



**BLACK PINE
CIRCLE SCHOOL**

A SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

BUILDING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The BPC Guide to
Partnership & Giving

Get Connected, Involved,
and Make a Difference.



IT TAKES ALL OF US

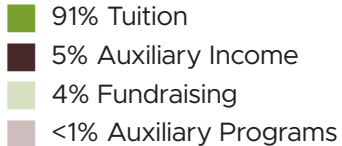
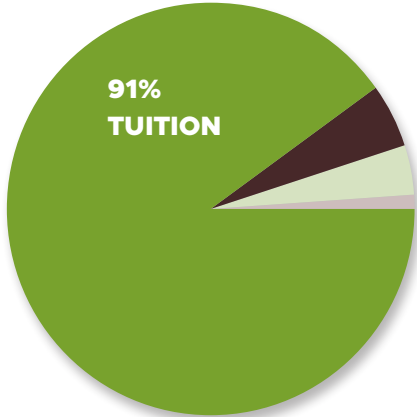
BPC thrives on partnership to fulfill its goals and mission. Our students excel when we collaborate, celebrate, and share responsibilities. *BPC's Guide to Partnership & Giving* aims to offer a clear, informative, accessible, and engaging overview of the various ways families can effectively support and sustain our wonderful school. Every contribution of time and money is valuable and has an immediate impact.

TUITION DOES NOT COVER THE FULL COST OF A BPC EDUCATION

To make up the difference, we ask families to make a yearly gift to the Annual Fund. These contributions are vital, making up four percent of the school's annual budget.

Because *every student* benefits directly from the Annual Fund, we ask *every family* to embrace this shared responsibility and donate at a level that is meaningful to them.

REVENUE SOURCES



THE ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS

- ▶ BPC's tuition assistance program
- ▶ Professional development opportunities for our teachers
- ▶ Our grounds and facilities
- ▶ Flexibility to act decisively on needs or opportunities

WHY WE VALUE VOLUNTEERING

Our BPC community is extraordinary in how we show up together! Volunteering isn't just about helping; it's about belonging. When families volunteer, we strengthen our connections and create a more deeply connected community. Plus, by volunteering, we show our children what it means to give back to one's community, while helping stretch tuition dollars further. **It's a powerful win-win-win** for everyone involved in your child's education.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Whether you prefer hands-on involvement or leadership, our parent-led organizations—Parent Circle and Community Matters—have got you covered! We offer volunteer roles that fit all schedules and capacities, from simple event support to taking the lead on major initiatives. No contribution is too small—and we value every way you show up!

There are in-person and remote opportunities, during the school day or in your free time, so everyone can contribute. We understand that families have different schedules, and we aim to accommodate everyone's unique availability.



READY TO GET INVOLVED?

Sign up now for our 2024–2025 volunteer opportunities and help make this year amazing!



Sign Up to
Volunteer at BPC

WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- ▶ **Leadership:** Parent Circle & Community Matters Co-chairs, Auction Chair, Spring Soirée Event Coordinator, LS Halloween Festival Coordinator
- ▶ **Community Support:** Class Rep, Class Camping Trip Coordinator, Class Social Coordinator
- ▶ **Student Activities:** Field Trip Chaperone, Science Week Presenter, US Sports Game Driver
- ▶ **School Events:** Event Set-up and Support, Admissions Event Host, Band Program Support, Teacher Appreciation
- ▶ **On Campus:** Library Helper, Gardening Helper, Chicken Caregiver, Book Swap Support

BPC RELIES ON THE SUPPORT, LEADERSHIP, AND LOYALTY OF MAJOR DONORS TO ACHIEVE ITS FUNDRAISING GOALS

We define “major donors” as households who contribute a minimum of \$1,000 annually and “leadership donors” as those who contribute \$5,000 or more. The school strongly encourages families who can make a gift at the major donor level or higher to do so.

BPC sets a goal of having 50 or more families give at the leadership level or higher every year. The board of directors hosts an invitation-only party to acknowledge major and leadership donors every fall.

THE SPRING SOIRÉE FUNDRAISER

Coming together as a community at the Spring Soirée is another great way to have fun and support our school. Proceeds from the event help us to achieve our financial goals. “Raise the Paddle” gifts are counted directly toward the Annual Fund.

ANNUAL FUND OUTREACH

- ▶ All-school orientation *Partnering with BPC Beyond the Classroom: The Ways & Whys* in September
- ▶ Letter in October with a suggested donation amount
- ▶ Follow-up email from a board member in November
- ▶ Second request in December, if you have not yet given
- ▶ Invitation to “Raise the Paddle” at the Spring Soirée

BPC DONOR CIRCLES

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| Socrates | \$25,000 |
| Athena | \$10,000 to \$25,000 |
| Plato | \$5,000 to \$10,000 |
| Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. | \$2,500 to \$5,000 |
| Lao Tzu | \$1,000 to \$2,500 |
| Sojourner Truth | \$500 to \$1,000 |
| Aristotle | \$1 to \$500 |

intellectual CURIOSITY

joyful COMMUNITY

academic INQUIRY

authentic VOICE



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Since 1973, Black Pine Circle School's dedicated and passionate teachers K-8 have nurtured lifelong learners through a Socratic inquiry-based education that emphasizes both rigorous academics and the arts. BPC inspires and fosters students' intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, kindness, and integrity.



Learn More about
Giving to BPC



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