



# FRIENDS OF BIDWELL

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## Foundation at Work

Since its establishment in 2005, the Bidwell Junior High School Foundation has granted in excess of \$23,000 to Bidwell classrooms, library, and educational programs. The Foundation derives its funding primarily from individual donors - the Friends of Bidwell. Among the FOBs are Bidwell alumni, former Bidwell teachers and staff members, parents of Bidwell students and other interested community members.

The need for outside funding became increasingly apparent as the 21<sup>st</sup> century got underway. School budgets were cut, and one of the first things to go was adequate support for classroom supplies, materials, and equipment. Budgets continue to be cut, and there is no hope that support for these classroom necessities will be resumed in the foreseeable future.

Many teachers have attempted to replace classroom budgets with their own money, but while that effort is commendable, it is not adequate, nor is it fair to expect those individuals to accept responsibility for failed budgets. It is pleasing to your Foundation Board Members and our many FOB Donors, that we have been able to fill such an important need at Bidwell Junior High School. Due to the generosity of the Friends of Bidwell, many present-day Mighty Pioneers are benefiting from improved educational opportunities. Congratulations to you all!

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## 2011 Classroom Grants by FOB \$\$

In 2011, the Foundation Board approved 19 classroom grants, ranging from \$50 to \$600, and totaling \$5300. A sample of the grants includes:

- Videos to supplement and enrich reading topics (Eleanor Roosevelt Biography, *Ulysses*, *Fiki Tikki Tavi*, *Flowers for Algernon*, *The Outsiders*).
- Backpacks and basic school supplies for kids who cannot afford them.
- Supplies for science projects.
- Reading incentive rewards (basic school supplies - erasers, pencils, paper, etc.).
- World History folders, materials, and art supplies for Learning Stations.
- Support for CSU field trips and math materials for Special Education students.
- Student bus passes for kids who cannot afford school transportation.
- New compasses for geometry classes.
- Digital cameras and Web Cams for photography class.
- Poster size graph paper for math classes.
- Expendable equipment and supplies for Physical Education.
- A one year supply of pencils that are given as rewards for participation in B.E.S.T. (Building Effective Schools Together) program.
- Electric pencil sharpener for "The Learning Center" in room 301.

*Without the generous FOB donations, none of these, nor other grants would have been made. The BJHSF Board is grateful to all those who have chosen to support the present day Pioneers.*

## The John Schulz Memorial Endowment

In 2011, The John Schulz Memorial Endowment Fund received \$1,760 in donations from our many Friends of Bidwell. Also in 2011, the principal value of the Endowment was reduced by about 6% due to the difficult investment climate in this time of economic slowdown. As we begin 2012, considering these two factors, the total value of the Endowment is \$11,480. It is expected that as the markets rebound and advance, the Endowment will also rebound and resume its growth, which averaged about 10% in the years preceding the recession.

The JSM Endowment was established in 2007 with a \$2000 grant from the BJHS Foundation. The intent of this long term project is to establish a permanent source of funding for Bidwell Junior High School. When the Fund's principal rises to a significant level, dividends and investment income will be made available to Bidwell classrooms, while maintaining the principal value.

For 2011, FOB donors to the Fund include David Hoppe, Vicki Bertaina, Mike and Sue Christensen, Hal and Linda Ellis, Dan and Kate Holmes, Ramona Flynn, Charles and Patsie Fullmer, Robert and Anita Main, Robert and Marsha Sanders, Melanie Sanford, Carol and John Watson, and Melvin Crudley.

When Schulz was a Rookie!



## Meet Your 2012 Foundation Officers and Board Members!

At the November 2011 Board meeting, Officers were elected for 2012 and 2013. The two-year term of office began in January. Here are the results of the election:

### BJHSF Board 2012 - 2013

**Ann Castle, President**  
**Betty Barsuglia, Vice President**  
**Marsha Sanders, Secretary**  
**Linda Wilbur, Treasurer**  
**Ann Castle, Classroom Grant Coordinator**  
**John Watson, Publicity Director**

**Members:** Mary Allinger, Dick Cory, Bill Dixon, Ramona Flynn, Juliet Hauser, Kate Holmes, and Carol Watson

**BJHSF Associate Members:** Bruce Besnard, JoAna Brooks, Bill Carter, Mike Higginson, Dan Nguyen-Tan, Judi Roth, and Mike Schulz.