



Support Janney Elementary School! 2012 Request for Auction Contributions

Dear Friend:

We are writing to request your support of the Janney Elementary School through a contribution to our annual auction. Janney is a blue-ribbon public elementary school in Washington DC.

A Blue Ribbon Neighborhood School

Located in the Tenleytown neighborhood of Washington, DC, Janney Elementary School has been at the center of our community since 1925. We are fortunate to have a vibrant and diverse group of students, parents, teachers, administrators and staff who are committed to fostering academic excellence and a lifelong love of learning. Janney was named a national “Blue Ribbon School” in 2004, and has maintained its reputation as one of the best elementary schools in the area.

Janney boasts a strong and committed Parent Teacher Association (PTA) that plays a vital role in enabling the school to provide an enriching learning environment for our children and their teachers. For instance, the Janney PTA has in the past supported a number of staff positions, school maintenance and improvements, funds for field trips and guests artists, materials for the school library and computer lab and more.

In recent years, with diminished funding and rising costs, our PTA has been called on more than ever to support a number of key academic and extracurricular activities. Such programs include: social studies research program, arts integration programs, computer network, teacher training and development, and music and theater opportunities. The PTA has also supported the purchase of supplies that enrich the classroom experience such as: a terrarium, which offers kindergarten teachers a new way to teach lessons on nature, life cycles and environmental stewardship; and supplies to build an in-class “city”, offering second grade teachers a new way to introduce lessons on commerce, trade and financial literacy.

In an effort spearheaded by the Principal, the PTA also is supporting the development of a new enrichment program with a mission to expand academic enrichment opportunities for the students both during and after the school day. This program is a key step in adding support for students who learn in alternative ways and helping to close Janney's achievement gap.

Growing Reputation, Growing Funding Demands

As Janney's strong reputation grows, so does our student population as more and more families move into the neighborhood. With a bigger student population come new challenges and requests to the PTA for support. For the sake of our children and their education, the PTA aims to not only keep up our present levels of support, but also to increase them as new needs are identified by the school. We hope to always be able to support these new needs and requests and we rely on the generous support of community sponsors like you to help provide funding for the most critical of those needs that are not provided for within the DC Public School budget.

Would you support this remarkable school through the donation of a product or service to be auctioned off at our annual event on March 3, 2012?

No contribution is too small or too large. It's your support that matters. The Janney PTA is a registered 501c3 organization (tax ID 52-1661964) which means all contributions made in support of the school are tax-deductible. Your contribution will make a great difference to the children of your community who receive a quality education in our nation's capital.

We hope we can count you as one of our vital auction donors this year. Attached please find a donation form, which can be emailed or faxed to the contact numbers on the form. We look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

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