

September 2019

# Dear Burley Community,

Over the years the time, talent and donations of parents that have come before us have helped make Burley School the special place our children enjoy today. Now it's our turn.

This year, the Annual Fund has its most ambitious goal ever – \$175,000. Our school's positive growth trajectory has put the school in a stronger – and larger – position than ever before. The past two years have seen the addition of a 3rd Kindergarten classroom (also resulting in a third 1st-grade classroom for 2019-2020.) More children in the building means Burley School needs more. Merit Music needs more funding to continue to provide a robust musical education for every child at Burley. Burley will be bringing in We Got Game recess supervisors to provide extra playground coverage. More overall staffing support is, and

will continue to be, necessary as the school population grows. But the good news is – more children means more families. Welcome aboard new parents – this is how we Raise It Up!

If you are new to Burley School, Friends of Burley is Burley's parent-run fundraising organization that partners with the Burley administration to finance the essentials the CPS budget does not cover. The FOB Annual Fund is FOB's single largest fundraiser, comprising over 50% of its Annual budget for this calendar year. The Annual Fund's carefully calculated goal and per-child ask is based on the real needs of the school. Every donation of any amount is welcome and every single donation works hard for the children of Burley every day. Thank you for helping to continue this great legacy we are lucky to have handed down to us.



**Free limited-edition blanket  
for 1st 100 families who donate!**

*Mark McClain*

Mark McClain, FOB President

*Catherine Plocher*

Catherine Plocher, Burley Principal



# The Friends of Burley 2019-2020 Annual Fund

Give online, it's easy at: [friendsofburley.org](http://friendsofburley.org)

**Yes! I want to make a tax deductible gift to Friends of Burley.**

- \$750 X \_\_\_\_\_ children = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Please contact me about monthly installments
- My employer has a matching gift program



## Your donations fund:

- Essential staffing (over 65% percent of FOB's overall fundraising budget.)
- We Got Game recess support.
- The award winning Merit Music program providing every child in every classroom a quality music education.
- Annual classroom library updates guaranteeing a wide selection of current literature to inspire regular reading.
- Furnishings that bring to life Burley's nontraditional classroom learning environments.
- Digital cameras for photography units.
- iPads, Chromebooks and tech updates to continue Burley's rich 1:1 technology experience.

**Give at [friendsofburley.org](http://friendsofburley.org)  
OR return this form with your cash or check**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form via child's backpack or mail to:  
Friends of Burley c/o Burley School, 1630 W. Barry Ave, Chicago, IL 60657

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