

Dear Community Member,

Alice Birney Elementary is a part of the **International Baccalaureate** (“IB”) worldwide organization that shares the commitment to quality international education. The IB program is a highly sought-after framework that encourages academic and personal development for all students. **“The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better more peaceful world.”** Our motto is “Think Globally, Learn Locally.”

Our mission is to raise money to ensure the continuation of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) at Birney. **Without funding from FOABE, Birney would not be able to maintain this highly-valued International Baccalaureate (IB) Education.** This academic program has helped double our enrollment, achieve excellent test scores, and attract students and families from outside our district.

Our fundraising goal for the 2017-18 school year is hefty. **We need to bring in over \$130,000** to support this year’s IB PYP development fees, student field trips, assemblies, classroom supplies, end-of-year attendance rewards, as well as our Spanish, Art, and Garden enrichment classes. All of this is necessary to sustain our IB learner profile and unfortunately, is NOT funded by the district. Therefore, **we can’t do it alone!**

We are seeking community members (YOU!) to help support our school by contributing via financial or in-kind donations. We are hosting fundraising events this year for which we need a variety of silent auction items and raffle prizes (*i.e.*, gift cards, merchandise, vouchers). We welcome cash or matching donations, as well. Please see the Pledge Form for which your sponsorship level will be recognized. Your support at any level is greatly appreciated. **Thank you for making a donation to support a healthy community and a stronger future!**

Very Truly Yours,

Wendy DeCesare
President, Friends of Alice Birney Elementary

**“Because the teachers don’t give up, we never give up on ourselves.
We have empathy so we care for others.”**

-Student at Alice Birney Elementary