



Montessori Children's School

Board of Directors ~ Barb McGrath, President

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Newsletter

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I write to you in sincere appreciation for all the huge accomplishments MCS has made this year! It amazes me to see the dedication, sincere compassion and understanding that each facet of this school demonstrates. Every year brings higher expectations that are met with great success.

We have the privilege of a dedicated Administrator, Barbara Kincaid, whose leadership, great insight and direction has kept our school sound. She has been instrumental in guiding the Board in many decision making ventures which have all proven to be positive.

Our entire staff has once again shown they are focused on individual student achievement and growth. They are strictly adherent to the Montessori guidelines. The participation in all school activities, promoting that integral piece of family involvement has been key this year. Once again they have taken the ball and ran with it. Thank you all!

Family participation and involvement will always be the key to successful education in children. We have been very fortunate this year to have the successful chairing of our auction *Starry, Starry Night*, by Cathy Pfaff and Kelly Bova.

Board Parent Rep, Lisa Havemann, initiated and coordinated the technological advancement of receiving school happenings, updates and newsletters via Email. Thanks Lisa!

The school's success could not happen without the students. I am assured by the applications for next year that you the parents are also in agreement that MCS is the best when it comes to educating children. We are focused on the future and it shows.

It is that time of year when the Board is requesting "Letters of Interest" from parents considering a commitment to volunteer as a Parent Representative on the Board of Trustees.

Please send your letter of interest via Barbara Kincaid if you are interested. I Look forward to receiving your letter of interest.

I wish to thank the Board of Trustees for your participation and dedication. You have all made a difference in the life of a child. It has been a privilege working with such a positive team!

Looking forward to the "end of the year" picnic on Saturday, June 6th See you there!



Barb McGrath, President
MCS Board of Trustees

Notes & News from Barbara Kincaid, Administrative Director

Welcome Back & Welcome Spring! We hope you enjoyed Spring Break and are ready for the busy months ahead.

Many thanks to all of our generous families for your support of our *Starry, Starry Night* fundraiser in February. Nearly every classroom had 100% participation with their

classroom theme baskets. Kudos to our event chairpersons *Cathy Pfaff, and Kelly Bova* and many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers for supporting our children and our school in such an extraordinary way! Please see out thank you pages elsewhere in this newsletter. Even during these difficult economic

times we met our fundraising goal and earned nearly \$18,000.00! These funds are an integral part of our operating budget and allow us to continue to provide our children Library, Spanish and Music programs at no additional cost to our families!

We hope you enjoyed our musical program "With My Own Two Hands", our children and staff put forth an extensive amount of time and effort to bring you this spectacular program. Many thanks and to our amazing music teacher, *Brenda Calovini* for the beautiful concerts!! Again, we thank you for your patience and

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see so many of our families and friends enjoying the entertainment! Your generous donations of paper products were shared with many needy families in the inner city of Cleveland. "Grateful beyond words" is the best way to describe the response when the donations were delivered. We again express our sincere appreciation to our MCS families for the kindness and generosity that your children shared with those less fortunate - many hands touched many hearts!

The mere mention of road construction causes us all to reach for aspirin.

The project on Hilliard will be ongoing for at least 2 years. We thank our families for your patience as we adapt as best we can to these major inconveniences in our arrival and dismissal procedures. Thank you for understanding that we have no control over this project ... If you have any suggestions for alternate arrival and/or dismissal—please let me know!

As you were previously notified, registration for the fall 2009/10 school year Elementary and Kindergarten classroom openings is FULL! Needless to say, we are very proud and excited that even in these complicated economic times our families have committed to continuing their child's education at MCS. We have limited morning and afternoon preprimary classroom openings. If you have a neighbor, friend or relative who may be interested in our school, please have them contact our office soon. Your "Word of Mouth" recommendation is our best advertisement and we always appreciate having your referrals join our MCS family!

they were sharing this special time with you demonstrating their favorite classroom work!

As the end of another school year arrives we would like to acknowledge the many wonderful volunteers who have devoted extensive time and efforts to help our school operate. Special thanks to our Board Members, *Barb McGrath, Kevin McLaughlin, Debbie Dean Espie, Jim Boyer, Lisa Havemann and Rajshree Bhandari* for their continued support and commitment to our school.

As our Board President mentioned in her note, we are accepting applications to fill the Parent Representative position. If you are interested in volunteering on the Board as a parent representative, please deliver your letter of interest to our office and you will be personally contacted with further details.

We could never find enough words to express our appreciation for all that our Parent Club volunteers do for our children and our school, thank you to all of our parents, grandparents and friends who have helped throughout the year in so many ways. Although our volunteer list is too numerous to acknowledge each of you by name, we want to express our gratitude for all the hard work and time you so generously shared with us this past year! Please join us on Wednesday, May 27th at 8:45 am for our Volunteer Thank You Tea!

Get Ready ... our annual Year End Picnic will be held at Clague Park on Saturday, June 6th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Each participating child will receive a "Passport" to visit game stations then end the picnic with a keepsake medal!

We anticipate a fun-filled event! Registration forms and further information will be forthcoming in your child's Friday Folder.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a special May/June calendar outlining our many upcoming scheduled events. As always, the year end is a very busy and fun time for our entire school. We hope you can participate in as many of these offerings as possible!

The school office is open throughout the summer break. We ask that you call ahead prior to visiting to determine if the building is accessible since painting, carpet cleaning, etc. may be in process.

Thank you for your continued support of our children and our school - we all take pleasure in your family being a part of our MCS family!



Best wishes to all of our children and families for a very Safe & Spectacular Summer ...

Barbara Kincaid

