

Spring 2021

“MAKING AN IMPACT”

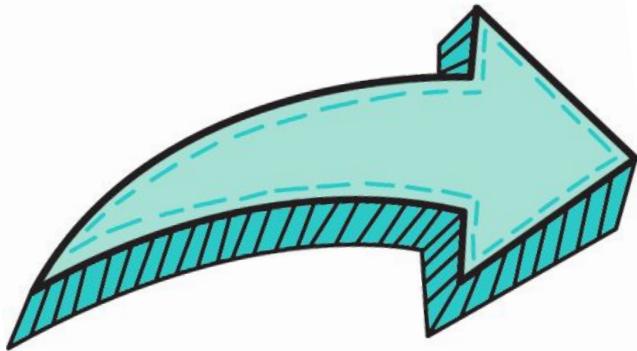
Celebrating Alumni Parent Donors



We are so grateful to all of our alumni parents who have given 26% of the total dollar amount raised so far for this year's TMS Annual Fund.

Special thanks to our Alumni Parent donors who continue to endorse TMS through their Annual Fund gifts.

We Celebrate our TMS Alumni Parent Donors — Current & Past!



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"We support the school because we believe in the Montessori method and the integrity of the staff at TMS to deliver that education in its finest form. We believe as many children as possible should be able to receive this education and believe strongly in giving back to the school that gave our daughters their excellent foundation in learning. That's why we have donated to TMS for these many years."

— Tracey & Rod Sandmeyer

Appreciation of Past Success!

We appreciate loyal TMS donors who contributed to the **summer 2015 RENOVATION & MODERNIZATION** of our classroom building. Included was a new heating and cooling system, as well as new windows and doors.

This new HVAC installation allowed for the addition last summer of ultraviolet units to help protect against airborne viruses, such as the COVID virus. Coupled with open windows and doors, each classroom has the ability to maintain a flow of fresh air to prevent potential cross-contamination among students.



Annual Fund Overview

The Annual Fund was established in 1988 as a way for parents, trustees, staff, alumni parents and others to support our school and its education of children. In 1995, New Horizons Montessori School, the original school name, celebrated its 25th anniversary, and the Annual Fund goal was to reach \$7,000. NHMS moved to Dresher in 2006, and the target goal for 2007-08 grew to \$70,000. After New Horizons changed its name in 2010 to The Montessori School, the Annual Fund goal was expanded to \$75,000.

In recent years the Annual Fund has been used to purchase iPads and Apple laptops, a 3D printer, library shelving, materials for makerspace projects, and new outdoor playground equipment. In 2019, alumni parents, Tai & Ruth Chang, generously provided for the construction of the “Chang Trail” – a pathway created by clearing bushes, small trees and rocks leading down from the play area to the soccer field.



*The beginnings of the
Chang Trail*

After the COVID pandemic hit, TMS began the 2020 school year teaching in-person. In November we were thrilled to announce the matching gift pledge of Sue Zaharchuk, alumna parent and trustee. Sue and her family pledged to match gifts to the TMS Annual Fund up to \$25,000! We are happy to report that we have received gifts from parents and others that will allow for this to happen! Our deepest gratitude extends to the Zaharchuks for all they do to support TMS and its mission of educating children.

Children's House play equipment



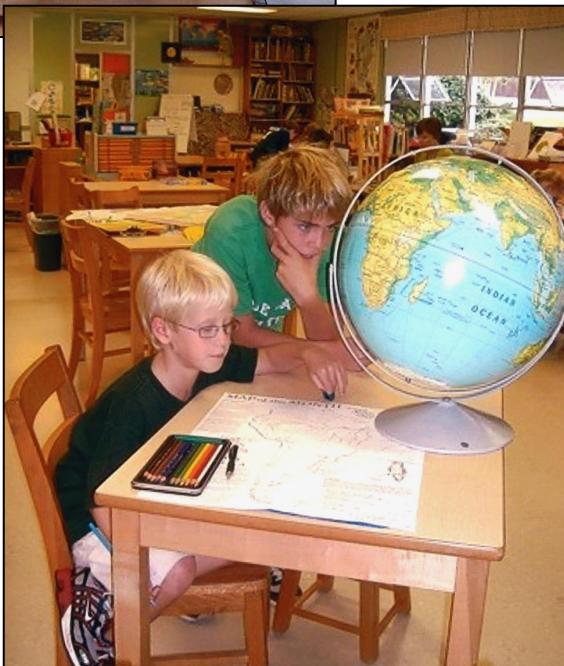
"We love The Montessori School and the teaching philosophy because - today, we see our ninth grader aptly express opinions and thoughts. He also sees his world in a way that makes him think and not just process the numbers or the facts. There is a lot of good independent thought. Thanks TMS!"

— Ruth & Tai Chang

From the Archives



Above (l-r): Jennifer Levin '99, Gail Whiffen '98, Tacola Buyarski '98, and Kelsey Schwarzenbach '99. Photo from the 1990s.



Below (l-r):
Pete Zaharchuk '09, Doug Leonard '09, from 2008 or 2009.

"Joan and I continue to support The Montessori School for several reasons. The main one being the fundamental regard for the human being as the foundation of the Montessori method. To us, the foundation of the Montessori method is that deep respect and regard for the potential, human and learning potential, of each student. The Montessori method provides each student with the opportunity to explore and learn and be the person that they are. To us, this is a beautiful thing and to support it in our community is a pleasure."

— Joan & Jim Levin

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