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Thank you for your generous donations to PTA. One way these funds support McDonald International classrooms is through the BLT application process for teaching grants. Below are some of examples of how these grants have been awarded:

- Curriculum materials
  - Educational games
  - Books (classroom and library)
  - Literacy instruction materials
  - Science kits
  - Educational posters for room walls
- Room supplies
  - Lap desks
  - Alternative seating
  - Book shelves (room and library)
  - Book binding kit
  - Bed for Nurses office
- Support for Educator continual learning
  - Conference fees, and substitute teacher to cover absence
  - Book for staff "book club"
  - Visit to Japanese immersion school in Portland
  - iEARN networking
- Learning beyond the classroom
  - Benaroya Hall music field trip
  - Japanese storyteller performance visit
  - o Bureau of Fearless ideas (Creative writing vendor), makes classroom visits

We are super grateful!

## From The Guest Teacher Committee

The Guest Teacher Committee is seeking parent/caregiver volunteers to help support the Guest Teacher program for 2024-2025. Specifically, we are hoping to fill the following volunteer roles:

- 1 Spanish-speaking volunteer to help recruit and support Spanish-speaking guest teachers
- 1 English-speaking (or bilingual) volunteer with connections to the Spanish side of our school to help recruit and support host families

The committee works collaboratively across the Spanish and Japanese sides to ensure a strong program for our guest teachers, host families, and the school community. Other volunteers are also welcome -- just get in touch and we can discuss more. Please email us at <u>interns@mcdonaldpta.org</u> if you are potentially interested in joining us!

## Scottie Café Menu

• <u>Please click here to view</u> on our website.

## This Week:

- Saturday, January 27, 10 am to 2 pm: Enrollment Fair at the John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence (flyer attached). Please encourage prospective families to join us!
- Tuesday, January 29, Hamilton International Middle School Open House for prospective families. 6 pm to 7:30 pm