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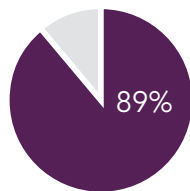
Dear Community Supporter,

Greetings from the Concord International Elementary School PTA in South Park! South Park is a place where business, industry and residents all co-exist, and have for over a hundred years. Our school, Concord International, has been part of the South Park fabric since 1914! We are reaching out to you as fellow members of this unique community to join us in our mission to support equitable education through a gift of financial support.

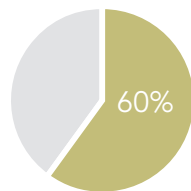
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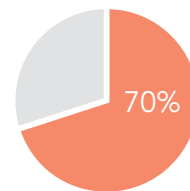
Concord is a vibrant school, serving a diverse group of families and children:



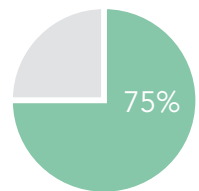
Children of Color



English Language Learners



Immigrants



Low Income

Twelve years ago, in an effort to support our many native Spanish speakers, our teachers worked tirelessly to introduce a Dual Language curriculum. Today, a thriving Dual Language program serves both native Spanish and English speakers, including some children who speak a third language at home! We also offer a traditional English-only path. We are the only Seattle public school teaching kids in K-5 to be bilingual *and* biliterate in both Spanish *and* English. Following best practices according to the latest research, all subjects — including math, social studies, and science — are “bridged” and taught concurrently in English and Spanish.

Barriers to success

This goes to show that with committed, passionate teaching staff, engaged and ambitious families, and a supportive community, many things are possible! Our school is a daily haven of bright, hard-working and happy children, despite working within a framework of high poverty, immigration worries, and grave public health and safety concerns. Unfortunately, despite best efforts, not ALL things are possible. If you are a member of the Seattle Public Schools community, you may know that state and local funding is terribly inadequate to provide the level of resources, materials and extra-curricular support that we envision for our kids—and that other, wealthier PTAs are able to subsidize.

Concord PTA Mission

Our mission as parents, teachers, and community members is to work in partnership towards three goals:

1. Support of our students in learning academically and emotionally;
2. Support of our teachers and acknowledgement of the unique challenges they face, teaching in a high-poverty school; and
3. Support of our parents and caregivers, raising children to be active, caring and respectful citizens in a diverse and dynamic culture.

We are motivated by our responsibilities and very much respect the public-school system and its important mission to educate all children in our community.

The equity gap

Some Seattle schools fundraise \$200,000, \$300,000, \$500,000, and above every year to pay for extra teachers for smaller class sizes, full-time nurses and counselors, after-school activities, recess monitors, professional development, substantial classroom-support stipends, and more. At Concord, we typically raise \$20,000 through our annual auction. In 2018, we were fortunate to receive a grant from City of Seattle for \$40,000, which we used to support after-school programming, classroom support stipends, and a donation to another low-income Seattle elementary school that has much smaller fund-raising capabilities. Most of the rest of the funding was designated as emergency support for Concord families in our community, for emergencies such as a death in the family or deportation. This year our PTA does not have the capacity to organize an auction and we are ineligible for the City of Seattle grant.

Bridge to growth

What is your role in all this, you may be asking? As the Concord PTA, we organize with, and advocate for, our school community. We are also building a broader sense of community—with local businesses, the City, families and individuals without children, and now industry. We are a small and special area of Seattle with a shared goal—to grow, achieve, and find success in South Park. **We are asking you to join us in this shared goal by donating a relatively small amount to our organization.** If we can count on you for a gift of \$1,000–\$5,000, we will be able to refill our coffers and re-commit to our mission statement of supporting families, teachers and students at Concord. Together, we can make the difference for this community. Thank you for your support!

Yours in community,

Concord International Elementary School PTA

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Your support makes a difference!

Your support of Concord International Elementary school benefits it in the following ways:

Support of Equity: Each year, we donate 6% of our annual budget to a local school with fewer resources than us, as part of our commitment to social justice and equity in public education.

Backpack Program: Many students facing food insecurity rely on meals from Concord during the week. This program ensures students also have food over the weekend, preparing # food bags weekly.

Grocery Gift Cards: Given over longer breaks from school (like winter break), to 50 of our backpack program families.

Family Fund Support: One-time, emergency support for a Concord family in need (bills, groceries/supplies, clothing).

Girls on the Run and Let's Run: We fund the final race, running clothes and shoes, and course-making supplies for these running empowerment programs for girls and boys.

Field Trips: We fund school-bus transportation and provide scholarships to ensure all students can participate.

Spanish Curriculum: Seattle Public Schools failed to buy a Spanish curriculum for our dual-language model. In 2018, the PTA helped Concord purchase their own, supporting high-quality education.

Classroom Support: Financial stipend for 18 teachers and their support staff, plus supplies, including a new laminator.

Community Dinners: Quarterly dinners provide space to celebrate successes, define needs, connect, and volunteer.

Islandwood Camp: Scholarships for our 5th graders to attend overnight camp, which few can afford without assistance.

Jackstraw Productions: A week-long music and poetry program where kids have access to a production studio to record their own art.

Outreach Supplies: For all events, meetings, and cultural celebrations, including all-school events where a meal is served.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Activities, goodies, tokens of our appreciation for our dedicated Concord educators.



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