

BERTSCHI BELIEVES:

Giving Demonstrates Commitment

Bertschi Kids learn the value of giving and getting involved directly from parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends who generously share their time and energy with our community.



Volunteering

The gift of your time is generosity in action.

We believe volunteers are priceless and that YOU open up a world of teaching opportunities. By participating in campus life, you directly benefit Bertschi Kids who see you actively engaging their community and living the values we're teaching them.

Not only does your volunteering fuel our board, our committees, our fundraising efforts, our parent council, and our classrooms with fresh ideas, enthusiasm and effort—your time and energy makes Bertschi the oasis it is.

You show our kids the impact of helping others, the results of combining our efforts, and the effect of a community-based approach to sharing and caring.

Investing

Your support propels our mission.

Learning begins with **The Bertschi Fund**: the rest of the day cannot occur without it. This is our only annual fundraiser—we do not host auctions, bake sales, or car washes.

Yearly tuition does not cover the full cost of educating Bertschi students, making the Bertschi Fund vital to balancing our annual operating budget. Gifts support the people, educational programs, and campus that make our school truly unique and enduring.

Our **Endowment Fund** is a second way to support our mission far into the future—creating investment earnings used to ensure our school's continual growth and evolution.

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Making meaningful contributions feels good. Our actions show Bertschi Kids the power of individuals joining forces to reach goals we believe in together.

Why does the school ask for us to give to The Bertschi Fund in addition to tuition?

Because tuition does not cover the full cost of a Bertschi education, we rely on contributions to balance our annual operating budget. We ask that 100 percent of parents contribute to **The Bertschi Fund** every year.

The average gift from current families is approximately \$2,300 and many parents step forward with gifts at the Leadership level of \$3,500 or more. However, we realize that the financial circumstances of families differ and ask that you make a gift that is meaningful to your family. By pledging your gift before December 31st, our yearly budget is secured.

Contributions to The Bertschi Fund are tax-deductible.

Why is it so important for us to participate?

Our one annual fundraiser is a vital opportunity for parents, families, and the community to demonstrate the power of generosity. By giving to **The Bertschi Fund**, you show our students, philanthropic foundations, and the world at large that the Bertschi community is strong, united, and worthy of outside support.

“You found excellence in Bertschi School, and your gift allows you to help sustain it.”

- Katarina Garner, Bertschi Parent

I understand The Bertschi Fund is the only yearly fundraiser for parents. But who else contributes?

A variety of donors contribute to **The Bertschi Fund**. Teachers, staff, grandparents, alumni, friends, and businesses all eagerly participate in this annual effort—out of their desire and commitment to support Bertschi School's exceptional program and educators. The fund ensures we realize our mission to educate Bertschi Kids to become compassionate, creative and confident learners. Double the good you do by signing up for your employers' corporate matching program.

“Since our kids benefit from The Bertschi Fund directly, it's like giving a gift to our whole family.”

- Christine Larsen, Bertschi Parent

Why don't we have an auction?

Bertschi does not host an auction, believing that volunteer time is most valuable in classroom activities that directly benefit the children. We have worked hard to streamline our fundraising efforts by simply asking donors to support the Bertschi Fund.



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