



**"Teaching Language through Culture and Community"
Since 1973**

Dear Friend,

The children at San Francisco's Japanese Bilingual Bicultural Program (JBBP) at Rosa Parks School need your help. With your help, we can protect this important educational program and continue offering a diverse group of children the opportunity to learn Japanese and prepare for high school and college.

For 39 years, this unique public elementary school program has educated and taught Japanese to students from kindergarten through 5th grade. More than 200 students a year learn Japanese taught by native Japanese-speaking instructors, called "Sensei," in addition to math, reading and other subjects taught in English by credentialed teachers. The program serves a diverse student population and is one of San Francisco Unified School District's great success stories as a training ground for students headed for college.

California's budget crisis caused the school district to cut Rosa Parks' funding this past year and is expected to cause further reductions, which could imperil the Japanese language program, despite its success. The JBBP parent group has started to contribute toward the budget shortage to maintain our Japanese instructors and quality of instruction, and would like to ask for your help.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation of merchandise, services, or a gift certificate for a silent auction we are hosting as a fundraising event on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. Please also consider placing an ad in the souvenir auction booklet that every guest will receive and take home (*ad submission deadline is January 9, 2012*). We are a 501(c)(3) Organization and our tax ID# is 03-0436102. For more information, please email auction@jbbpsf.org, visit us online at <http://www.jbbpsf.org>, or call (415) 749-3519.

We look forward to a favorable reply by January 9, 2012.

Sincerely,
The JBBP Auction Committee
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