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## Team Schools Fund 2015 at the Berkeley Half Marathon

The [Berkeley Half Marathon](#) is happening on November 22, and again the Berkeley Public Schools Fund is an official charity. We love this event—it gets better every year! [Join or donate to our team here](#) to fundraise for schools and participate in this great event. Here's what members of Team Schools Fund have to say:

"Berkeley Public Schools Fund has been directly supporting classrooms, teachers, and enrichment programs for students across the city since 1983. But it depends on donations to keep going. Let's show our support for public education, ensuring that the Schools Fund can keep making a positive impact on students' lives!" — *Kony Kim*



"Our schools are very unique and strive to provide ALL kids with the same amazing opportunities. The Berkeley Public Schools Fund helps fulfill grants to ensure our amazing educators have the tools they need to make a difference in their students' lives." — *Yasi Nouri Massih*

"We have a phenomenal school district thanks to the teachers, families, volunteers, and you, the donors. All your donations go towards enrichment at our schools, ensuring we "jumpstart their future" and create lifelong learners." — *Madan Kumar*

[You can donate to Team Schools Fund here!](#)

## More Classroom Grant Applications Than Ever!



We are officially in the Classroom Grants review period, and we are thrilled that we have received more Classroom Grant applications than ever before: a total of 347! Last year we received applications for 314 grants and were able to award 292.

We would love to be able to fund all 347 grants this year! You can help us increase our Grants budget by [donating](#) today!

**Awards will be announced in mid-November.**

## Support Friends & Family Grants

Support Berkeley teachers by donating to a [Friends & Family](#) grant! Many projects are currently looking for funding, including:

### [Our Books Should Reflect](#)

**Us:** Melia Hong from John Muir

wants to purchase fiction chapter books for emergent readers featuring multicultural characters. She writes, "In order to motivate students to read, they need to see themselves in the books they are reading."



Mollie Dutton-Starbuck has a grant crowdfunding for all 2nd grade Cragmont classes to see the [Creole Carnival Performance](#) at Zellerbach. She explains, "Students will be exposed to a new expression of art that is not commonly found in schools. Through this cultural experience available to them in their own city, students will have the opportunity to develop an appreciation for music, drama, and culture that may not be their own."

## Donor Spotlight: Jim and Dana Moran

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This month's Donor Spotlight is on Jim and Dana Moran. Jim Moran's business, [Moran Engineering](#), has been a Spring Luncheon Sponsor since 2010. And Dana has been a History teacher at Berkeley High for nearly

25 years!

Jim writes, "Supporting the invaluable work of the Berkeley Public Schools Fund seems very natural as a Berkeley business. Even more so in light of the fact that both Dana and I and our three kids are all products of the Berkeley public schools, with our youngest graduating from BHS this coming Spring." Jim mentioned that even Dana's parents and grandparents graduated from BHS!

Thank you Moran family for your long-time support of Berkeley's public schools!

## Family Fun: Berkeley Sunday Streets This Sunday

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[Sunday Streets](#) is happening in Berkeley this Sunday, October 18th from 11am–4pm. Two miles of Shattuck Avenue from Rose Street to Haste Street are closed to cars. Sunday Streets invites the entire community to celebrate our city by walking, biking, skating, dancing, and playing in the street. Musicians and artists use the space creatively, engaging the public and providing spontaneity and discovery.



## Check Out the New Schools Fund Video!

Have you had a chance to watch our new Schools Fund video? We've spent the past year interviewing teachers, staff, and even a few students about their experiences with the Schools Fund. Watch the film, and you'll hear from preschool teacher Niki Castro, King Middle's Kevin Anderson, Glenn Wolkenfeld from Berkeley High, John Fike, BHS band director Karen Wells, a music student, and Mary Wildermuth, Associate Professor of Plant & Microbial Biology at UC Berkeley who started [Be a Scientist](#). Check it out below!

