



**Dear IB Families**

**Please consider putting a donation to the IBPO near the top of your gift list this year. Each school year we make a request for your support. Let me explain why.** While Mira Loma is a public school, the IB program does not receive funding sufficient to cover its costs. It does receive some state funds and money from the SJUSD. However, the district allocation has remained the same since 1989 yet enrollment is up 1500% and the money is now shared amongst two schools, Churchill and Mira Loma. Thanks to generous donations from our parent community, the IB Parents Organization has stepped in to cover some of the costs. Here is how the IBPO utilized funds last year.

**\$19,000 for IB testing support** - IB testing is central to the program, and funds were needed to rent facilities for testing at La Sierra Community Center (\$2000), for mailing the tests worldwide (\$7000), and for financial assistance to students unable to pay for tests (\$10,000).

**\$7,500 in stipends to the coordinators** - Faculty members give *hundreds* of hours of their time to give IB students the opportunity to achieve success in these required IB program elements: MYP Community Service, CAS hours, MYP Personal Projects, and IB Extended Essays. Each of these elements requires significant student direction, faculty accounting and specific documentation required by IBO.

**\$12,000 invested in a pilot program to identify, quantify and respond to stress experienced by IB students.** - Joan Adams and parents have discussed the impact of stress on students for years. Last year we responded when Mrs. Adams recommended an intervention to benefit students, inform faculty, and make program changes. CSUS professor Dr. Frank Lilly conducted workshops with students and gained insight into stressors and student responses. His results were shared with students, faculty and parents. Discussion continues about incorporating his findings.

**\$15,000 leveraged toward a matching grant to renovate the Drama Theater.** - Last updated in the 60's, the facility was inadequate to meet the growing interest in drama. Our grant writer obtained a matching grant from the Buck Foundation, and along with the school (\$25,000) and a PTSA pledge (\$10,000) we are helping to meet the \$70,000 match.

**More than \$20,000 was spent in direct support of teachers and students in their classrooms.** Funds were used for books and magazine subscriptions to benefit the art, social science, English, foreign language and science departments. Projectors for the English and foreign language departments as well as computers, peripheral equipment and computer workstations were purchased for social science and science teachers. The math department purchased a site license for Fx Draw which allows teachers and students to draw graphs even from their home computers. Balances and probes were purchased for use in the Arcade Creek Project and science classes. And finally, our Librarian and one of our IB Counselors were able to attend conferences that directly benefited our students.

With your help we can continue to support the program and IB students. Your generosity is appreciated, and needed. The educational experience is priceless and acknowledged as one of the finest in the region, yet available to all without tuition. In that light, please consider a donation of \$250, or whatever your family can afford.

Thank you very much,

Yvonne David-Inouye  
2007-2008 IBPO President

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Student Name(s) and Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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