MILWAUKEE
MONTESSORI
SCHOOL

2011-2012

annual report

Head of School & Board President

message

Dear Families, Friends and Alumni,

Over the years, we have learned many of the reasons that families choose Milwaukee Montessori School. Most of all they value this environment where their children are known and loved and have experienced firsthand what the research backs up: that the intimacy, manageable size, and high expectations found in an independent school create graduates who succeed in high school, college, and life.

We also know that families choose MMS because of the racial, cultural, and economic diversity of our faculty and families. This diversity enriches the learning environment now and gives them a great head start for working within the global marketplace where teamwork and problem-solving skills are essential. Though hailing from many different backgrounds, our families are united in a belief that a Milwaukee Montessori School education is the best investment for their children's future.

We believe long-term success comes largely from hard work, and the MMS difference is that we have the extensive training to carefully prepare the environment to develop each child's proficiencies. There is nothing haphazard in our approach. Our teachers model their own passion for hard work in their steadfast preparedness and high expectations, and the marvelous opportunities our students undertake engender their capacity and love for hard work. The result is that they face the future eager to take on the worthwhile opportunities and endeavors undaunted by the hard work these require.

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Our frequent contact with alumni and our increasing accumulation of national awards prove that this approach is working. Our graduates successfully attend college and graduate school; report high career satisfaction; and are engaged in careers and civic activities that make the world a better place. Our mission to *educate students of knowledge, courage, personal integrity, and compassion* is the lifeblood of everything we do, and your engagement with us is essential to our enduring success.

Yours truly,

Monica Van Aken, Ed.D.
Head of School

Joseph Thomae
President, Board of Trustees

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excellence

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The National Association of Independent Schools is a membership organization with approximately 1,700 independent schools and associations in the United States, and affiliates with independent schools abroad as well.

The National Association of Independent Schools believes that the freedoms derived from independence and self-determination are deserving of preservation, worthy of emulation, and a source of the success of independent schools in preparing students to contribute effectively toward a peaceful, prosperous, just, and equitable world.

The NAIS vision foresees a future where independent school graduates will make good choices for themselves, their communities, and the world, capitalizing upon those values and skills that won't change and acquiring those new skills and values a 21st Century marketplace and global commons will demand. We see NAIS's role as leading and serving schools as the center of a network of ideas that propel good schools toward becoming great schools, characterized by demographic, environmental, global, programmatic, and financial sustainability.

Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)

ISACS is a membership organization of 230 independent schools from 13 states of the Midwest Region. Only 12 schools in Wisconsin have achieved this distinction from ISACS.

The mission of ISACS states:
The purpose of ISACS is to promote the development of strong learning communities characterized by high achievements, social responsibility, and independence of governance, programs and policies. This goal is achieved through a rigorous accreditation process, targeted professional development programs, and focused support services.

Educational Records Bureau (ERB)

ERB is the only not-for-profit member educational services organization offering assessments for both admission and achievement for independent and public schools Pre K - grade 12 — including professional development services for interpretation, and links to next steps instruction within our online assessments.

The mission of ERB is to:
Create testing and learning solutions that would help schools develop improved curriculum based on results, thus helping students gain a better education.

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Thank You Volunteers

Milwaukee Montessori School would like to thank all of the volunteers who commit their time and energy to our school. The work you do truly makes a difference in the lives of our students. Whether it is working on a committee, helping with a classroom project, setting or cleaning up an event, or helping achieve fundraising goals, our volunteers show generous displays of their dedication to the MMS family.

The 2012 Junior High spring musical was "Willy Wonka Jr."

2011-2012
parent association

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Parent Association Fundraising 2011-2012

INCOME

Spaghetti Dinner	$18,342.00	72%
Scholastic Book Fair	$4,794.54	19%
Community Building Events	$1,564.00	6%
Target	$529.05	2%
Box Tops for Education	$260.00	1%
TOTAL	**$25,489.59**	**100%**

EXPENSE

Spaghetti Dinner	$17,603.29	69%
Donation to MMS	$5,808.59	22%
Book Fair	$1,729.15	7%
Special Events	$485.00	2%
TOTAL	**$25,626.03**	**100%**

2012 Spaghetti Dinner In-Kind

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We thank these donors for the services and goods they have provided to our Spaghetti Dinner.

Rose Anderson
Daughter of Kathleen Graff and Debra Anderson *is attending New Berlin Eisenhower High School.*

Turquoise Baker
Daughter of Bevan and Sandra Baker *is attending University School of Milwaukee.*

McKenna Barrett
Daughter of Kelly Barrett and Tim Barrett *is attending Pius XI High School.*

Jordan Benard
Daughter of Brent and Deborah Benard *is attending University School of Milwaukee.*

Ali Braddock
Daughter of Tony and Denise Braddock *is attending Divine Savior Holy Angels High School.*

Andrew Cannestra
Son of Paul Cannestra and Lori Koch Cannestra *is attending Marquette University High School.*

Alex Eis
Son of Michael and Annie Eis *is attending Menomonee Falls High School.*

Dylan Hetzel
Son of Sarah Como and Matt Hetzel *is attending Wauwatosa East High School.*

Morgan Hobbs
Daughter of Mark and DeAnn Hobbs *is attending Arrowhead High School.*

Ellen Kattner
Daughter of Colin and Laura Kattner *is attending New Berlin Eisenhower High School.*

Frazier Keener
Son of Samuel and Darlene Keener *is attending Pius XI High School.*

Chase Kelly
Son of Chuck and Cheryl Kelly *is attending New Berlin West High School.*

John Klein
Son of Joseph and Mary Jo Klein *is attending Pius XI High School.*

Siobhan Larsen
Daughter of Michelle Martin and Christopher Larsen *is attending Wauwatosa West High School.*

Shelby Lyles
Daughter of Vincent and Bethany Lyles *is attending Pius XI High School.*

Back row, standing (L-R): Dylan Hetzel, Maia Salameh, Morgan Hobbs, Rebecca Messnick, McKenna Barrett, Siobhan Larsen, Rose Anderson, Frazier Keener, Houstan Vassel, Ellen Kattner, Jordan Benard. Middle row, seated: Chase Kelly, John Klein, Turquoise Baker, Samantha Reich, Kyra Swanson, Shireen Zaineb, Rowan Winter, Shelby Lyles. Front row, seated: Shazia Shergill, Sarah O'Leary, Ali Braddock, Andrew Cannestra, Alex Eis.

2012
graduates

Since the first graduation in 1983, the Milwaukee Montessori School graduation ceremony has been based on simplicity, recognition of the individual, and joy.

Rebecca Messnick
Daughter of the late Richard and Ruth Messnick *is attending Pius XI High School.*

Sarah O'Leary
Daughter of Jennifer O'Leary and John O'Leary *is attending Pius XI High School.*

Samantha Reich
Daughter of Kimberly Reich and Gerald Reich *is attending Mukwonago High School.*

Maia Salameh
Daughter of Ziad Salameh and Mary Simoneau *is attending Divine Savior Holy Angels High School.*

Shazia Shergill
Daughter of Gurpreet and Shabnam Shergill *is attending Brookfield East High School.*

Kyra Swanson
Daughter of David Swanson and Tonit Calaway *is attending University School of Milwaukee.*

Houstan Vassel
Daughter of Jennifer King and Spencer Vassel *is attending Pius XI High School.*

Rowan Winter
Daughter of Joe and Sarah Winter *is attending Greendale High School.*

Shireen Zaineb
Daughter of Muhammad Fuad Bangash and Nazia Fuad *is attending University School of Milwaukee.*

Alumni
honors & highlights

Lists are made public on a quarterly basis via school websites or local papers. Please contact the Development Office at (414) 259-0370, ext. 128 with questions or additions to the list.

Class of 2008

Well wishes to our 2008 alumni as they move forward to their first year at the following universities:

Don Gaglione
University of Wisconsin – Whitewater

Jordan Kelly
University of Wisconsin – Madison

Francis Klein
University of Wisconsin – Madison

Colleen McLaren
Minneapolis College of Art and Design

Andrew Moore
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Megan Moore
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Kylie Nelsen-Freund
Marquette University

Kirsten Schmid
Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design

61% of our MMS alumni who were enrolled in local Milwaukee high schools made high honor or honor roll during the 2011-2012 school year.

Class of 2008

Jordan Kelly	New Berlin West	High Honor
Francis J. Klein	Pius XI	High Honor
Colleen McLaren	Pius XI	High Honor
Kirsten Schmid	Shorewood	Honor

Class of 2009

Keyla Jones-Rosa	Divine Savior Holy Angels	Second Honors
Kirsten Pelkey	Franklin	High Honor
Maxwell Scheurell	Marquette University	Second Honors

Class of 2010

Nica Assana	Divine Savior Holy Angels	Second Honors
Mariah Braddock	Divine Savior Holy Angels	Second Honors
Brett Hinkforth	Oconomowoc	High Honor
Emma Hudson	Wauwatosa	Honor
Ellyn Hurtado	Cedarburg	Honor
Sydney Kelly	New Berlin West	High Honor
Emily Krusche-Bruck	Brookfield Academy	Honor
Ryan Nelsen-Freund	Marquette University	First Honors
Hope Salameh	Divine Savior Holy Angels	First Honors
Ashleigh Vertelka	Pius XI	High Honor
Chamika Wijenayake	New Berlin West	B Honor

Class of 2011

Rayce Albino	New Berlin West	B Honor
Elise Ashley	Divine Savior Holy Angels	First Honors
Taylor Benard	University School	Honor
Taylor Bragg-Brock	Divine Savior Holy Angels	First Honors
Alex Dittlof	Marquette University	First Honors
Alex Flood	Pius XI	High Honor
Morgan Harlan	Brookfield Central	Honor
Noel Hincha	Divine Savior Holy Angels	First Honors
Kellan Lowry	Marquette University	Second Honors
Brian Mays	Marquette University	Second Honors
Melissa Pelkey	Franklin	High Honor
Annie Shafer	University Lake	High Honor
Sabrina Tumicelli	Franklin	High Honor
Mindika Wijenayake	New Berlin West	B Honor

**GPA varies by school, 3.5 or higher is typically honor roll achievement.*

Robotics

Regional:

1st Place Teamwork Award

Nominated for: Innovative Project Solution Award, Presentation Award, Innovative Robot Design Award and Strategic Programming Award

Art

Milwaukee Regional Art Fair:

Maia Salameh – 1st Place
"The Lovely Affliction" Mixed Media Sculpture

Shireen Zaineb – 3rd Place
"Bamoon" Mixed Media Sculpture

State Fair Youth Art Exhibit:

Dailey Albino – 1st Place
"Poppy Fields" Fiber Coiling Sculpture

Rowan Winter – 2nd Place
"Man on the Apple" Ceramic Sculpture

Music

Federation Festival:

49 Students Earned a Superior Rating

9 Students Earned an Excellent Rating

Volleyball

Metro Volleyball League, Cousins Division:

8th Grade – 1st Place, undefeated
6th/7th Grade – 1st Place, undefeated
5th Grade – 1st Place

St. Mary Menomonee Falls B Tournament:

8th Grade – 1st Place

St. Leonard Tournament:

8th Grade – 3rd Place
5th Grade – 2nd Place

St. Dominic Silver Tournament:

6th/7th Grade – 1st Place

St. Joe's B Tournament:

6th/7th Grade – 1st Place

Basketball

Beulah Brinton Community Center:

7th/8th Grade – 4th Place
6th Grade – 5th Place
4th/5th Grade – 3rd Place

St. Thomas Aquinas Tournament:

7th/8th Grade – 2nd Place

St. Mary's Hales Corners Tournament:

Frazier Keener named to All Tournament Team

Track and Field

Wisconsin Hershey State Meet:

State Champions: Anna Martin, Adonia Barbiere, Tamia Fowlkes and Elyse Cornwall, 4x100 relay

Wisconsin Hershey District Championship:

State Qualifiers: Anna Martin, Adonia Barbiere, Tamia Fowlkes and Elyse Cornwall, 4x100 relay; Vincent DiCastri, Long Jump; Chase Kelly, 1600m

Wisconsin Hershey Regional Meet:

District Qualifiers: Turquoise Baker 100m, 200m and softball throw; Will Mizer and Anna Martin, 400m; Will Gebauer, 800m; Chase Kelly, 1600m; Anna Martin, Adonia Barbiere, Tamia Fowlkes and Elyse Cornwall, 4x100 relay; Vincent DiCastri, Long Jump

Brookfield Academy Meet:

Dailey Albino 1st Place, 100 hurdles; Chyna Bacchus 1st Place, 100 hurdles; Adonia Barbiere 2nd Place, 100 hurdles and 1st Place, 7th Grade 100 open (competing as a 6th grader); Lizzie Mizer 2nd Place, 100 hurdles

Bulldog Dash:

Girls' Track and Field – 4th Place; Dailey Albino 1st Place, 200m; Adonia Barbiere 1st Place, 100m; Adonia Barbiere, Elyse Cornwall, Anna Martin, and Hannah Davis 1st Place, 4x400 relay and broke record; Lizzie Mizer 1st Place, Long Jump and broke record; Dailey Albino, Elyse Cornwall, Anna Martin and Tamia Fowlkes 2nd Place, 4x100 relay; 8th grade girls 2nd Place, sprint medley; Turquoise Baker 2nd Place, 200m and 3rd Place, Long Jump; Jordan Benard 2nd Place, Pentathlon; Sam Streicher 3rd Place, 200m and Softball Throw; Chyna Bacchus 3rd Place, 100m and 4th Place, High Jump; 8th grade girls 3rd Place, 4x100 relay; Will Mizer 3rd Place, 400m; Elyse Cornwall 4th Place, Long Jump

2011-2012 student honors & recognitions

Track and Field *cont'*

University Indoor Invite at UWM:

Girls' Track and Field – 2nd Place; Jenna Gaglione, Lizzie Mizer, Megan Kattner and Chyna Bacchus 1st Place, 4x200 relay; Dailey Albino, Madison Kelly, Elyse Cornwall, and Hannah Davis 3rd Place, 4x200 relay; Turquoise Baker, Jordan Benard, McKenna Barrett and Rowan Winter 3rd Place, 4x200 relay; Adonia Barbiere 2nd Place, 400m and 50m and 4th Place, 200m; Turquoise Baker 2nd Place, 200m and 4th Place, 50m; Dailey Albino 3rd Place, 50m and 4th Place, 200m; Chyna Bacchus 4th Place, 50m; Megan Kattner 4th Place, 50m

As a result of winning President Obama's 2011 National STEM Video Game Challenge, MMS 8th Grader Shireen Zaineb was invited to Washington D.C. on February 7, 2012 to attend the White House Science Fair.

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Operational Income

Tuition and Fees	**91%**	**$4,082,039**
Other	**3%**	**$152,049**
Unrestricted Contributions	**2.5%**	**$111,232**
Restricted Contributions	**1.6%**	**$70,655**
Special Event Revenue (net of donor benefit)	**1.2%**	**$52,892**
Donated Goods and Services	**0.1%**	**$3,647**
Interest Income	**0.0%**	**$1,934**
TOTAL	**100%**	**$4,474,447**

Operational Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	**67%**	**$2,810,457**
Facilities	**8%**	**$344,945**
Administrative	**8%**	**$339,401**
Interest and Expense	**7%**	**$295,450**
Program	**6%**	**$250,070**
Restricted Contributions Expended	**3%**	**$131,413**
TOTAL	**100%**	**$4,171,736**
Nonrecurring Expenses*		**$381,122**

*Legal, transmission line consulting, and public/government relations expenses to oppose American Transmission Company's proposed power lines overhead on school property.

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2011 MMS Fund Results

Donor Type	Total Amount of Donations	% of Total	# of Donations	Average Donation
Parents	$63,637	68%	256	$249
Friends, Matching & Alumni	$24,195	7%	25	$968
Board	$12,876	3%	10	$1,288
Employees	$7,387	17%	63	$117
Grandparents	$4,982	7%	25	$199
TOTAL RAISED	**$113,076**	**102%**	**379**	

297 of 324 school families participated = 92% parent participation

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