



Your Fund-a-Vision Dollars at Work!

Over the past twenty-nine years Meridian's auction has been the venue for inviting the community to help support a particular "dream," "need," or "vision." It is a strategically chosen priority to benefit the students and teachers—a priority that is not funded by the operating budget and helps turn our dreams and visions into reality. In year's past, it has funded computers and technology improvements, science curriculum and program development, facility enhancements, establishment of the Ellen Toole Fund, professional development opportunities, a 16-passenger van, our climbing wall, and musical instruments.

Your generous gifts have made a difference in student learning over the past three years.

2011: Science

Science is a subject that Meridian students and teachers find interesting, exciting, and relevant to the world around them. For the past three years funds raised (\$71,000+) have been used for:

- ◆ In-service workshops for teachers
- ◆ National conferences
- ◆ Curriculum development with a consultant
- ◆ Purchasing new equipment and materials
- ◆ Science experts teaching across grade levels
- ◆ Interactive FMM science presentations



2012: Collaborative Professional Development

Over the past two years funds raised (\$137,000) for professional development provided a myriad of learning experiences for our faculty and staff. We know that providing our teachers with opportunities to further explore educational best practices is one of the most important and lasting gifts we can give our young students. Furthermore, we know that the quality of our students' educational experience is reflected by the depth of our teachers' knowledge.



Most recently funds have supported:

- ◆ Faculty team visited Science Teton School to learn more about customized learning and place-based learning.
- ◆ Team of teachers attended SDE Differentiated Instruction Conference
- ◆ New faculty and staff attended Responsive Classroom training
- ◆ Team attended Writing Institute of Columbia University

2013: Technology is our Focus!

All funds raised (\$118,000+) have and will continue to go towards technology enhancements to be utilized by our students and teachers.

With your support opportunities were created for students and teachers which will:

- ◆ Widen the route: Technology Infrastructure Upgrade
- ◆ Increase Interactive and Instructional Tools: iPads
- ◆ Broaden Library Technology Resources
- ◆ Enhance the Computer Lab: Cross-curricular, theme-based STEM activities
- ◆ Allow Music to Hit The Big Screen
- ◆ Offered BrainPop to all grade levels

