



Dear Friend of FISW,

Bonjour! Since 1999, the French Immersion School of Washington (FISW) has helped over 2,000 local children to develop into open-minded, creative, and compassionate young people. These qualities are more valuable than ever as our students navigate an increasingly globalized world. As we celebrate over 20 years in the community, we reflect on the wonderful partnerships that make us the institution we are today. We are writing today to ask you to support our annual gala, to be held on Saturday, May 2 at the Newcastle Golf Club.

FISW is a non-profit, independent school located in Bellevue with a mission to provide students in preschool through 5th grade with an excellent bilingual education in a welcoming environment that encourages critical thinking and curiosity. Our community represents an economically and culturally diverse group of families, and our tuition is kept purposefully low to make the school accessible to as many families as possible. Fundraising helps enhance our programs, enrich the educational experience for our students, and provide tuition assistance. Your donation will benefit every child.

We would like to invite you to **donate an auction item or advertise in our gala catalogue**. With the generous support of community members such as yourselves, we hope to raise over \$150,000 in support of our mission.

The FISW Gala is attended by 200 parents and community members, and our attendees are passionate about our school and the organizations that support us. Your business and donation will be recognized in our gala catalogue. It's a great way to promote your business and support the education of local, bilingual and globally-minded students at the same time.

**We look forward to celebrating over 20 years in the community by *Roaring into the 20's/Les Années Folles (the 2020's this time!)* with you, our valued partners.** Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration and generous support of our school. Please complete the enclosed sponsorship or donation form and return to: FISW, 4211 W. Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE, Bellevue WA 98008. FISW is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and all donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Institutional Advancement, Erin Brust, at (425) 653-3970 or email the gala team at [gala@fisw.org](mailto:gala@fisw.org).

Sincerely,

The FISW Gala Team

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