



BURLINGAME COMMUNITY
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

PARENT REFERENCE

GUIDE

Burlingame School District 2020-2021

Dear Burlingame Community,

Burlingame is a particularly close-knit, caring community that believes in providing public education that focuses on the whole child. By all measures, we have excelled at delivering a comprehensive and rigorous TK-8 education that sets our children up for success long after they leave us. We are constantly looking for avenues of improvement and opportunities for innovation and ask all of our families to engage with a solution focused approach.

All of this effort is focused on our core purpose and mission of engaging our community to create resilient, curious, compassionate, problem-solvers who are prepared for their future. We aren't sure what the future world will look like, but we are committed to making sure that every student is prepared to meet the challenges of that world.

BCE partners directly with the District to help provide an education that meets the needs of all of our District's students. BCE, as well as our PTAs, parents, and community are all committed to high levels of engagement, volunteerism and participation to provide an education that is far more robust and exemplary than what is provided in most public schools today. Welcome to Burlingame schools and thank you for joining our partnership to provide the best educational experience possible for your child's elementary and intermediate years.



Chris Mount-Benites | Burlingame School District Superintendent



One of the most frequently asked questions Burlingame school parents have is “How can I help my school?” There are so many ways you can make a difference to your child’s education.



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This guide offers an introduction to some of the parent-supported organizations and initiatives within the school district that benefit each student.

Burlingame Community for Education Foundation

BCE is the primary fundraising organization that enables an exceptional education for our TK-8th grade students.



How It Helps

Unlike many states that have sufficient education funding to cover the costs of a well-rounded, enriched primary education, California has one of the lowest rates of education funding per student. That's why many cities across California have an education foundation (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation) to help increase the amount of funding per student and maintain an academic experience comparable with other top schools.

Every year, BCE raises more than \$2 million through parent and business donations to provide an unrestricted grant to boost our school budget. The funds are applied towards additional teachers and specialists who enhance the classroom experience; professional development to support our teachers; and academic program enrichment in areas such as science, music, and math. This funding supplements the amount received from the State of California and local parcel taxes as well as federal funds.

BCE Impact

Academic Program Enrichment:

- Math and science curriculum support
- Choral and instrumental music program for TK - 8th grade
- Credentialed physical education specialists
- Middle school musical



Enhanced Learning:

- Teacher salaries to support small TK - 3rd grade class sizes
- Instructional aides for 4th-5th grade classes
- Library specialists for TK - 8th grade
- Health & safety support
- Literacy & comprehension materials

Excellence in Teaching:

- Innovation teaching & learning
- Distance learning training & support
- Mental health support



What You Can Do

It is only with your investment that we can take good public schools and make them into great public schools. We suggest an annual investment of \$1,450 per student every fall, or \$145/month if you start in September. We also recognize that many families may not be able to contribute at such a level. Any amount is appreciated and will make a difference to all of our students. Please consider making an annual contribution every fall to BCE.

Contribute today at bcefoundation.org

We are also proud to report that our education foundation is almost entirely run by 200+ parent volunteers. Contact your BCE School Site Director or email the BCE Office at info@bcefoundation.org for more info about our organization.

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Parent-Teacher Association



The PTA is a volunteer-driven, community-building organization that focuses on child advocacy, parent education, classroom and teacher support.

How It Helps

By strengthening the community among teachers, parents and children, PTA aims to provide a vital link between school and families to make our school community stronger. Each school's PTA helps coordinate volunteerism in the classroom, plans family social events and supports parent communication.



PTA Impact

There are a wide variety of events and volunteer opportunities throughout the year, day and night. PTA support is school-specific, including:

Community Building Services & Events:

- Weekly Newsletter
- Education Nights (ie. Math, Science, Art Nights)
- Parent Education Speakers

School Celebrations:

- Teacher & Staff Appreciations
- 5th Grade Celebration
- Special events & School traditions

Supporting Students and Teachers:

- Volunteering in the classroom, library and at lunch duty
- Student Assemblies
- Classroom and art supplies for projects
- Book Fair

Burlingame PTAs are prohibited from paying teacher or staff salaries. PTAs hold their own events at each school site with the primary function of community building and may also raise smaller discretionary funds for field trips, school materials and the like.

What You Can Do

PTA plays a vital role in supporting our students and school. Please become a member to show your support. Stay informed and read your school newsletter! Check out your school's website for the link to join PTA and sign up for communications.

Get involved by volunteering to help organize or support one of the many school-specific events during the year. Attend events with your family and come check out a PTA meeting.

Contact

Your school newsletter should provide PTA meeting and event updates.

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Dads' Clubs

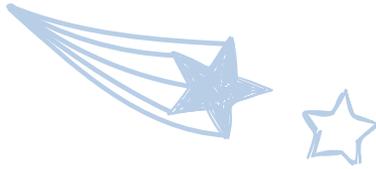
Each elementary school has a Dads' Club organization that works closely with the PTA on the different social and community-building events in addition to developing their own community-building events.

How It Helps

The Dads' Clubs support parental involvement and school camaraderie to help enhance our children's education.

The only goal is to help the school and the kids. (If we have a little fun along the way that's ok, too). We have meetings, take on projects, and hold events throughout the year.





Dads' Club Impact

Similar to PTA, there are a wide variety of events and volunteer opportunities throughout the year, both day and night.

Examples of some of the school-specific activities the Dads' Club organizes include:

- BBQ's or providing food at community-building events
- Movie nights
- Pancake breakfasts
- Parent-child Dance
- Playground maintenance and small school landscaping projects

What You Can Do

Dads' Clubs meet regularly once a month in person or virtual. Dads' Clubs are always open for new members to join their meetings or to volunteer to plan, organize or staff a variety of activities throughout the school year. There are no fees or requirements to join.

For more information, look for announcements in your school newsletter and on your school's Facebook page.



School Site Council

Each school has an integrated group of parents, school leadership and school staff that comprise the School Site Council--the Principal, 1 staff, 3 teachers, and 5 parents. School-wide parent voting selects parents who serve 3-year terms. Teachers are selected by other teachers and also serve for 3-years. Parent elections are held in the Spring.

How It Helps

Throughout the school year, the SSC creates annual- and long-term plans for school-wide improvements based on the Burlingame School District goals, including new academic programs, staff development, parent outreach strategies, or other student development programs. The School Site Council develops a three-year School Improvement Plan which is to be approved by the Burlingame School Board. They review the plan regularly to see how well it is meeting students' needs and modify the plan as necessary. In addition, they develop an annual school budget and monitor it on an ongoing basis.





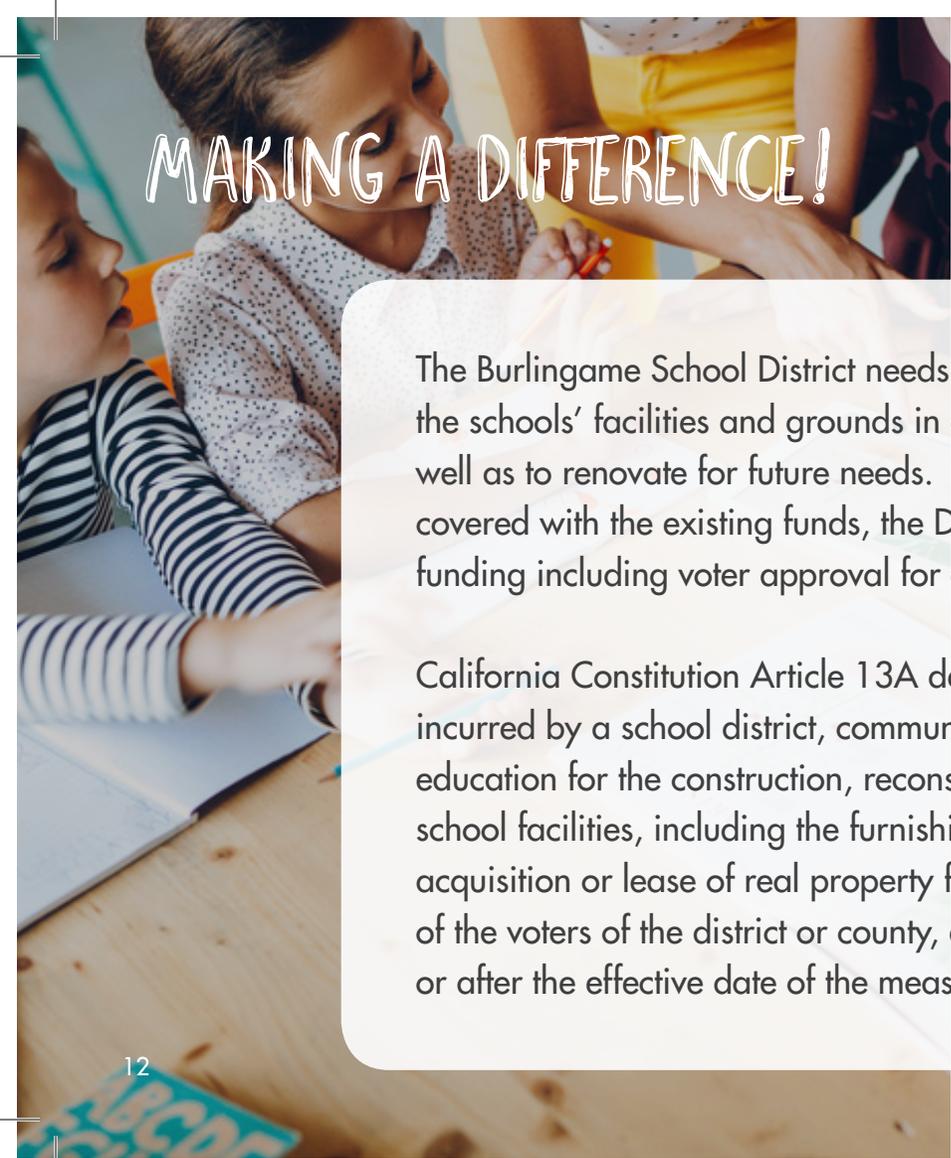
SSC also establishes and maintains communications with BSD, school district personnel, and the community for the benefit of our students' educational experience.

What You Can Do

Non-members are invited to attend the monthly meetings, pass their concerns on to an SSC member or write a letter to the Council. The more voices heard, the better the SSC can do its job as representatives of the whole school community.

The regularly scheduled time is determined at the beginning of the school year and will be announced in each school's newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming an SSC member, please submit your name to the school office for elections held in the spring. There are openings for new parents every year.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



Local Capital Improvement Measures

The Burlingame School District needs to invest in capital improvement projects for the schools' facilities and grounds in order to address the daily wear-and-tear as well as to renovate for future needs. When those needs arise and can't be covered with the existing funds, the District may seek alternative sources of funding including voter approval for a general obligation bond measure.

California Constitution Article 13A defines the following: "Bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district, community college district, or county office of education for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, approved by 55 percent of the voters of the district or county, as appropriate, voting on the proposition on or after the effective date of the measure adding this paragraph."

How It Helps

Local school districts simply do not have the means within their annual budgets to fund facilities' improvement projects. Local bond measures provide dedicated funding that is overseen by audit committee and local oversight committees to ensure the funds are spent according to plan. The funds cannot be used to support any school salary or administration costs.

Local Bond Measure Impact

Burlingame voters passed "Measure D" on November 6, 2012 which authorized the District to issue up to \$56,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the District's general obligation bonds.

On November 8, 2016, Burlingame voters passed "Measure M" which authorized the District to issue up to \$56,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the District's general obligation bonds.

These bonds have helped fund various facility improvements at our Burlingame elementary schools and Burlingame Intermediate School including:

- New classroom buildings
- New playground blacktops, fields, water fountains/bottle fillers, benches

- Repair or replacement of leaking and deteriorating roofs
- Install or improve Fire Safety Systems
- Upgrade heating and ventilation system for improved energy efficiency
- Install solar panels
- Update aging and/or deteriorating restrooms
- Improve technology infrastructure
- Renovate school classrooms and improve access for teachers or students with disabilities
- Enhance school security and communication systems for improved student safety
- Install new turf playing fields
- Build new middle school Library Media Center
- Renovate middle school science classrooms

What You Can Do

Support our schools' ability to provide the best possible environment for our children's learning. Vote to pass these measures when they arise.

OUR SCHOOLS ROCK!

Burlingame Intermediate

1715 Quesada Way, Burlingame
Principal: Pam Scott

Franklin Elementary

2385 Trousdale Dr., Burlingame
Principal: Jude Lawrence

Hoover Elementary

2220 Summit Dr., Burlingame
Principal: Lisa Booth

Lincoln Elementary

1801 Devereux Dr., Burlingame
Principal: Laura Afshar

McKinley Elementary

701 Paloma Ave., Burlingame
Principal: Carla Torres, Ed.D.

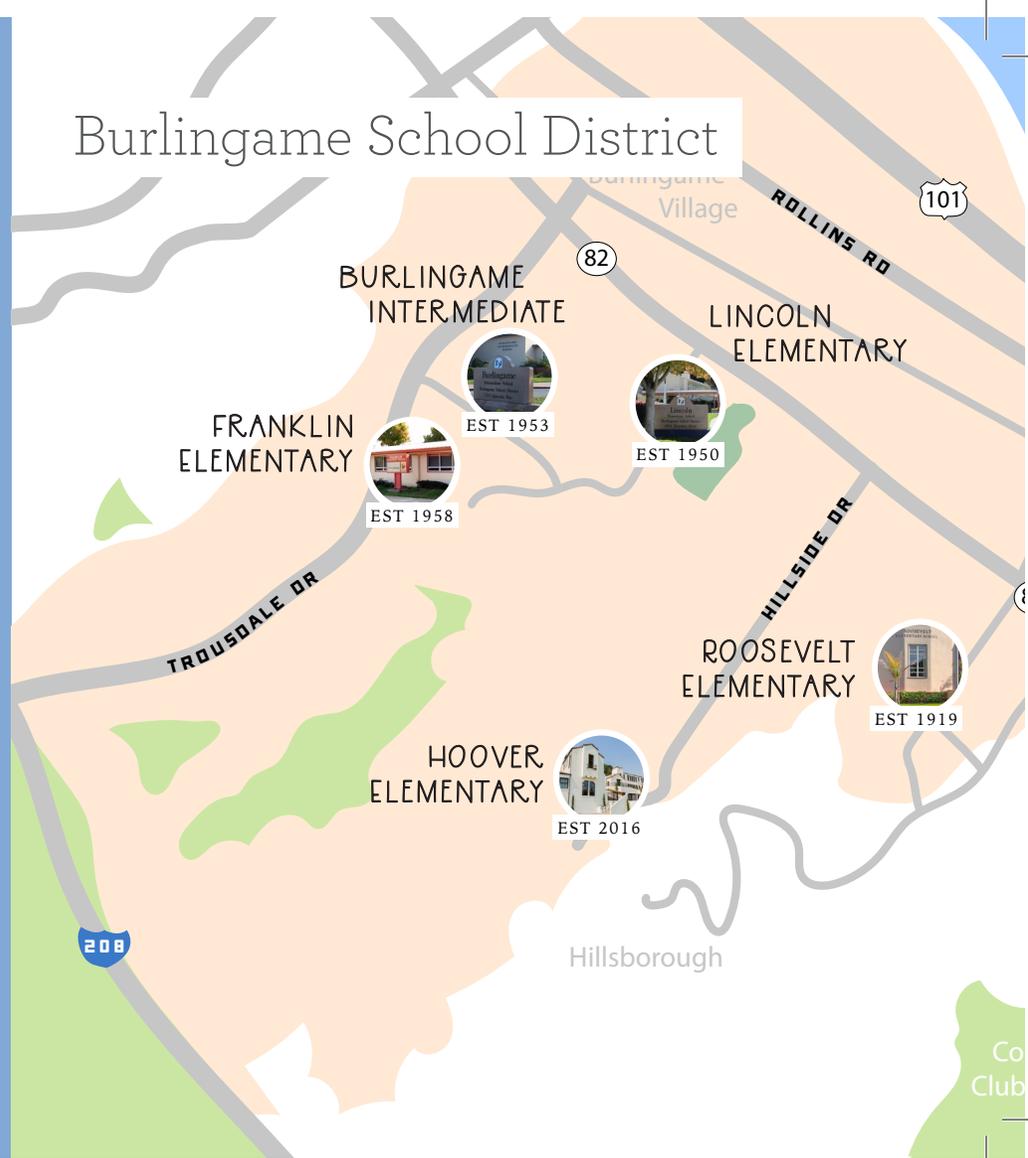
Roosevelt Elementary

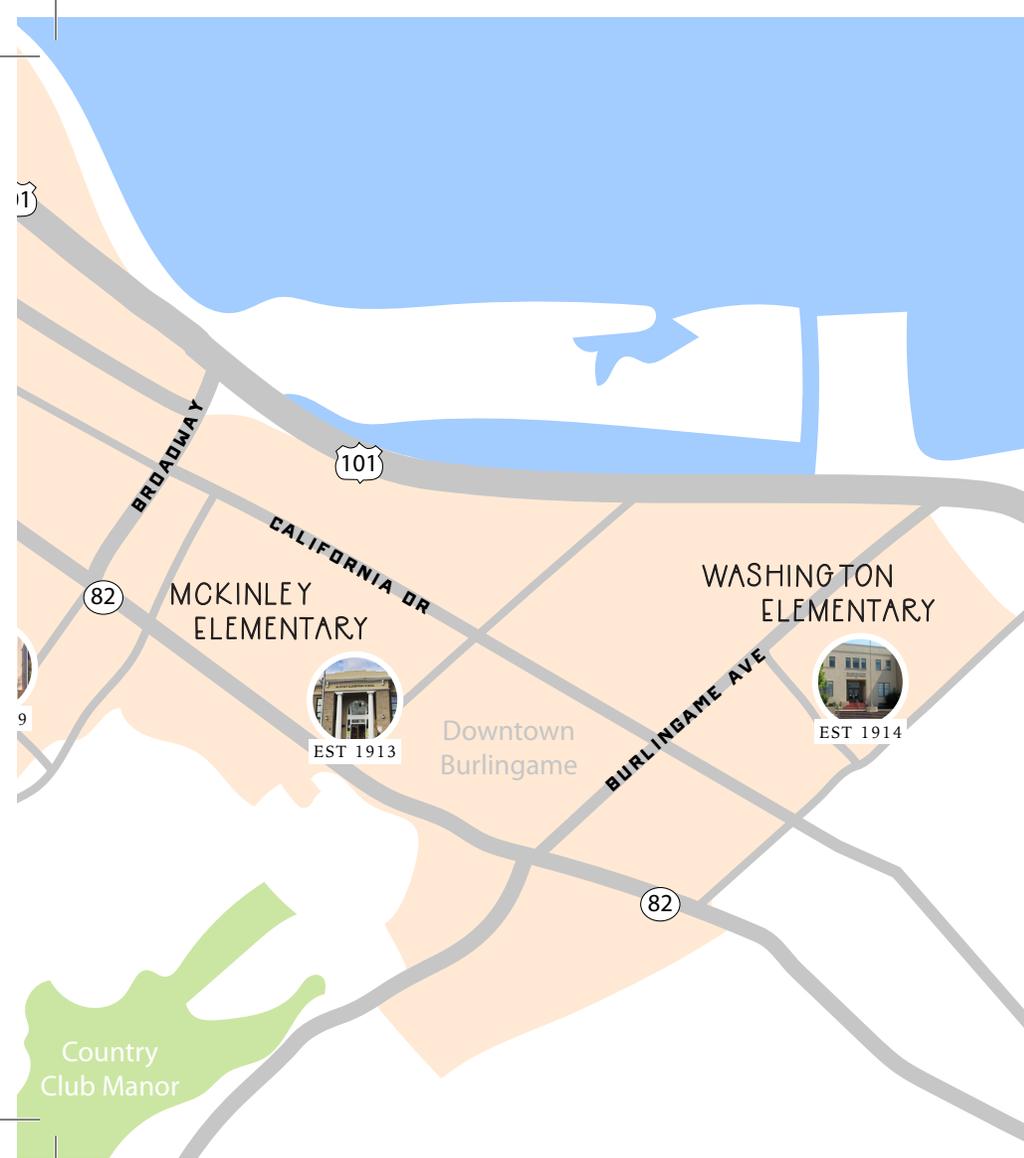
1151 Vancouver Ave., Burlingame
Principal: Matthew Pavao

Washington Elementary

801 Howard Ave., Burlingame
Principal: Cristin Coleman

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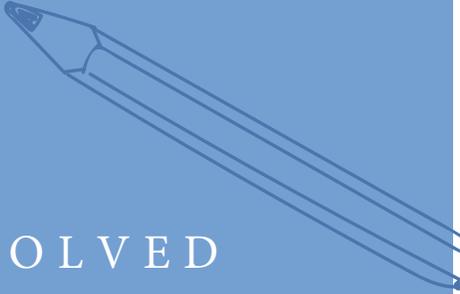


OUR VISION

“ Challenging the leaders, thinkers,
and creators of tomorrow ”

OUR MISSION

“ Engage our community to build
resilient, curious, compassionate,
problem-solvers who are prepared
for their future ”



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