



Bidwell Junior High School Foundation

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As we close-out 2021, the state of the Foundation is sound. We intend to hit the ground running in 2022 and build on our first 17 years of service. These successes are primarily due to our faithful donors, the **Friends of Bidwell**, aka the FOB. Other sources of income over the years include:

Walmart: \$1,500 to the General Fund
Discovery Shoppe: \$10,000 to support the reestablishment of the Bidwell Band and music program.
North Valley Community Foundation: \$18,900 to assist Camp Fire survivors enrolled at Bidwell.
Project Success (NVCF): \$30,500 over a six-year period. This fund was established anonymously through NVCF to support children without adequate family financial resources - currently 57% of the Bidwell student population.
Fundraisers: Sin of Cortez, Japanese Blossoms, Chipotle and Round Table totalling \$5,537.

The Foundation supports the students and educational programs at Bidwell by making cash grants to teachers and staff from the Foundation General Fund. Staff members complete an application describing the items to be purchased, how they are to be used and the cost. Each application is then reviewed by the Board at a monthly meeting, approving or denying the request.

In addition to the aforementioned financial actions, the Board established a memorial endowment in honor of teacher John Schulz and long-time staff and BJHS Foundation Treasurer, Linda Wilbur. (continued on back)

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Japanese Blossoms

will be donating a percentage of all receipts received between **5pm and 9pm.**

PLEASE JOIN US! Dine-in or take-out!
Enjoy a wonderful meal and say hello to former classmates, teachers and staff.

located at
2995 Esplanade
(corner of Shasta and Esplanade)



Your Donations Making a Difference!

The BJHS Foundation Board approved 25 staff requested grants in 2021. Thirteen grants were funded by the donations of the F.O.B. The Project Success and Camp Fire grant proposals approved by the North Valley Community Foundation's Chico Children's Endowment fund and Butte Strong fund financed the remaining twelve. These grants provided school supplies, backpacks, hygiene kits, bus passes, clothing and grocery gift cards to economically disadvantaged, foster or homeless students and families impacted by the Camp Fire. Here are just some of the grants made possible by the F.O.B.:

- Computer workstation podium with wheels
- Organizational tools for science department curricula and lab materials.
- Sound machine to insure privacy during counseling sessions. Timers to keep track of time during counseling sessions. (continued on back)

I would like to thank the Foundation for the set of mini-whiteboards for my math classes. My students love using them in class to show their math ... and it makes the lesson more fun! We truly appreciate what the Foundation provides for our wonderful Bidwell Students! Thanks!

~ Jennifer Carlson

FUNDRAISING



For the third time in four years, Sin of Cortez restaurant partnered with the Foundation for a tasty fundraiser. Owner, Danielle Lus generously donated a portion of the selected day's receipts to the Foundation. This included all dine-in, take-out and drive-through breakfast and lunch sales!

Foundation Treasurer, Mike Christensen, is pictured here accepting the check from Danielle. She said it was one of the most successful



fundraisers she has ever sponsored and that the FOBs, BJHS staff and parents "really stepped up to the plate". We appreciate all who participated in helping make this such a successful event. Stay tuned and watch website for future events.

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DONATIONS (continued)

- Worm farm to teach students about composting.
- Art supplies for group counseling sessions.
- Popcorn machine and sound, speaker and microphone system.
- Sketchbooks to support student mental wellness.
- Cards, board games and learning games for student social mentoring groups.
- Seat cushions and fidget toys
- Classroom set of calculators for math
- Four classroom sets of Headphones to be used for the school-wide online reading program and standardized testing in English classrooms.

"Knowing that the Foundation values and supports our needs is amazing. Your quick response to our request makes it possible for us to have a clean, working pair of headphones for every student who needs one. The kids love the fun colors and I am convinced they take better care of them for this reason!"- Hollis Enserro, Annalisa Hansen, Michelle Lond, Jennifer Carlson, Kamala Purl



Several murals painted in the halls of Bidwell by former Bidwell student, Christian Garcia. Visit bjhsfoundation.com for more pictures and details.



1973 BIDWELL BAND

Can you name five people in this 1973 BIDWELL BAND picture? If you can, let us know at www.bjhsfoundation.com or on Facebook. You could win a FREE subscription to our FREE newsletter!

