

Thank You for Taking Our Education to New Heights!

On behalf of the Bernardo Heights students and staff, I would like to say ***THANK YOU*** to the BHMS Education Foundation for their commitment to fundraising in order to enrich the educational experiences and opportunities for our students.

This past year the **Foundation's fund raising has been instrumental** in helping to provide the following for Bernardo Heights:

- \$15,000 for classroom and campus supplies
- \$5,000 for small equipment repair/replacement
- \$2,000 start-up funds for the Library Legacy program
- \$5,000 for benches and picnic tables in the grassy quad area
- \$1,500 for the marquee repairs
- \$3,285 has been set aside for technology needs

I have very much appreciated being a part of the Foundation meetings as those serving on the Board not only have an interest in fundraising on behalf of the school but they also are very focused on what they can provide for students and staff at BHMS. With the current budget crisis, this will even be more of a necessity next year. **In an effort to keep classroom staffing and class size averages down the middle school principal's agreed to run schools with a 45% reduction in our operating budget. That loss of funding will dramatically impact classroom supplies and equipment, field trips, and enrichment activities at the site.**

The Foundation has been creative in trying to find ways to fundraise without financially impacting our families. One time donations to Dime-a-Day helps the Foundation provide for students early in the year. The grocery store (Albertsons, Ralphs, and Vons) preferred customer cards have earned almost \$10,000 this year. The pizza and breadstick sales after school have also been a worthwhile fundraiser. The Bobcat-A-Thon has once again proven to be a successful fundraising venture.

Please consider supporting the BHMS Education Foundations fundraising efforts by contributing to one or more of their fundraisers sponsored throughout the year. If every family donated \$18.00 per child to Dime-a-Day, that would be \$23,000 to help Bernardo Heights Middle School continue providing excellence in education.

We very much appreciate the efforts of a few tireless volunteers who serve on the Foundation Board and the gracious amount of giving by our families and community.

Elaine Johnson, PhD
Principal