

August 2016



Dear Burley Community -

Last year, an incredible 64% of you donated to the Friends of Burley (FOB) Annual Fund - Thank You! Your donations make an impactful difference in real ways.

If you are new to Burley, welcome! You have entered into a community with an incredible legacy of giving – the parents that have come before you have helped make Burley School into the place our children enjoy today. Donations to Friends of Burley provide the Burley School administration the stability and resources they need to keep Burley School the amazing place it is. The Annual Fund is FOB's single largest fundraising effort and invites every family to contribute towards Friends of Burley's year end goals.

The Annual Fund's success is measured by the percentage of families participating - any donation of ANY amount counts and helps us achieve our goal. This year it has the ambitious goal of 70% parent participation. Burley School is opening with an overall operating budget decrease of 4% from Fall 2015. This makes funds raised more important than ever. This year, the Burley School Administration has allocated Friends of Burley funds towards essential staffing, the music and technology programs, literacy support, classroom libraries, classroom-based technology upgrades and Burley's all-new Makers lab. These are all things that contribute to Burley School's one-of-a-kind curriculum and overall school stability – Burley would be quite a different place without them.

It's simple to donate online at friendsofburley.org. You'll also find an easy link to find out if your company matches and the option to customize your giving in installments. A suggested per-child donation amount helps ensure FOB will achieve its important goals - goals set through careful planning with the Burley School Administration and based on the school's current financial needs. There is also a giving form on the back of this letter.

With our sincere appreciation, admiration and thanks for everything you do for Burley.

Raise It Up!

Arlyne Chin, FOB President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Arlyne Chin".

Catherine Plocher, Burley Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Catherine Plocher".



PS: This year every family who gives will get a 'ROAR' yard sign, while supplies last. And, as usual, there are plenty of fun contests planned - so stay tuned! Remember once you've given, your kids are entered in any subsequent contests. More importantly, you've helped ensure Burley School's continued success at a time when your donations are what give our school what it needs to thrive.

Friends of Burley 2016-2017 Annual Fund

Give online, it's easy:
friendsofburley.org/annualfund
Customize your donation (installment plans available)

Suggested donation
per student:

\$700

(Every donation
makes a difference)



Free yard sign with every donation!

Choose your thank you gift:

- 'ROAR' yard sign.
 - I live near Burley! Please place in my yard at: _____ (address)
 - I'll pick it up from Burley School one morning before Principal Plocher's Coffee Talks
- I'd rather have a magnet for my car, please deliver via my child's folder

Give online OR return this form with your cash or check

Name:	_____	Address:	_____
City, State, ZIP:	_____	Phone:	_____
		Email:	_____
Child's name:	_____	Grade/teacher:	_____
Child's name:	_____	Grade/teacher:	_____
Child's name:	_____	Grade/teacher:	_____

Return this form via child's backpack or mail to:
Friends of Burley c/o Burley School, 1630 W. Barry Ave, Chicago, IL 60657

The Friends of Burley is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization whose sole mission is to raise money to support Burley School. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law, and may be eligible for a matching donation from your employer.