



# Friends of Bidwell

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## We Just Keep Rollin' Along

Our donors, the Friends of Bidwell, continue to provide the BJHSF Board with the means to carry on the work of supporting the classrooms and students of Bidwell Junior High School. Annual classroom grants exceeded \$3,000 in 2013. Since its inception in 2005, the Foundation has granted over \$33,000 worth of materials, supplies, and equipment into classrooms and related educational programs. These funds have filled the void created by budget cuts which have left classroom teachers without the means to adequately support the curriculum. Additionally, the FOBs have provided the Board with funds to maintain the **John Schulz Memorial Endowment**.



- ✓ 6 Canon Powershot cameras for yearbook & computer classes
- ✓ 30 scientific calculators
- ✓ DVDs for History classes
- ✓ Various books for English courses
- ✓ Instrument repair for Band
- ✓ Backpacks & basic supplies for students who cannot afford them
- ✓ Assessment & basic skills programs for Math, Language, Reading, Writing, Vocabulary & test prep.
- ✓ Student-requested books for classroom libraries

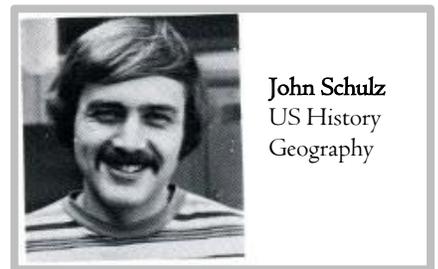
## John Schulz Memorial Endowment

*The John Schulz Memorial Endowment* was established in 2007 with a \$2,000 grant from the BJHS Foundation.

John was a decades-long Bidwell teacher, well-loved and highly respected. The Endowment is a long-term project for the purpose of establishing a permanent source of funding for the Foundation and its grants to Bidwell. The Board intends to grow the Fund to a level which will permit the use of earned investment income without reducing the principal capital value. At that point, there will be classroom funding support for as long as there is a Bidwell Junior High School.

The Endowment grows in three ways: donations from Friends of Bidwell directed specifically to the endowment, optional annual grants from the Foundation General Fund, and investment income. In the past 12 months, the Endowment earned \$3,500 in investment income. The Foundation funds are invested by our parent organization, the North Valley Community Foundation. These three sources of growth have lifted the Endowment value to over \$21,000.

Although he does not wish to be publicly praised, the Board would like to recognize our most faithful and generous donor to the Endowment. David Hoppe was a Bidwell teacher back in the day and was a good friend to staff members, including John Schulz. Thankfully, Dave is joined by many other FOBs who continue to support the Endowment as well as our ongoing grant program.



**John Schulz**  
US History  
Geography

**John Schulz 1979 Yearbook Photo**

# The Sound of Music – Again!

For the past few years there has been no band at Bidwell. This was an inevitable result of the CUSD Board of Education's decision to cancel instrumental music education in the elementary schools. There were no entering seventh-grade musicians, so the Bidwell band eventually ceased to exist. When that same effect was realized at Pleasant Valley High School, it became evident that soon there would be no Viking Band either. That startling revelation led your Foundation Board to take action in order to bring the music back to Bidwell, which would once again supply a number of ninth-grade musicians to PV and keep the Viking Band going. It was a long shot, and we knew we couldn't do it alone, but we determined to give it a try.

Working with the Bidwell staff, we arranged to have an existing (funded) after-school program modified to include instrumental music instruction. That meant that PV Music Man, Dan Holmes, would spend an hour after the regular school day teaching Bidwell students and McManus sixth-graders how to play band instruments. Your Foundation provided funds to repair some of the old instruments still at Bidwell and solicited instrument donations from the public. Appropriate sheet music was donated by the Chico Community Band. The after-school program met with modest but adequate success.

That success means that there were enough new ninth-grade musicians this year to keep the PV Band going, and Bidwell now has a period of band included in the regular school day. This class has already produced a Pioneer Band which has given solid concert performances. Great credit must be given to Dan Holmes and the new PV/Bidwell Music Man, Ryan Heimlich. Mr. Heimlich has plans for continued recruiting of sixth- and seventh-graders to the joys of making music. Mr. H has been *instrumental* in *directing* new students such as *Claire Annette Reed* to learn to play in *concert* with others. Heimlich's *forte* is to be able to *maneuver* within the system in an *upbeat* fashion to ensure a *crescendo* of positive results.



## The Band is Back!

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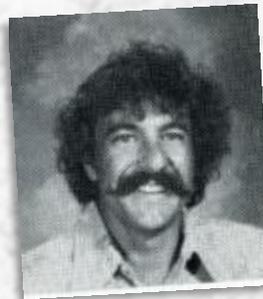
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Mary Allinger, JoAna Brooks, Bill Carter, Laurie DeBock, Todd and Jennifer (Fullmer) Harris, Dan Nguyen-Tan, Judi Roth, and Mike Schulz

## Name That Teacher!

Over the years, Bidwell has had countless extraordinary teachers.

If you can name all three of these former teachers, you will receive a one-year free subscription to this newsletter!



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