong Minds" Healthy Lifestyles Night, 150+ families attended

"Building Pride in Giving"
Holiday Extravaganza,
250+ families attended



"Building Pride in Discovery"
Science Discovery Night, 275+ families attended

Still to Come...
Spring Carnival - April 17



Membership & Volunteerism

- Reached 100% membership in PTA - 1 member per student - by October reporting period.
- Volunteer Interest Survey and database - 1st half of year over 9,000 volunteer hours logged at the school and home
- Concentrated effort to provide volunteer opportunities for working parents, grandparents and community groups



- Increased business partnerships - Currently we have more than 3 dozen business and community partners including:
Wal-Mart, Publix,
Ingles, Taylors Roller Sports,
Taylors First Baptist Church, Lowe's,
Greer State Bank, Bank of Travelers Rest,
Eastside Kiwanis Club,
Taylors Fire Department,
Texas Roadhouse Restaurant, Fuddruckers,
Pebble Creek Pizza, Gibbs Plumbing,
The Cliff's Communities,
Safe Kids of the Upstate,
Red Cross, Salvation Army,
Angel Food Ministries of Greer,
and more...



Communications



One of our primary goals for this year was to improve our communications and be sure our parents, community partners and other volunteers knew about the programs, needs and accomplishments of our school and our PTA.

- Newsletter: on-line, hard copies in office
- Monthly E-Blast from PTA
- Information to classroom teachers for inclusion in
- Week at a Glance newsletters
- Marquee
- Call Messenger
- Signage
- Morning News
- PSA to area media
- Scrapbook in school office
- White Board outside PTA office
- Fliers in Communications Folders

Taylors Pride (PTA School Newsletter)	
September	October
November	December
January	February
March	April/May



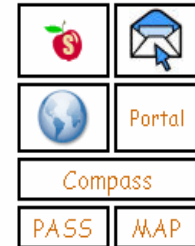
PTA Page on our School Web Site



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PTA (Parent ~Teacher Association)



Nick, Robin and Taylor Topcat

[Click here for a PowerPoint about volunteer opportunities.](#)

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Address: 1826 Henderson Street, Columbia, SC 29201 Phone: (800) 743-3782

National PTA Web Site: <http://www.pta.org>

Address: 541 Fairbanks Ct., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60611-3396 Phone: (800) 307-4782

Volunteer Opportunities

Following are PTA committee positions for 2008-2009. Volunteers filling these positions are appointed by the PTA Board. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas as a chair or assistant chair, please contact Robin Broumas at nickandrobin@bellsouth.net or leave a note in



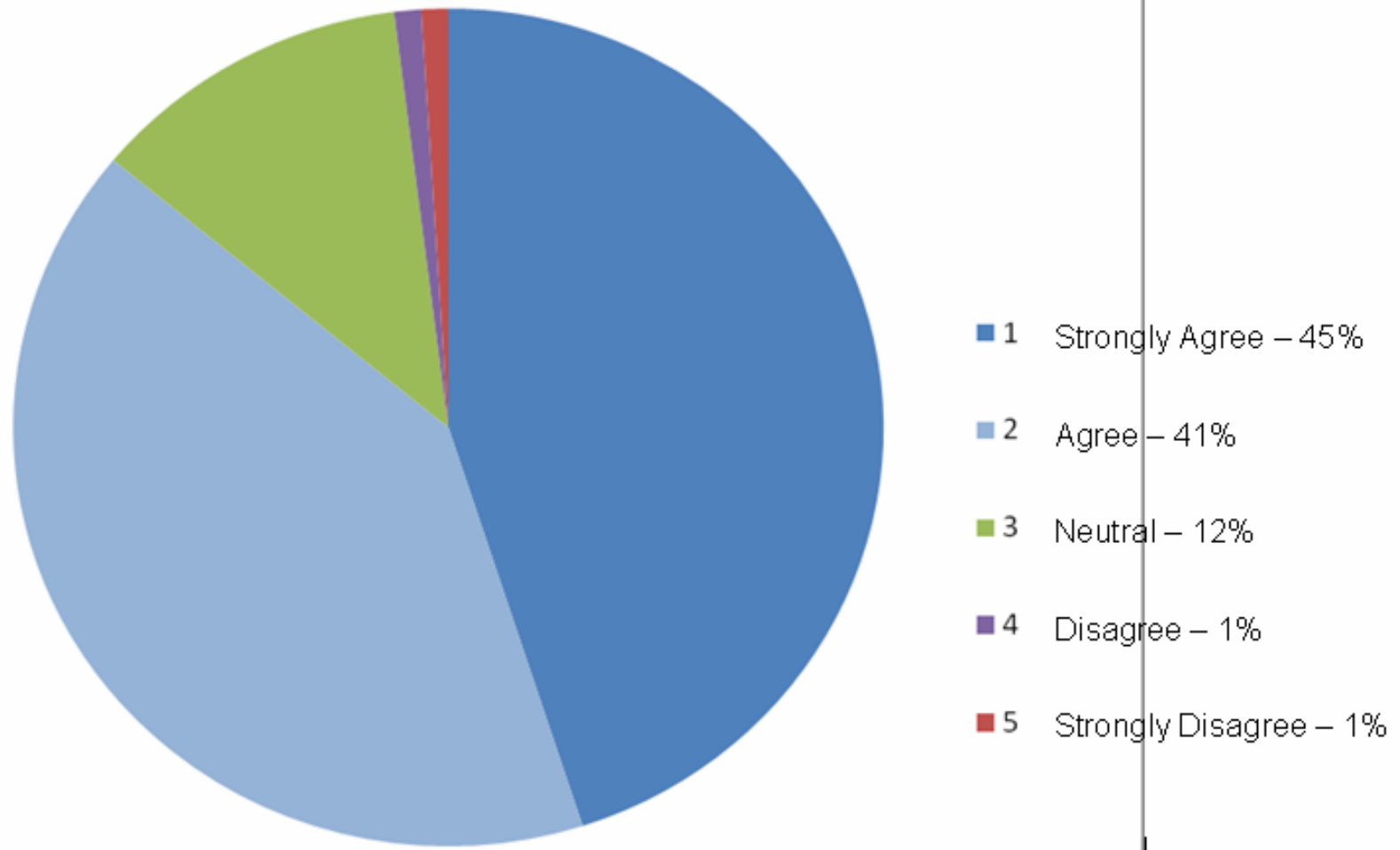
The Power of Partnerships Family Survey was provided to all families to actively solicit feedback and direction.

Power of Partnerships Family Survey						
	<u>STRONGLY AGREE</u>	<u>AGREE</u>	<u>NEUTRAL</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>	<u>STRONGLY DISAGREE</u>	
Welcoming all families into the school	429	390	115	12	9	955
	45%	41%	12%	1%	1%	
Communicating Effectively	675	480	211	13	12	1391
	48.50%	34.50%	15%	1%	1%	
Supporting Student Success	487	394	61	12	1	955
	51%	41%	6%	1%	1%	
Speaking up for every child	407	378	144	10	5	944
	43%	40%	15%	1%	1%	
Sharing Power	136	193	111	26	6	472
	29%	41%	24%	5%	1%	
Collaborating with Community	83	96	51	7	1	238
	35%	40%	22%	3%	0%	

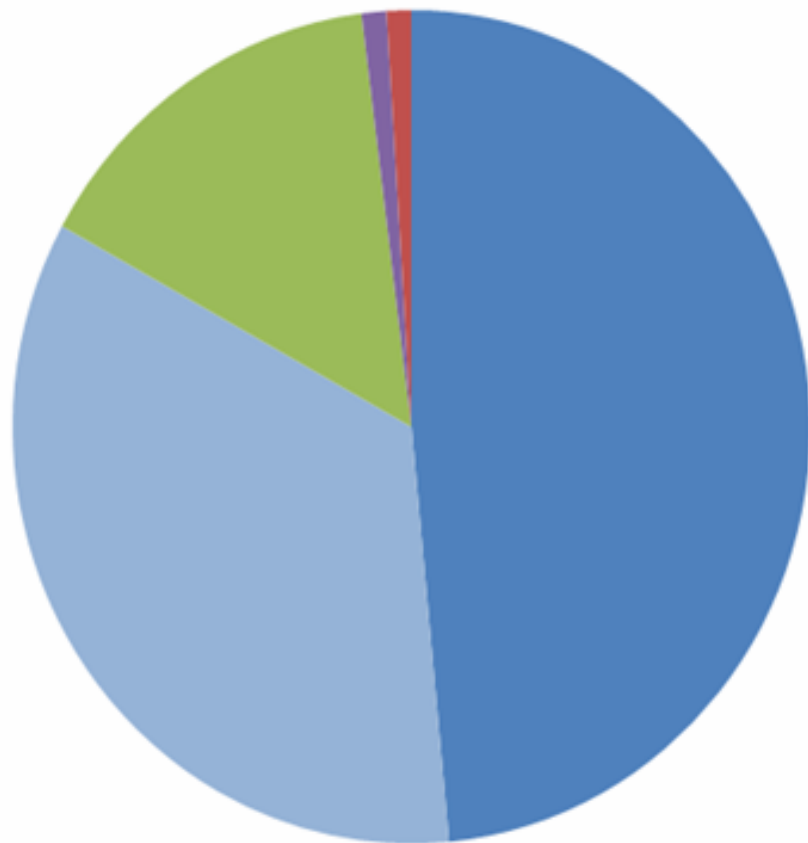
The Power of Partnerships Family Survey

- Survey designed and provided by National PTA.
- Tool to help PTAs and schools evaluate success in building strong partnerships with its families.
- Taylors PTA conducted survey during month of February 2009.
- 240 Surveys were returned - representing approximately 32% of our student body.
- Questions were centered around the 6 National PTA Family Partnership Standards.

Standard 1: Welcoming All Families into the School Community

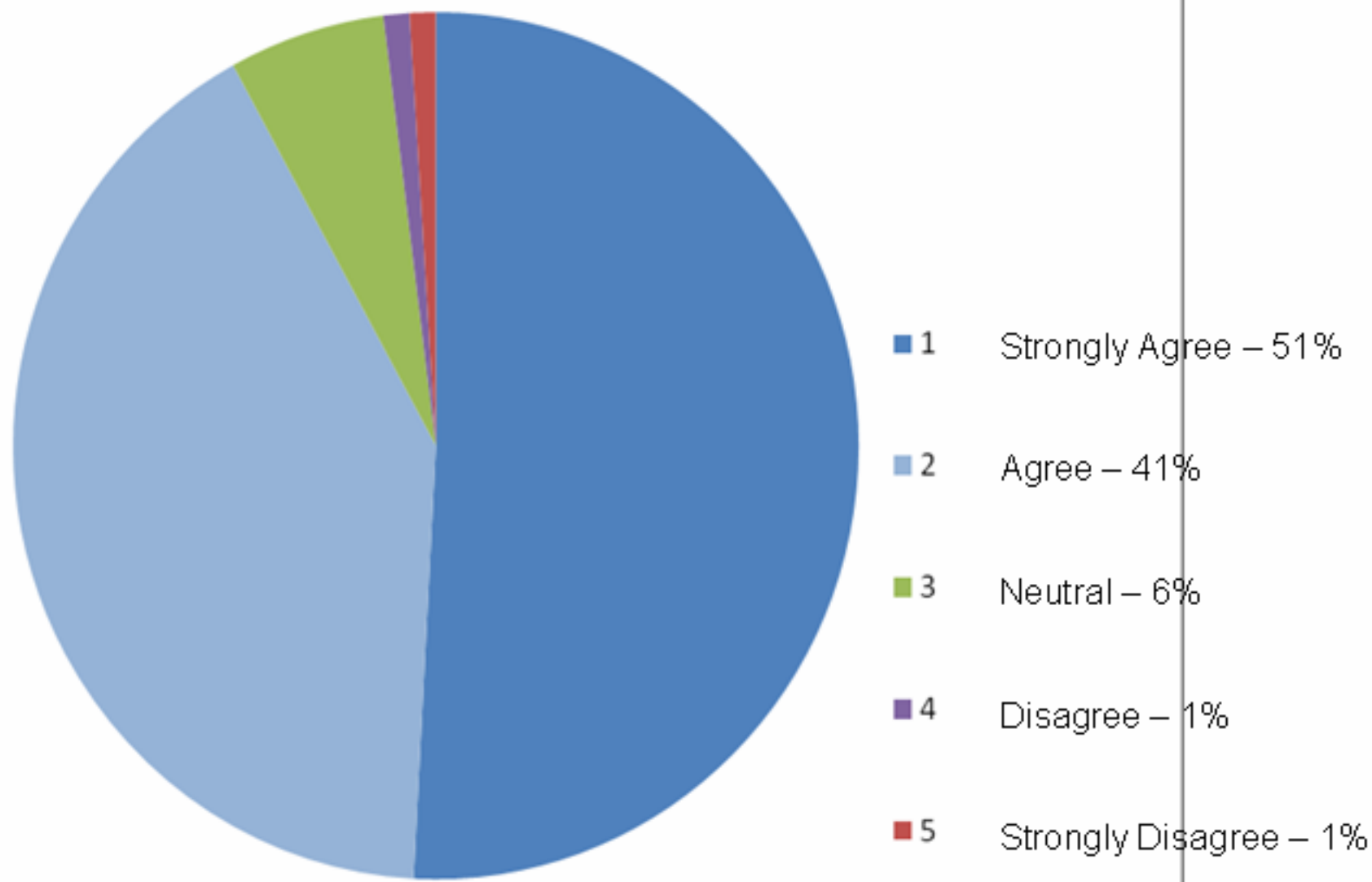


Standard 2: Communicating Effectively

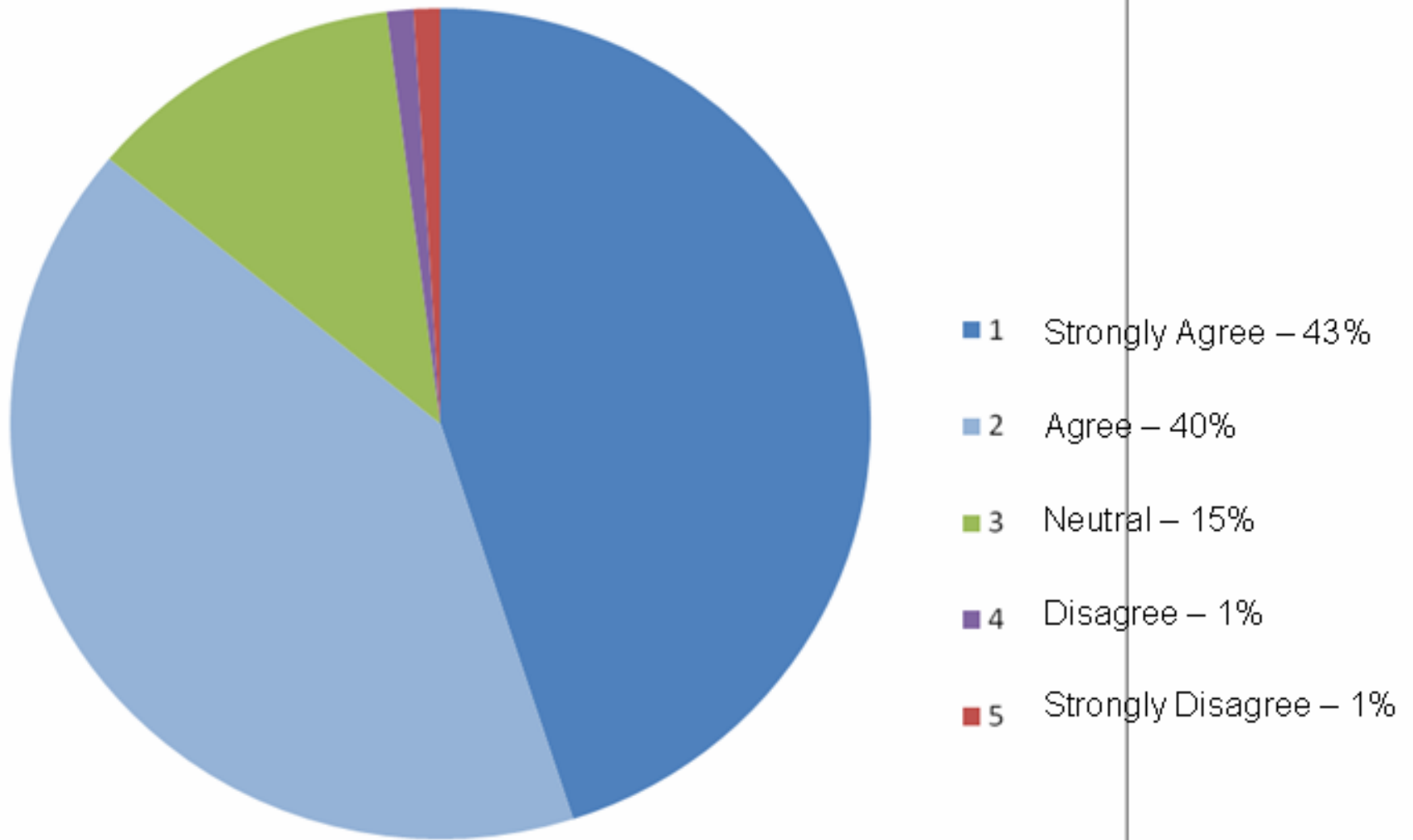


- 1 Strongly Agree – 49%
- 2 Agree – 34%
- 3 Neutral – 15%
- 4 Disagree – 1%
- 5 Strongly Disagree – 1%

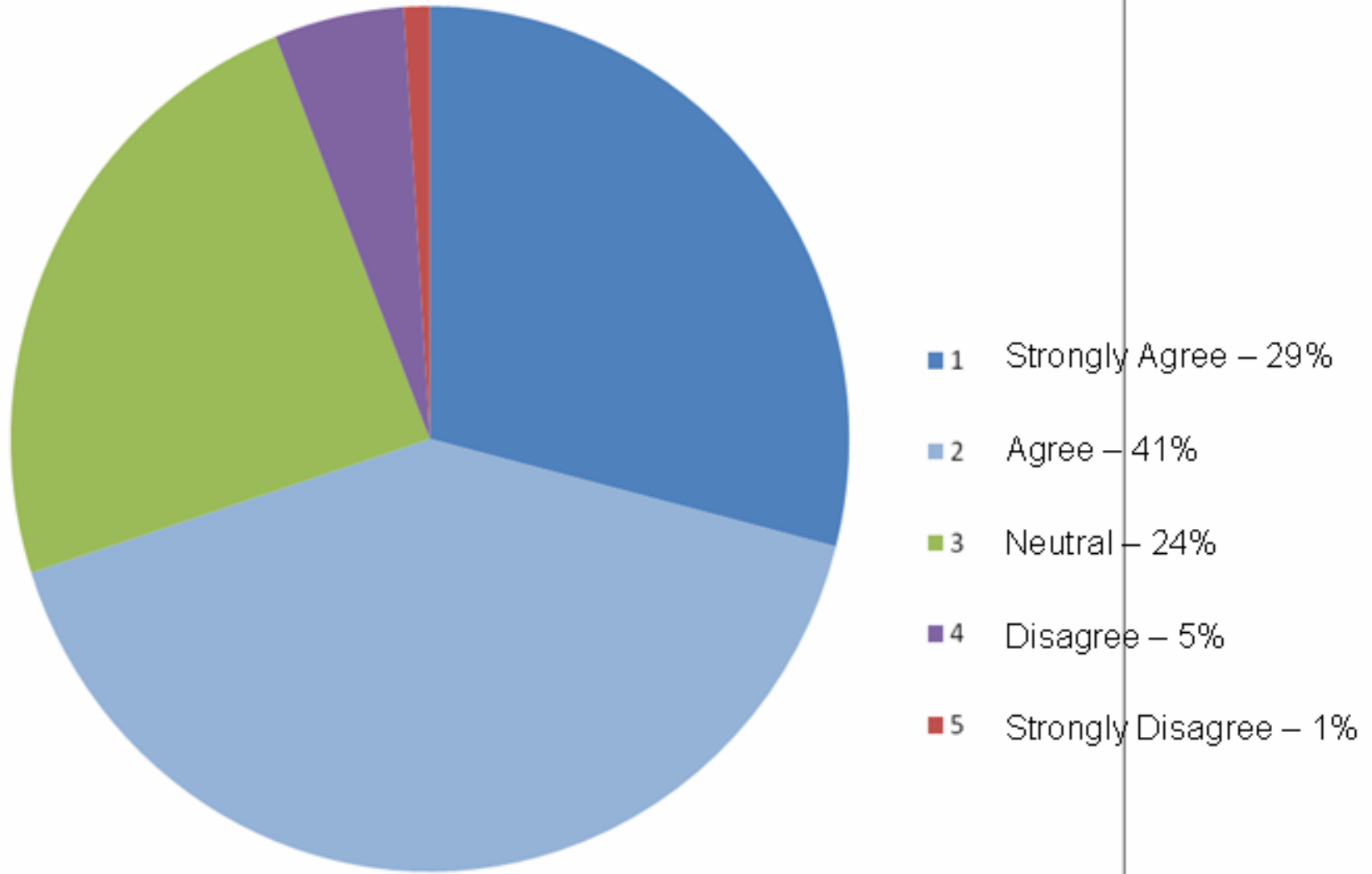
Standard 3: Supporting Student Success



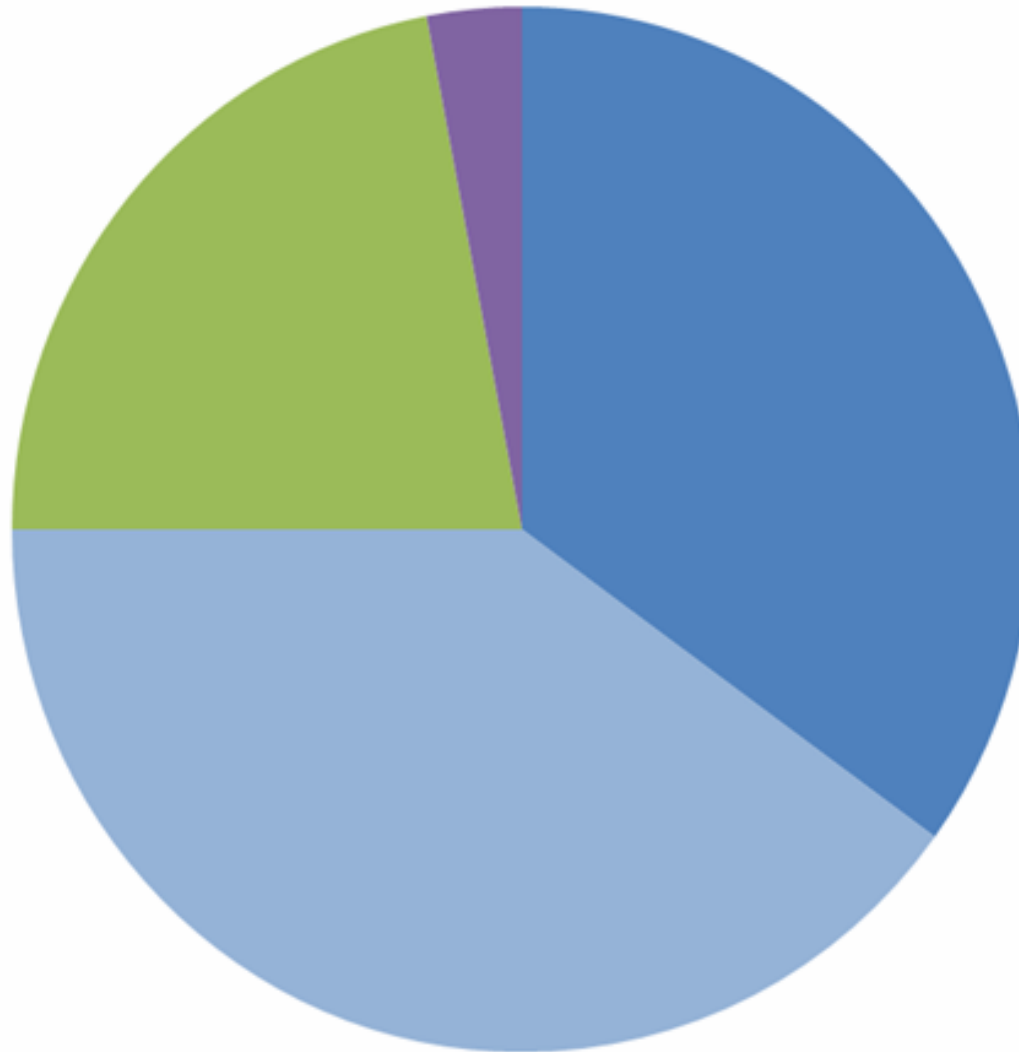
Standard 4: Speaking Up for Every Child



Standard 5: Sharing Power



Standard 6: Collaborating with Community



- 1 Strongly Agree – 35%
- 2 Agree – 40%
- 3 Neutral – 22%
- 4 Disagree – 3%
- 5 Strongly Disagree – 0%

Fundraising - Necessary Evil

- Fall Fundraiser - QSP - Raised over \$10,000 for our school! Up slightly from last year.



- Spring Fundraiser - Cookie Dough - Will raise approximately \$3,500 - down significantly from last year.

- Spirit Nights - Will raise between \$800 and \$1,000.

Attendance has been mixed. First month at Fuddruckers raised over \$250!!! Other months have averaged around \$100.



Labels Makes A Difference



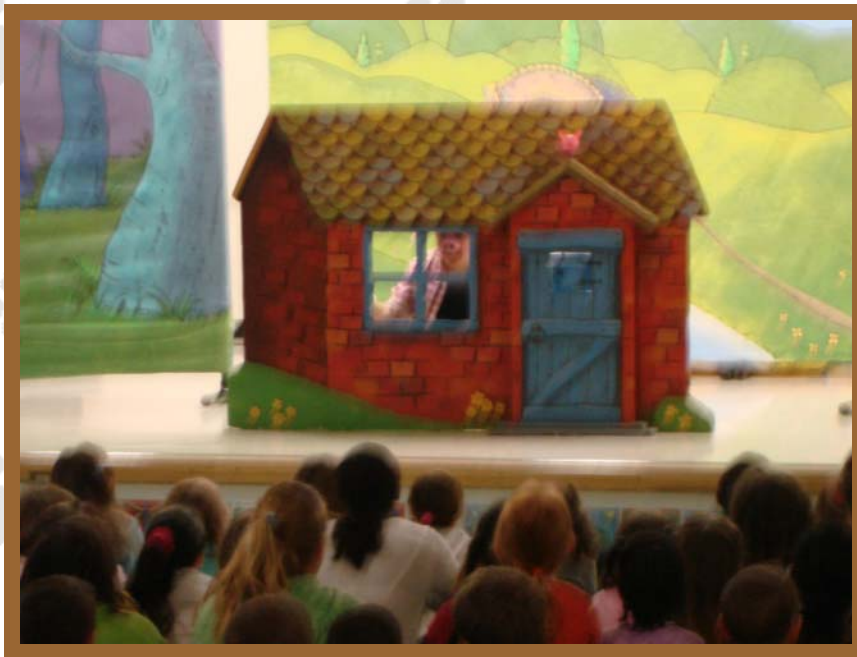
Sending labels to school is a wonderful way to support PTA and our students!

- Boxtops and Soup Labels - Raised over \$2,000 to date
- Skate Nights - Will raise between \$500 and \$750.
- Spring Carnival - Hoping to raise over \$5,000.

PTA Investments in our School

- Sponsored H.A.L.L. Tutoring Program
- Funded Kindergarten Orientation
- Purchased holiday decorations for school
- Purchased supplies for music room
- Purchased art supplies

- Funded Artist-in-Residence program
- Purchased Emergency Response Kit for health room
- Funded Greenville Little Theatre in-school field trip



- Sponsored the ART Smart program through Challenge Classes
- Purchased novels for grade levels
- Sponsored Topcat Citizen of the Month
- Sponsored Write Ingredient Recognition Program



- Purchased World Book On-Line
- Sponsored testing incentive programs - including providing snacks and breakfast to all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students during PASS testing periods
- Put aside funds to assist in grounds beautification projects
- Coordinated fall playground clean-up day and purchased play-safe mulch
- Sponsored attendance Blitz

- Sponsored regular Coffee Chats and Dessert Dialogues
- Sponsored SEEDS reading program
- Sponsored year-end awards and recognition programs
- Put together scrapbook of events and activities
- Sponsored PTA Reflections art contest
- Sponsored Red Ribbon Week activities

- Purchased monthly Scholastic Magazine for all Kindergarten students
- Sponsored a donation train during the holidays
- Sponsored the student science fair and provided prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each classroom
- Sponsored monthly staff appreciation events
- Distributed monthly newsletter
- Hosted 2 Scholastic book fairs
- Contracted to re-surface the playground
- Provided support and volunteers during school events
- Sponsor annual Field Day activities

Goals for 2009/2010

- Improve communications to include interactive calendar of events and volunteer needs available on-line or through telephone answering system.
- Implement a Dad's Volunteer Program.
- Further develop the Topcat Mentor program and fully implement in 2009/2010 to help new families learn about volunteer opportunities.
- Empower volunteers and committee heads to take action.

- Further build community partnerships.
- Identify opportunities for volunteers who want to help from home or after school hours.



- Spread responsibility - no one volunteer should be responsible for multiple projects - especially when time schedules overlap.
- Ask for help!