

An aerial, wide-angle photograph of a large crowd of people, mostly children and adults, gathered in a schoolyard. The crowd is arranged in a large, irregular shape, possibly forming a heart or a large letter. The schoolyard is paved and has some colorful markings. In the background, there are school buildings, a playground with red equipment, and a parking lot with several cars. The sky is clear and blue.

Alice Birney Elementary

Parent Organizations and Volunteer Guide

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2022-2023

A Reference Guide to your school's organizations, their function, and the broad spectrum of volunteering opportunities available for all.



ALICE BIRNEY ELEMENTARY IB WORLD SCHOOL

“Think Globally, Learn Locally”

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Birney Mission Statement:

Our goal at Alice Birney Elementary, an International Studies Magnet, is to promote students who demonstrate an age-appropriate depth of understanding of the world around them - politically, socially and culturally.

Our students will develop using their knowledge to promote peace, tolerance and understanding of others in their daily actions.

Our aim is to nurture inquisitiveness, independence and caring in our young people so that they will act to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

By fifth grade, our students will be well on their way to becoming active, compassionate and peaceful citizens of the world community.



International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme



Birney Elementary is part of the IB worldwide organization that shares the commitment to quality international education. Teachers receive special training throughout the year to support the principles of the IB program and develop curriculum that is taught in schools worldwide.

You are an integral part of our program, and you are key to its success. Becoming a world-class organization requires teamwork, and we are better every year at working together in the service of our Birney students. Our motto is “Think globally, learn locally,” which means we take into account the global perspective in addition to our own, and we recognize and respect the last thought in the IBO’s mission statement which is that **“Other people, with their differences, may also be right.”**



Birney’s IB Learner Profile Traits and Attitudes

We strive to be inquiring, balanced, reflective, principled, open minded, caring and knowledgeable communicators, risk takers and, most of all, thinkers.

We are learning to be appreciative, confident, cooperative, curious, committed, creative, enthusiastic, empathetic, independent, respectful and tolerant.

To learn more about the International Baccalaureate program, please visit www.ibo.org



Specials @ Birney

Every week Birney students are given the opportunity to enrich and enhance their classroom experience through a rotation of four special classes consisting of Spanish, Art, Garden and Physical Education.

The Specials curriculum is designed to complement district funded in-class learning and support the commitment to Birney's Mission Statement and its responsibilities under the IB Primary Years Programme.

Specials classes grant students the ability to learn and explore in ways that they would not encounter in other classroom settings and allows for greater collaboration among the grade-level teachers to ensure their success.

Funds raised by the [Friends of Alice Birney Elementary Foundation](#) support the IB program by funding Specials Classes, annual IB program fees, training, field trips and assemblies, all of which are designed to meet the IB learner profile.

None of this would be possible without the essential financial support provided via generous donations from friends and family of the Birney community, our local business sponsors and the fundraising efforts of the Foundation.



Birney's Parent Organizations

The parent organizations at Alice Birney Elementary are comprised of two elements: The Birney Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and the Friends of Alice Birney Elementary Foundation (FOABE). Both associations are 501c3 charitable organizations and both work to enrich and support the International Baccalaureate Program as well as the school community as a whole.

Both organizations hold a joint Parent and Teacher Organization Meeting on the 4th Thursday of month when school is in session.

Alice Birney PTA

The Birney PTA works to enhance the educational enrichment of and advocate on behalf of all our students by actively engaging the participation and volunteer efforts of our school's families, teachers, and community. Funds raised by the PTA go toward providing educational assemblies, family engagement activities, parent education and enrichment events at our school.

<http://www.birneypta.com>

Mark Wang—President
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Contact for PTA: info@birneypta.com

Friends of Alice Birney Elementary (FOABE) Foundation

The mission of The Friends of Alice Birney Elementary (FOABE) is to raise money to maintain and raise Alice Birney Elementary's high academic standards through the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, and support all necessary programs to that end.

<http://friendsofalicebirney.org>

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Birney Fundraising Events

Fundraisers coordinated by FOABE fund the IB program development fees, as well as Specials Programs: Spanish, Garden, and Arts (fine art, theater, dance), educational assemblies, field trips, and enrichment events at our school. All activities listed here are vital for our students' enrichment, so it is important we raise funds through our events each year.

Fall Fundraiser – This is our first fundraiser of the year. Students ask friends and relatives to support their school by purchasing eco-friendly bags, home accessories and gifts through our online fundraising partner, Boon Supply. If you would like to volunteer, contact: Hannah Going info@friendsofalicebirney.org

Family Dinner Nights – Birney family and friends meet periodically throughout the year at a designated restaurant. A portion of the sales from that day go to FOABE. We are currently brainstorming opportunities in a socially distanced reality. If you would like to help, please contact: - Fran Daly president@friendsofalicebirney.org

BIG Give - This is our annual one-day fundraising drive. Pledges are given online as we watch the thermometer rise to meet the event goal. Volunteers are needed to increase awareness for this event and reach out to the community. Please contact: Erin MacKinnon - info@friendsofalicebirney.org

Hive Hunt - This is Birney's newest annual event. It is a scavenger hunt around University Heights.

Run for the Green – This annual event in mid-March offers a fun opportunity for kids to get involved in raising money for Birney as a team supported by teachers, staff, the outside community and our own personal communities of family, friends and co-workers. The kids run laps and can encourage their family, friends, and neighbors to sponsor them through online donations or through paper forms provided to them. There are various prizes and recognition opportunities for many levels and every type of support. To volunteer to help with the MOST EXCITING event of the year, Contact: Fran Daly - president@friendsofalicebirney.org

Pride Parade Parking – It is uncertain whether or not the San Diego PRIDE parade will occur in July 2023, but if it does, we'll be back with this fun and easy fundraiser! Help out in the morning with directing cars to park in the adjacent lot to Birney. We have raised over \$6000 each year for this one day event. Interested in helping out? Contact: info@friendsofalicebirney.org



Passive Fundraisers

[Farm Fresh to You Fundraiser](#)

Support Alice Birney Elementary School

Receive fresh, organic produce conveniently delivered right to your home or office while earning 10% for Alice Birney Elementary School! Farm Fresh To You, a family farm growing organically since 1976, is proud to partner with Alice Birney Elementary School to offer our members a healthy way to fundraise.



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[Give A Latte](#)

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For the cost of 1 latte a week you can help fund the IB education of 1 student. That's something to drink about!

 <http://friendsofalicebirney.org/give-a-latte/>



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Donate any amount at any time to help support our outstanding IB Curriculum and academic programs (Tax ID #: 27-2414127)
Donations can be made online at <http://friendsofalicebirney.org/donate> or via check throughout the year. Please send a check made payable to the following:

Friends of Alice Birney Elementary
PO Box 635343
San Diego, CA 92163

For all donations, please include a note to let us know what student(s) &/or initiatives you are supporting!
Your contribution is greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support!



Programs and Activities

PTA Book fair – The scholastic book fair provides an opportunity for students and families to purchase books and support their school PTA simultaneously. The book fair occurs twice a year during parent-teacher conference week. It is always met with great excitement by students and teachers alike. This year the book fair will be held entirely online.

Contact: info@birneypta.com

Bedtime Stories – In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, Birney participates in this nationwide event by hosting a wonderful night of stories read by staff, family members and special community guests. All are invited to attend in their most comfortable attire – including pajamas – and have their favorite blanket to snuggle up and hear lovely tales. This year bedtime stories will be back on Zoom. Volunteers to read or recruit readers are always welcomed.

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Kindness Week – This is a wonderful week where all students, staff, and faculty come together and focus on kindness activities on campus and beyond. Virtual sessions will be set up with materials sent home to do things like write notes of appreciation, make friendship bracelets, and similar activities to engage of acts of kindness throughout the week.

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Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week –

Students make cards and notes to show their appreciation for Birney staff and teachers; the PTA organizes meals and snacks for teachers. Donations from parents gratefully accepted.

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Passport to Adventure – Our Passport to Adventure festival is Birney’s opportunity to share our International Baccalaureate program with the community, and it is our best- attended event every year. Each grade researches a different country and hosts a booth featuring a food, a game, and a craft from that country. We will announce our reimagined festival sometime this year to continue this tradition even under distance constraints.

Contact: info@birneypta.com

Star Party – This event coincides with the First Grade IB Unit and helps our students to look to the stars to contemplate our place in the world. This year we plan to partner with the Fleet Science Center to host a virtual lesson on the night sky with activities to do at home to explore the solar system and beyond from our own backyards.

Contact: info@birneypta.com

Jump for Heart – This event is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. The kids jump rope together as a school and garner financial support for this this worthy cause. Details for this event is still in the works for this year.

Contact: Coach Lord – clord1@sandi.net

As our parent organizations continue to grow, we encourage all parents to join in making a difference for our school, our staff and for our children!

Stay informed and get involved! Please see the links below for further information:

www.friendsofalicebirney.org info@friendsofalicebirney.org www.birneypta.com info@birneypta.com

Facebook: Birney Elementary BUZZ Instagram: @friendsofbirney

Look for this button to sign up to volunteer for events!



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