



# FRIENDS OF BIDWELL

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## Endowment

The **John Schulz Memorial Endowment** was established in 2007 with a \$2000 grant from the BJHSF Board. The Endowment is part of a long range plan by the Board to establish a permanent source of funding to enable the BJHSF to support the educational programs at Bidwell. Although this financial goal is a long way off, progress in 2008 and 2009 has been encouraging.

The Endowment grows in three ways: direct donations from Friends of Bidwell (you), interest earned on the principle, and a yearly grant from the BJHSF General Fund of up to 20% of donations for that year, as per Board policy. This Fund, like our General and Operations Funds, is maintained and administered by the North Valley Community Foundation for a modest fee. In 2009 the fee was \$44.28. Accordingly, as we enter 2010, the Endowment has increased to \$6,253. The Board seeks and welcomes donations directed to the Endowment.



## Friends of Bidwell Come Through

All of you FOBs made 2009 a very good year for the Bidwell Junior High School Foundation. It was a difficult recession year for most non-profit organizations; donations were down by 30% to 40%. Donations to your Foundation, however, kept pace with the record year of 2008 and the number of FOBs actually increased. These remarkable figures speak to the generosity of our Donors, even at a time when the general economy is weak and many individuals are at risk financially. Apparently, FOBs realize that school budgets continue to decline and that current Pioneers need our help more than ever.

Since the Foundation was established in 2005, over \$7,000 has been granted to classrooms to support educational programs at Bidwell. These grants have been supported by donations from FOBs, primarily in our annual fund drive. The Foundation takes part in the "Amie Bs Community Fund Drive" each Fall, sponsored by the North Valley Community Foundation. The NVCF adds a percentage of matching funds to the amount donated to BJHSF. These funds are placed in our General Fund which supplies our annual classroom grant needs.



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## Who Are the FOBs?

The Friends of Bidwell who have supported the Foundation since its inception in 2005 are other folks like you: former teachers; former staff members; former students; parents of former students; current staff and teachers; Bidwell spouses and parents; and some interested businesses. Current BJHSF Board of Directors:

**John Watson, President.** Retired teacher with 31 years at Bidwell

**Dick Cory, Vice President.** Retired teacher with 28 years at Bidwell

**Ramona Flynn, Secretary.** Retired teacher with 25 years at Bidwell

**Linda Wilbur, Treasurer.** Retired staff member with 25 years at Bidwell

**Mary Watson Allinger, Member.** Former Bidwell student.

**Juliet Hauser, Member.** Former Bidwell student, Butte College Math Instructor.

**BJHSF Associate Members:** JoAna Brooks, Bill Carter, Mike Higginson, Dan Nguyen-Tan, Mike Schulz and Carol Walton.

## Your Donations at Work!

**Demonstration Table with Overhead Mirror.** *It is wonderful to have the demo table. It is helpful to be able to demonstrate and have everyone see - even in the back of the room. Thank you so much!*

-Denise Coppage/Home Economics

**Paperback Dictionaries to be shared between 2 classes.** *The dictionaries are used by students daily. Thanks! We use the dictionaries for our vocabulary building activities. They are very useful.*

-Jim Nash & Bob Duchala/History & ESL

**Hand held White Boards.** *I purchased enough white boards to complete my class set which allows all of my students to participate. I use my hand held white boards for chapter review. It allows the students to get immediate feedback, which helps them prepare for their test.*

-Marjorie Kucich/Math

**Backpacks.** *Thanks go out to the Bidwell Foundation for continuing to buy much needed backpacks for our students the past few years. I really appreciate being able to help these students and their families.*

-Lisa Winslow, Counselor

**Two sets of Bluford High novel series totaling 30 books.** *These books are in great demand by students, but our lack of library budget prevents their purchase. A student recently told me she had never finished a novel. I encouraged her to check out one of the Bluford High books, which she did. Less than a week later, she came back to tell me she loved the book, and asked to check out another so she wouldn't "run out" over the weekend. The Bluford High series books have circulated a total of 60 times since they were purchased. Thank you!*

-Liesl Jones, Librarian