

Dear Burley Grandfriend –

We wanted to thank those who made it to our 4th annual Grandparents Breakfast and Burley's Explore More presentations, and share some of the magic of these events with those who couldn't join us.



On February 27th, every Burley student invited their community to learn about their inquiry projects on a variety of engaging topics. From Mexico's Day of the Dead to the Dust Bowl, students presented their projects to an audience of parents, grandparents and other students. This annual tradition is organized by our talented staff and administration and allows students to collaborate with one another and dive deep into topics that interest them. The students work hard for this day and that's why it's heartwarming to have people participate from near and far.

Take a look at [this video](#) to see what this year's Explore More was like.

Before the event, Friends of Burley and the Burley PTA hosted grandparents with a welcome breakfast.

Despite frigid temperatures, the turnout was great! Students from every grade got up to talk about their presentations, Principal Plocher talked about the school and Explore More, and grandparents were treated to a delicious breakfast buffet made for them with love by Burley parent volunteers.





During the breakfast, Principal Plocher and Friends of Burley representatives also had a chance to talk about how the Burley School budget works.

They explained that, due to the continued lack of adequate state funding, Burley parents, community members and grandparents have donated to the school for years to make sure Burley has what it needs to stay so amazing. These donations have built playgrounds. Paid for the prestigious Merit Music program for all grades. Covered staffing shortfalls. Purchased books, technology equipment and classroom materials. And bought soccer balls. Whatever needs to happen, our community has supported Friends of Burley to make sure that our students have what they need to excel.

Together we are working to make Burley a place where your grandchildren can grow and show how special they are – but we can't do it without your help. If you haven't already, please consider supporting Burley School with a donation.

**If you'd like to participate, here's how:**



The [Annual Fund](#) is Friends of Burley's single largest fundraiser. [Donate Online](#) or send a check to the school (made payable to and c/o Friends of Burley, 1630 W. Barry Ave, Chicago, IL 60657) and write 'Annual Fund' in the memo.



Buy a customizable [legacy brick](#) to be installed in the front walkway of the school.



The [Walkathon and Fitness Challenge](#) - Pledge your favorite Burley student in this spring tradition!



With our sincere thanks and appreciation –

*Catherine E. Plocher*

CATHERINE PLOCHER  
Principal

MARC ROTMAN  
President, Friends of Burley

CHRISTINE WILLIAMS  
President, Burley PTA

PS: Do you Facebook? Keep up with Burley happenings - 'like' our 'Burley Community' Facebook page.