



*As 2018 comes to a close, we are thankful to so many of you who put your time and resources behind our public schools, making them a reflection of our best community ideals. Your impact in our public schools is everywhere: you provide students with books to field trips and everything in between, teachers with classroom materials and summer fellowships to broaden their knowledge, and schools with community partnerships with organizations like the Berkeley Symphony and Berkeley Repertory Theatre. **Your annual support makes Berkeley public schools a better place every day. We look forward to celebrating another great school year with you in 2019!***

## GRANTS AND TEACHER SUPPORT



If you haven't taken a look at our Annual Report for 2017-18 yet, click on the cover image showing students on a field trip to the Academy of Sciences. The Annual Report features some of the projects you've made possible, from giving summer reading books to socioeconomically disadvantaged students to state-of-the-art physics labs for all Berkeley High 9th graders.

**This school year, your donations have funded almost \$500,000 in grants, with more Strategic Impact Grants to come.**

Check out the full list of **Classroom Grants** awarded in 2018 [here](#) and see the full of list of **Strategic Impact Grants** awarded so far this year [here](#).



### **Summer Teacher Fellowships**

In the summer of 2018, your support allowed eleven teachers to be awarded [Summer Fellowships](#) including three Thousand Oaks Elementary

teachers who traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico to learn the language and culture in order to more effectively connect with the Spanish-speaking community at their school. There were also six elementary Math teacher leaders who attended the Silicon Valley Math Initiative Summer Coaching Institute.

## TEACHERS' RECEPTION

Every year, the Schools Fund marks the beginning of the holiday season with our annual Teachers' Reception. We invite all of our Classroom Grant recipients and host them with delicious food and wine and let them relax and enjoy time with their fellow teachers. View pictures of the Teachers' Reception [here](#).



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT: STELLA NONNA



The BUSD Homeless Fund helps stabilize the lives of homeless students. Without extra support from the community, BUSD staff wouldn't be able to ensure that homeless students can go to the prom and participate in other student activities. This month, local restaurant Stella Nonna raised \$5,000 towards services for homeless students in BUSD. **Thank you Stella Nonna for lifting up our community!**

## THANK YOU MONKEYPALOOZA!

In December, [Five Little Monkeys](#), Fourth Street's children's gift and toy store, hosted a raffle fundraising for the



Schools Fund during their one year anniversary celebration - Monkeypalooza. The raffle raised money for all Berkeley public

schools and we thank Five Little Monkeys and the community for their generous donation!

## TEACHERS OF BERKELEY: ADAM WEIS

Last month, we featured Adam Weis, 5th grade teacher at Berkeley Arts Magnet (BAM), as our Teacher of Berkeley on our [Facebook page](#). Adam has received a Classroom Grant every year since 2008, and highlighted the role that the Schools Fund played in building capacity for fundraising an annual outdoor education trip, something he's very passionate about. Adam concludes, "It's disheartening that every year there are budget cuts and less that we have to work with, but **knowing that our community has our backs helps.**"



**THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!**

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