



Buist Foundation

Welcome Back, Now Let's Get Busy

If you can't believe it's already back-to-school time, then join the club. The kids might be dragging their feet a bit as we all prepare for the new school year, but the Buist Foundation is rarin' to go.

The parent-run organization has been busy all summer making plans for a fun year of fundraising.

Last year, the Foundation's Annual Campaign for Buist raised \$28,400 from 77 donors, a wonderfully generous amount of money donated in the midst of a stark recession.

So just what does all that money go for?

The Foundation is proud to help support many important programs at Buist, including the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum. Fees for IB training run into the tens of thousands of dollars each year, as new teachers are trained and veterans are sent for additional enrichment. Last year, some of our teachers — first grade's Elizabeth Flowers (first) and IB coordinator Nicole Barrett — became IB trainers themselves, which will help lower some of the annual costs involved.

This August, the Foundation approved a \$10,000 block grant to the school, allowing principal Sallie Ballard to use that money at her discretion to make up for the district's budgetary shortfalls.

Another project the Foundation spearheads is the Buist Directory, a cute little phonebook that comes

in very handy for parents throughout the school year. Expect it to be distributed in the late fall and expect Boardmember Bryan Spahr (*Jack, 1st; Ellie, 6th; Olivia, 4th*) to be donating lots of time to make it happen.

The biggest project of the year will be a big auction in the Spring. The last one was held in 2008 at the Citadel Alumni Hall and raised \$117,000. Needless to say, the expectations are high for a repeat performance. To make it happen, though, we'll need plenty of help. Auction Committee Chair Beth Simmons (*Francis, 5th*) will be recruiting parents to help solicit donations, organize the event, and provide volunteer hours to bring it all together. Shoot her an e-mail if you'd like to get involved: elizabethsimmons@yahoo.com

We're also looking for help with the "Tickets for Charity Program" sponsored by the Nationwide Golf Tournament to be held at the Daniel Island Club from Oct. 19–Oct. 25. This is an opportunity to raise money for the Foundation and earn some extra money for yourself. For more information, contact Jeff Thomas (*Jeffrey, 8th, Lizzie, 6th, Andrew 3rd*) at j_thomas@winsorsouth.com

Otherwise, welcome back to Buist. Here's to all of us working together to make this a fabulous year for the students, teachers, faculty, and parents.

Get Involved, Volunteer with the Foundation

Volunteering is a great way for new families to get involved. Meetings are held the second Friday of every month at 8 a.m. in the first floor conference room. They are open and anybody is welcome to attend. The next meeting is Sept. 11. Please join us.

The Foundation is currently in the market for auction volunteers. If you've got time to volunteer, e-mail Beth Simmons at elizabethsimmons@yahoo.com.

We're also looking for experienced grant writers to help the school write applications. There's

money out there, somebody just needs to go get it. If you're that person, e-mail Mark Brandenburg at mark.c.brandenburg@comcast.net.

And if you're able to sell some golf "Tickets for Charity," contact Jeff Thomas at j_thomas@winsorsouth.com.

Meet President Mark Brandenburg

Buist Foundation president Mark Brandenburg has served on the Foundation board since his son John started attending kindergarten in 2003. John is now entering the fifth grade, and daughter Grace will be in second this year. Both Mark and his wife Leigh have been active in the school from the very beginning.

"Chip Legerton, a long-time member of the Foundation, asked me to join shortly after John entered Buist in kindergarten," recalls Mark. "He resigned shortly after I joined, so in a sense, I feel like I took his place."

Mark works his Foundation duties around his day job as The Citadel's general counsel. For him, Buist is a special place because of the families and how

involved they are with the school on a day-to-day basis despite busy lives and many obligations.

"I am amazed and thrilled with the deep involvement of so many parents throughout the school," he says. "On any day, you can walk in the office and see dozens of parents signed in as visitors at the school. They are working with teachers, working with the administration, sitting in for teachers, and doing so many other things that help make Buist special."

It's this active involvement that makes Mark feel confident that the Buist Foundation can continue to raise funds for the school. If you'd like to get involved with the Foundation, e-mail him at mark.c.brandenburg@comcast.net or call (843) 559-1311.

**Buist Academy
Foundation**
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Mission Statement

To make Buist Academy a transformational experience for every student, creating a catalyst that will enable other South Carolina public schools to maximize their community resources to transform themselves into centers of excellence that foster academic achievement, leadership, character development, respect for cultural diversity and the uniqueness of each individual.



Jan. 1 2009-Aug. 6, 2009

Income and Expense Statement

INCOME

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Annual Fund | \$13,550.00 |
| Donations - Restricted | |
| Resource Fund | \$25.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$13,600.00 |

EXPENSES

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Bank Charges | \$62.85 |
| Credit Card Fees | \$242.00 |
| Directory Printing | \$2,242.41 |
| Grants | \$2,600.00 |
| IB Development | \$18,630.30 |
| Library Resources | \$7,232.27 |
| Printing | \$447.74 |
| Supplies, Fundraising | \$482.57 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$31,982.14 |
| NET INCOME | (\$18,382.14) |

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash on Deposit | \$38,795.05 |
| CDs | \$33,000.00 |
| Fixed Equipment | \$216.95 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$72,012.00 |

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

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| Liabilities | 0 |
| Fund Balance | \$76,694.00 |

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES 2009-10

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Endowment | |
| CD | \$33,000.00 |
| 35% annual fund revenue | \$8,050.00 |
| Library Resources | \$10,931.78 |
| Teacher Resource Fund | \$5,000.00 |
| IB Expenses | \$9,370.00 |
| Extended Day | \$8,000.00 |
| Directory | \$2,200.00 |
| BALANCE | \$76,551.78 |

Teacher Resource Fund Donors

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To Volunteer

It's easy to volunteer with the Foundation. Simply come to a meeting or e-mail one of our board members. Mark Brandenburg can be reached at mark.c.brandenburg@comcast.net

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