



September 26th 2018

Dear Bend International School Families and Supporters:

A big welcome back to our many returning families and a warm welcome to the new ones! We are so excited for the 4th year of fostering a love of learning and building community among our global citizens. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our program this year, and aim for a 100% success rate of academic and social progress for every student.

However, we know we cannot do this alone. As a public charter school, we have the freedom to design and implement an innovative curriculum that meets the needs of our individual students. But the trade-off for this freedom is less funding. We receive less than 85% of the funding that other public schools in the district get, and on top of this we need to pay for our own facility costs. Through our fundraising efforts last year, we were able to carry out a much-needed expansion project for our elementary classrooms over the summer. A gym for the school remains a top priority for facility development, but at a cost of over one million dollars we were unable to achieve this goal last year. However, we are still working hard to make this happen in the future.

The BIS Board of Directors and PTC are joining forces for our second annual Fall Giving Tree Campaign to raise funds for the school. These funds will be used to meet the ongoing needs of the school and continue our expansion.

We hope the BIS Fall Giving Tree Campaign will constitute our second-biggest fundraising event among the BIS community, after the One World Gala which will take place in March 2019. The BIS Board of Directors is asking that each family consider making a donation to support your school:

- With a suggested donation of \$50-100 per student, we could raise over \$10,000 for our school!
- Families who are unable to contribute through time/volunteerism can feel they've made a significant contribution to our school
- No donation is too small (or too large!) and all donations are tax deductible. Families are welcome to contribute in ways that fit individual budgets
- Our aim for this campaign is to get **100% participation from our BIS families**, regardless of the amount you are able to give
- Please make checks out to Bend International School and deliver to the office, or go to [bendinternationalschool.org](http://bendinternationalschool.org) and click on the 'Donate Now' link on the right-hand side of the homepage to donate via PayPal
- The Giving Tree Campaign runs from October 1 to October 31. Please contact board member Angela Spaid ([angelajspaid@gmail.com](mailto:angelajspaid@gmail.com)) with any questions

Thank you so much for supporting your school and helping us to raise the next generation of global citizens!

Warmly,

BIS Board of Directors

***"The future depends on what we do in the present"- Mahatma Gandhi***