



Imagine Parents in Partnership Fundraising Update

The Imagine Parent Fund is now **The Dragon Fund!** Now that the school has an official mascot, the name of our fund should reflect our school spirit! Welcome to The Dragon Fund!

Since the Imagine Parent Fund Campaign was rolled out in November, we have had 36 families contribute a total of \$22,625. Thank you to everyone who has contributed! Every single contribution will make a tremendous difference in the education of our children.

At this time, PiP will be approving the following expenditures:

- 🌟 Library needs - \$5000
- 🌟 Science needs for Diploma Programme authorization - \$5000
- 🌟 Candy and cardstock for 3rd grade Schuman fundraiser - \$200
- 🌟 Photobooth to support Family Fun Night - \$450
- 🌟 Filing fee for 501c3 status - \$750



This is a great start! But the school still has several needs and many wants that we parents can step in and provide so that our children get everything possible out of their amazing IB education at Imagine. **We are setting a mini-goal to raise an additional \$30,000 toward our ultimate \$200,000 goal between now and March 8, the Friday before spring break.**

If we reach our mini-goal of \$30,000 before March 8th, we will be able to fund :



- 🌟 IB field experiences for each grade - \$7500
- 🌟 Teacher training for specializations such as AP - \$12,000
- 🌟 A laminator for the copy room - \$2000
- 🌟 A school garden - (waiting on final estimate)
- 🌟 Displays for student artwork - (waiting on final estimate)

Considerations for later months in The Dragon Fund campaign include iPad carts for MYP and PYP and teacher needs for the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

As you can see, those of us who have given to The Dragon Fund have been able to come together to take care of important needs at the school. Please join us this month and help us reach an additional \$30,000 in contributions by March 8. This will not only help us improve the educational opportunities at Imagine, it will help us make great strides toward our ultimate goal of \$200,000 and a fantastic tile wall hand-painted by our children to commemorate the first year of IIA-NT

Our suggested contribution is \$500. If everyone will give this much, we can easily reach all of our funding goals for the school. However, there are families who can give \$25, and those that can give \$2500. There are families who can give in one lump sum, and those that need to spread their contribution out over several months. All we ask is that everyone give what they feel makes sense for the school and for their family. **Every single dollar will be put to good use, no matter the size of the contribution.**



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To give to The Dragon Fund:

Make checks payable to:

Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund

Memo line:

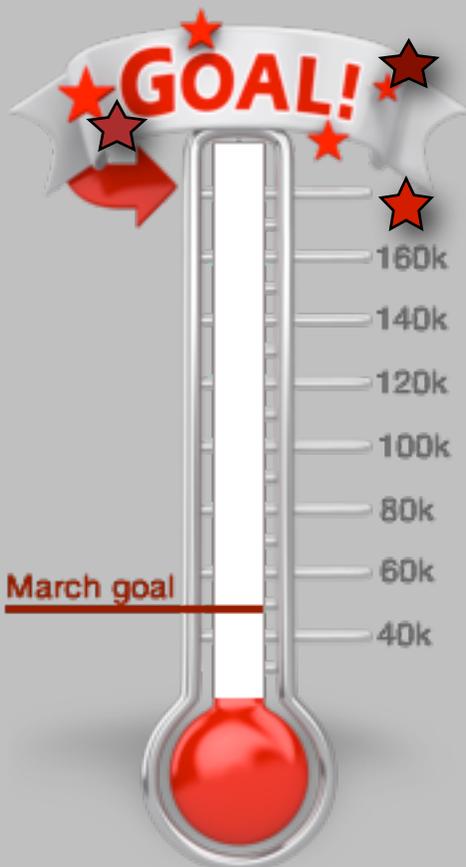
Imagine Parents in Partnership Charitable Fund

You can drop your check off at the school office, in an envelope labeled "PIP", or you can mail your check to :

Imagine Parents in Partnership
7210 Virginia Parkway #6331
McKinney, TX 75070

ALL PAYMENTS TO FIDELITY ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE! DON'T FORGET YOUR COMPANY MATCHING FUNDS!

Please send any questions to fundraising.pip@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting our students through The Dragon Fund!



March Mini-Goal
\$30,000



PiP Newsletter

February 2013

Volunteer Needs

Lunch Duty

We appreciate all the hard work that our fabulous Imagine Teachers put in every single day. One easy way to show your appreciation is to volunteer for lunch duty. Please help us to give our teachers a much needed break during the day! If you would like to volunteer, please contact your room mom to set up dates and times.

Carpool

The teachers could use a few extra morning and afternoon carpool volunteers to help keep everything running smoothly. Interested? For more information, please email Andrew Logue (andrew.logue@globalknowledge.com).

Watch D.O.G.S

PiP is excited to announce that the **Watch D.O.G.S.** program is coming to Imagine! If you would like to be a part of the leadership team and help us get this awesome program underway, please email Gilven Emrick (mremrick@gmail.com) by Tuesday.

Garden Committee

Imagine is planting a garden! Parents in Partnership is excited to sponsor the creation of a 600 square foot garden on the north end of campus. If you would like to be a part of the **Garden Committee**, please contact Stephanie Pickle (stephaniepickle@hotmail.com).

Important Dates

- 2/8 - MYP Free Dress Day
- 2/8 - 100th Day of School
- 2/12-13 - Papa Murphy's (benefitting the Shumans)
- 2/12 - 5th Grade Parent Meeting
- 2/18 - President's Day **(NO SCHOOL)**
- 2/20 - Chick Fil A Night
- 2/22 - End of Grading Cycle 2
- 2/22 - Spirit Wear Day
- 2/23- Family Fun Night
- 3/5 - PiP Membership Meeting/Bingo Night



Upcoming Events

Visit the PiP Photo Booth!

PiP will be sponsoring a photo booth at Family Fun Night on February 23rd from 4-7 pm. Be sure to stop by to learn more about what we've been up to, and to find out how you can get involved with all the exciting things happening at IIA-NT!

Spring Bingo Night

Mark your calendars! **PiP is excited to announce the first annual Spring Bingo Night!** We will be holding a membership meeting at **6:00 pm on March 4th** at Myers Park, to be immediately followed by Spring Bingo Night! Bring the whole family out for a fun night with your Imagine friends! Look for more details soon!



Thank you for Supporting the Shuman Family

Thank you to all of our wonderful families for pulling together to support Ileana Shuman. So far, we've raised well over \$20,000 to help pay for travel, expenses and specialized medical treatment. Ileana and her family left for St. Jude's this week to pursue a treatment that will hopefully slow the tumor's growth. Please continue to keep this family in your thoughts and prayers!

There are four events coming up in February to benefit the Shuman Family.



- Papa Murphy's will be holding a fundraiser on February 12th and 13th, with proceeds going directly into Ileana's custodial account. Be sure to mention Ileana when ordering!
- The 4th grade is sponsoring an I.B. Valentinegram and Candygram sale to benefit the Shuman Family! Students, teachers, and parents are invited to visit one of our tables during lunch next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday or anytime before & after school in Mrs. Dinges room to purchase and fill out an I.B. Valentinegram. Tell your friend, student, or teacher what I.B. learner profile you admire about them and why. Valentinegrams are \$.50 or Candygrams are \$1! All grams will be delivered to the recipients homeroom by 4th graders on 2/14. Look for flyers for more info or come visit Mrs. Dinges to see how to send some I.B. love this Valentine's Day!
- IIA-NT fifth graders are putting together a Family Fun Night on February 23rd from 4-7pm. Proceeds will be split between the Shuman family and Genesis Women's Shelter.
- A local photographer has agreed to offer the Imagine family Valentines Day mini photo shoot sessions this Saturday, with 100% of the proceeds going to the Shuman Family (through the YouCaring.com site). Please text 214-620-1380 to set up your family's session.

If you haven't had the chance to show your support for the Shuman Family, here's how you can help.

- [Make a donation online at Ileana's YouCaring.com website >>](#)
- Make a donation to Ileana's custodial account at any Wells Fargo location. Just let the teller know that you wish to make a donation to the account of "Ileana Shuman of McKinney, Texas."
- [Learn more about Ileana's battle at www.caringbridge.org >>](#)
- The Shumans are also using the Caring Bridge Support Planner to list opportunities to help them out with various day to day tasks as they arise.

Congratulations to the IIA-NT Chess Club!

Huge congratulations to our Imagine Chess Team for doing extremely well in the Texas Charter School Athletic & Academic League (TCSAAL) competitions on January 29th! We had two teams competing in the elementary division and two in the middle school division. Our middle school Team A came in first place, while our middle school Team B came in third place. Both teams have advanced to the State Championship for TCSAAL! Our elementary Team A team came in first place, and our elementary Team B came in second place as well! Our teams were composed of the following students:



6th - 8th grade Team A: Jared Berger, Rajpal Bal, Khaliff Bunkley, Evan McClure

6th - 8th grade Team B: Stone Price, Daniel Kaphingst, Aly Hirani, Shan Tharani

4th - 6th grade Team A: Munpal Bal, Munraj Bal, Sarah Berger, Nick Young

4th - 6th grade Team B: Zach Plyler, Christian James, Jack Hughes, Mack Jones

We are extremely proud of each of our students who participated and brought home some beautiful trophies (displayed in the library), and are very excited for the middle school teams to represent our school at the state-level competitions in Austin on February 9th, where they will get to play inside the Texas State Capitol building!

A special thank you to Susan Berger and Rana Bal who have worked hard to train our chess team!

