

Montessori Center School



2017-2018 Annual Report





From the Head of School

The 2017-2018 school year was indeed unique in many aspects. It was a year filled with opportunities for us to come together as a community to support one another and grow both within our MCS boundaries and outside of them.

The fall was an exciting time that included many annual events that unite us every year, such as the Harvest Picnic and United Nations Day, where students enjoyed a wonderful hula dance performance by Hula Anyone, thanks to the “Cash Call” funds raised for Community Exploration and Enrichment at the 2017 Auction. Through those donations, students attended an exciting presentation from the Boxtales Theater Company, and Montessori consultant P. Donohue Shortridge visited MCS and gave an interesting talk on “How to Support Your Child Through Each Stage of Development” to parents, teachers and members of the broader educational community. Our lower elementary students also traveled back in time and listened to Abraham Lincoln enthusiast, John Voehl, share his knowledge about Lincoln’s life and achievements.



Our outstanding MPO continued to support MCS with its annual Auction Gala and Teacher Appreciation events. This dynamic organization also created a “Philanthropy Committee” this year that coordinated a beach cleanup, Foodbank assistance, a Winter Coat Drive and more. The MPO’s strength and dedication were put to the test this year, and it passed with flying colors! In the wake of the Thomas Fire and Montecito Mudslides, our MPO snapped into action, organizing disaster relief opportunities including a water collection and care packages for first responders and victims of the disasters. MPO’s weekly “How to Help” updates allowed all of us to deliver useful aid in a timely fashion.

The MPO successfully coordinated our “Illumination” Benefit Auction at the Moxi Museum in the months directly following the natural disasters. The Auction sold out and everyone who attended appreciated this magical evening at Moxi that helped bring our community together. Guests enjoyed interactive exhibits, incandescent cocktails, silent and live auctions and dancing with DJ Darla Bea. It was a truly memorable night! Thanks to the “Teacher Appreciation Committee,” MCS faculty and staff were treated like royalty for a whole week, with pampering touches such as chair massages, flowers, a beautiful potluck lunch, a tasty breakfast and more. Bravo MPO!

The MCS Board of Trustees also had a busy year, working diligently to ensure the financial stability of our school as well as upholding our mission. Coordinating the strategic planning process for the entire community by bringing Dave Mochel, from Applied Attention, to MCS to elicit feedback from all constituencies was a large part of the Board’s work this year. We look forward to putting that plan into action in the year ahead. Thank you to all who participated in this important process.

The faculty and staff continue to be a motivating force here on campus, demonstrating their dedication and expertise each day through their engagement with our students and partnership with parents. We welcomed many new and extraordinary members to our staff this year and bid farewell to some who have given decades of service to MCS, for which we will be eternally grateful.

Of course, at the heart of all of this is your tremendous philanthropy! Your generosity empowers us to offer a quality Montessori education that encourages intellectual, social, physical, creative and moral development. We thank you for your continuous support.

Warmly,
Melanie Jacobs
Head of School

MCS Family Interview

The Jacobsen Family



How did you discover Montessori Center School?

Our family has been fortunate to have several good friends who recommended MCS to us. We've admired these families over the past 20 years and enjoyed watching the paths they were taking with their children. As we've watched these children grow and mature, we've been impressed with the kind, creative, intelligent and well-balanced young adults they have become. This encouraged us to have a strong look at Montessori for our children.

What drew you to MCS?

After touring several preschools in the Santa Barbara area, we decided the overall feeling at MCS was the right fit for our family. We were drawn to the Montessori philosophy and the kind, serene atmosphere of the MCS campus. During our tour, I remember walking into Margaret McCleery-Cota's pre-primary classroom and feeling impressed as I observed her interact with over 20 toddlers doing their "work" in harmony. Another fond memory during our tour was strolling into a peaceful Art Room during the pre-primary session and observing toddlers carefully creating their masterpieces with classical music in the background. These observations coupled with the welcoming staff, organized classrooms, amazing materials and fun methods of teaching ultimately drew us in.

What do your children enjoy most about the Montessori approach to learning?

We believe our children enjoy the fun, creative and flexible approach to learning the most. The fact that they're exposed to a variety of enriching activities and they get to experience hands-on demonstrations is invaluable. We truly value the positive modeling and consistent practice of treating children with respect and courtesy.

What stands out about the faculty at MCS?

The teachers are amazing and make MCS an extraordinary place. Their patience and commitment to our children are unsurpassed. Although all of the classrooms have the same materials, the teachers are each unique and wonderful in their own way. We've been so fortunate to have outstanding teachers who have made our boys feel special and supported. There's a genuine kindness from the staff and interest in each individual child. We've appreciated the communication and relationship with our teachers as well as connections we've made with the staff at MCS.

What motivates you to be involved at the school?

Our boys' second home is MCS so we take a lot of pride and dedication in our school. We believe the success of our children doesn't stop weekdays at 3 p.m. There's an inherent partnership between the school and the parents, and we understand that the success of our children requires community support. Over the past five years, we've built lifelong friendships at MCS, and we enjoy being involved with the school and other MCS families.

What is your favorite activity or event that takes place during the year?

We love watching all of the special events that our kids are involved in at MCS, and some of our favorite activities are Harvest Picnic, Jogathon and Auction. Harvest Picnic is always a wholesome, family event that is an extremely fun way to participate and kick off the fall. Being involved with MPO has allowed us to enjoy the behind the scenes preparation, which is always memorable, as well as enjoying the excitement of the events. Jogathon is a high-energy, fun way to rock out and raise funds for our school. Auction is always an exciting, memorable adult night out that we look forward to each year with our parent community! A few other events that have been our family favorites are Silver Door's gingerbread house event and Green Door's special Mother's Day Brunch.

What one or two aspects of learning at MCS do you hope your child will carry on through their entire life?

Self-motivation and confidence are the two aspects of learning from MCS that we hope our children will carry on throughout life. MCS encourages a self-driven atmosphere, and we hope this translates into our children becoming independent thinkers and responsible citizens in our ever-changing world. Each year we've seen self-confidence increase in our boys. This sounds cliché but we hope that our boys truly develop a love for learning and a strong foundation from MCS that will give them tools for life.

What are some of your favorite memories at MCS?

Some of our favorite memories are being active in the classrooms and helping in the organization of school events. There are so many ways to be involved at MCS, whether it's in the classroom or being involved with extra-curricular events and activities. I think some of our best memories have been helping to put together events for the school and experiencing some comical highlights during our many memorable moments. We've found that participation in the school has not only created a sense of belonging for our children but it's also created a sense of family for us at MCS. We're very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the MCS community.

From the 2017-2018 President of the Board of Trustees

Dear MCS Families,

As I look back on the last school year, I am reminded of all the trials and tribulations that our broader community has faced. Trials by fire and water. However, I am also reminded of the resiliency of nature and of man. Where there were scorched hills, there are now patches of color as nature comes back. Where there were destroyed homes, there are now cleared plots as people ready to rebuild. We all know that life is a cycle, and I like to think of our school year as a cycle, too. The excitement and trepidation that comes with the start of each year leads to growth and confidence by the end of each one. I have been privileged to see this happen not only with my own children but with yours, too. It has been an honor to serve as the President of the Board of Trustees for the last two years.



However, like all cycles the time has come for a new beginning. It is with great pride and appreciation that I hand off the role of President to John Berger. John is going to be an excellent President for the Board. For those of you lucky enough to know him already you know that John is a kind and thoughtful man, a loving husband and a great dad. He and the Board have been working hard, and I am pleased to report that the school continues to be in a good position, financially, moving forward. The Board continues to plan for the long-term success of the school, and under its guidance, we can all feel certain that Montessori Center School will have the resources necessary to grow and thrive. For every issue that arises, there exist opportunities to become better.

I would like to thank the full Board for the support and assistance that they provided me throughout my term. They are the parents of current and past MCS students, and it is their love of the school and support of its philosophies that make them so effective. They understand the weight of responsibility that being a Trustee means, and they embody that definition.

I would also like to thank the staff and faculty for their hard work throughout the year. They are the ones who help nurture the curiosity within our children that leads to a love of learning. They have an exquisite gift to identify that individual item in each of our children that will motivate them in their path of learning. The administrative staff continue to do an amazing job of leading our school forward and preparing us for the future.

I am excited for the coming year. We have so many new families to welcome and so many new experiences to enjoy. The faculty and staff have been working hard behind the scenes getting the classrooms ready to

Brian Johnson

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2017-2018



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From the 2018-2019 President of the Board of Trustees

Dear Montessori Families,

Since its inception in 1965, Montessori Center School at Santa Barbara (MCS) has been a non-profit organization that prides itself in providing an enriching environment for educating children. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the 2018-2019 President of the Board of Trustees and to be actively involved in the growth and success of MCS.

As Board President, my energy will be used to help reinforce the MCS mission to provide a thriving community where our children can develop a lifelong passion for learning. I have had the pleasure to work closely with our Past President, Brian Johnson, and I plan to continue on the path that he and the other Board members have started before me. Currently, there are 14 MCS Board Trustees; it is an amazing group of individuals who are truly dedicated to the school. The strength of the Board is demonstrated by the commitment each Trustee has made to help support, improve, and guide MCS. The strength of the MCS Community is demonstrated by the families' commitment to investing in their children's education. The future of MCS is strong.



My wife, Jennifer, and I are fortunate to have two children attending MCS; this year will mark the beginning of our family's seventh year at the school. I strongly agree with the premise that "One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child." (Maria Montessori) This was apparent to me the first day we toured the MCS campus as we were looking for childcare alternatives in Santa Barbara. I specifically remember how happy each classroom operated as we toured the beautiful campus. As we spent more time at MCS, we quickly learned it was an excellent private school having grass roots origins where the children are learning functional and social communication. We witnessed children learning the lost arts of handwriting, reading from books, dancing, and exploring real-world science. Through the years, over field trips and campouts, we have enjoyed spending time with other MCS families. Through these experiences it is clear that MCS is preserving the true sense of community; our children are learning to grow together.

I am excited to work closely with our wonderful Head of School, Melanie Jacobs, who has a clear vision for MCS. The Montessori education supports students in becoming active seekers of knowledge. Our teachers, administrators, and staff are dedicated to helping support your children aspire to fulfill their individual goals. The teachers' genuine enthusiasm is shown as they greet your child at the entrance gate in the morning; grace and courtesy are modeled in the classroom. They are truly dedicated to their profession.

As MCS enters its 53rd year, I welcome all families in our community back to campus and I especially welcome the new families just starting their journey at MCS. Please take advantage of the MCS open door policy, because it is an amazing opportunity to engage with the children inside the classroom as they learn. I also invite alumni to visit MCS and see the many new, on-going activities and performances, as well as our continued pursuit for our new campus.

John Berger
Board President



***“Within the child lies the fate of
the future.”***

- Maria Montessori



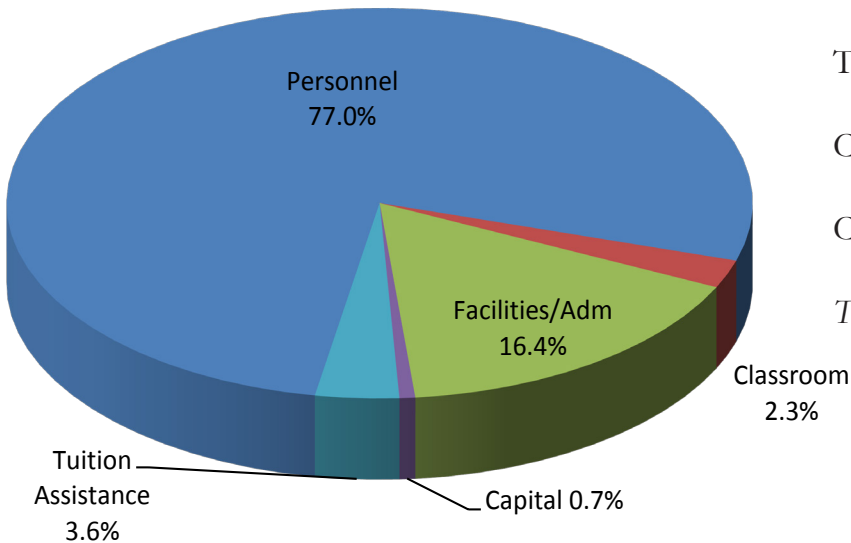
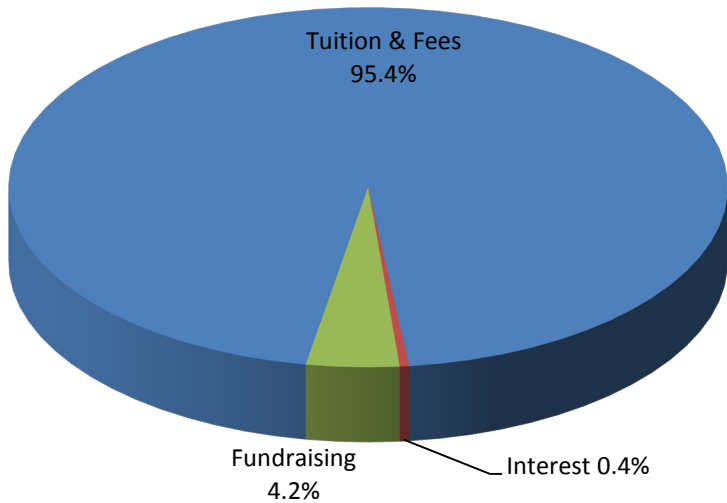


OPERATING REVENUE

Tuition and Fees	\$4,115,800
Fundraising	\$180,200
Interest	\$18,500
<i>Total Operating Revenue</i>	<i>\$4,314,500</i>

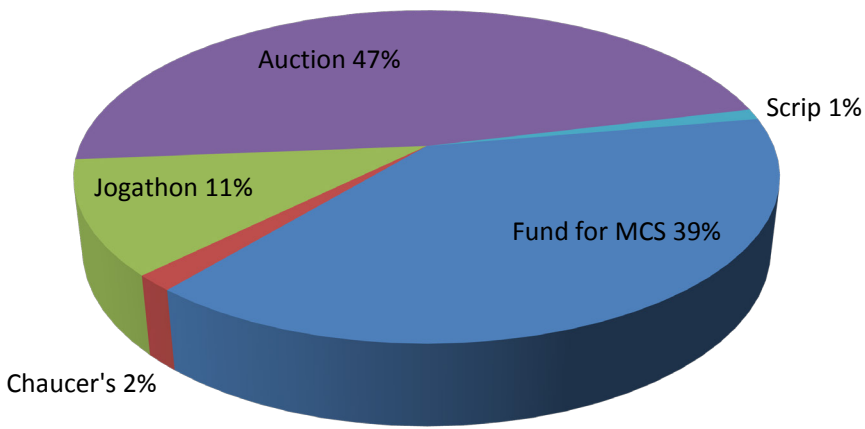
OPERATING EXPENSES

Personnel	\$3,229,300
Facilities and Maintenance	\$687,000
Tuition Assistance	\$151,900
Classroom	\$97,700
Capital	\$28,500
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<i>\$4,194,400</i>

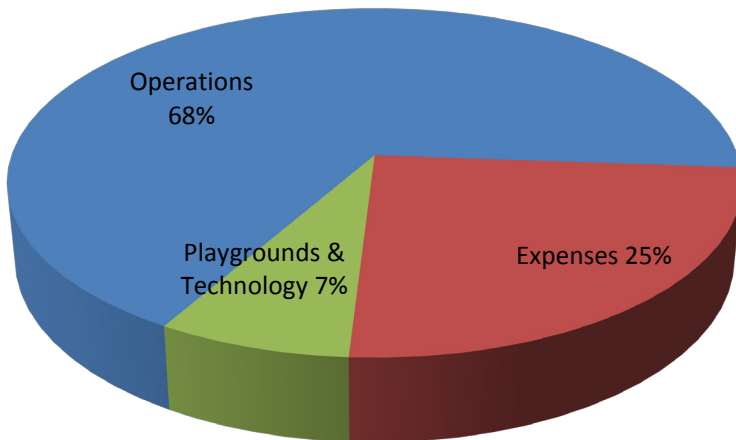


Fundraising at MCS

NET FUNDRAISING REVENUE



Annual Auction	\$86,860
Fund for MCS	\$71,081
Jogathon	\$20,249
Chaucer's Night	\$2,871
Scrip	\$1,894
Restricted Gift	\$150
<i>Total Fundraising Revenue</i>	\$183,105



FUNDRAISING ALLOCATIONS

Operations	\$165,008
Expenses	\$60,420
Playgrounds & Technology	\$17,947
Restricted Gifts	\$150



The Fund for MCS

We would like to acknowledge our wonderful donors who contributed to the 2017-18 Fund for MCS. Together, we raised \$71,081. Your generous support ensures that careful investments in faculty and facilities will continue to strengthen our outstanding education programs for years to come.

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Above and Beyond is inclusive of all gifts made to MCS. We would like to recognize those donors who have made generous contributions of \$1,500 or more during the 2017-2018 school year. Thank you for investing in the future of MCS.

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“Illumination” Benefit Auction



This year's Illumination Benefit Auction was a true bright spot in a challenging year for our community. Our amazing Auction Committee responded to the devastating effects of the Thomas Fire and Montecito Mudslides by pulling together and changing the dynamic of our event to support both MCS and the many local businesses impacted by the disasters. The evening also provided a much needed opportunity for parents to come together in celebration and support of each other, raising spirits along with funds for MCS.

The generosity of our MCS community shone brightly all night long; and together we raised over \$86,000 for our school! The “paddle raise” for Exercising Our Bodies and Minds brought in close to \$18,000. These funds will benefit the whole community through improvements to our technology resources and playground equipment.

On behalf of MCS and the Auction Committee, we thank you all for your support of MCS and for making this a night to remember!



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Santa Barbara Zoo
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Lindsay Shinn
Karla Smith
Alanna and Chris Snowden
Solace Salon & Spa
South Coast Karate
Paula Steinmetz
Sweetzer Wine Cellars
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Underground
Union Bank
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Mariaelena and Stewart Welch
Libby Werkhoven
Whitcraft Winery
Yoga Soup
Jennifer Yanella and Daniel Yoshimi



Montessori Parent Organization

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MPO Chairs

Room Representatives

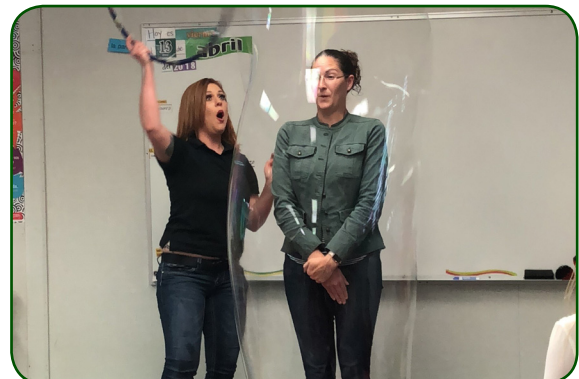
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White Door	Tracy Thomas Brooke Loggins
Blue Door	Star Duffy
Navy Door	Betsy Challen Alanna Snowden
Red Door	Jenn Kindberg Analee Ward
Silver Door	PJ Carmean
Yellow Door	Nicole Aispuro Sara Philbrick
Aqua Door	Mariaelena Welch
Green Door	Eva Turenychalk Gina Giannetto
Purple Door	Rashmi Sethi Rachel Simon
Brown Door 4th	Olena Gilbar Tiffany Corby
Brown Door 5th	Melissa Christou
Brown Door 6th	Sarah Case Maria Zate

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Sara Philbrick
Michelle Taylor
Erin Ohlgren

Auction Committee

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 Michael Challen
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 Raquel Lagan
 Laurie Montee
 Tina Noonan
 Peggy Polos
 Lindsay Shinn
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 Maria Zate

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Sheri Mardiat (Chair)
 Betsy Challen
 Lisa Green
 David Jackson





2017-2018 Faculty and Staff

Administration

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 Janelle Ashby, Learning Specialist
 Lex Benes, Receptionist/Office Clerk
 Birgit Crable, Business Manager
 Annette Morales, Administrative Assistant
 Alyssa Morris, Admissions Director
 Melanie Newhouse, Assoc. Administrator
 & Director of Student Support
 Paulo Perez, Groundskeeper
 Peggy Polos, Director of Development
 Shereen Ramawtar, Bookkeeper

Pre-Primary

Gold Door

Margaret McCleery-Cota, Head Teacher
 Nicole Staska, Head Teacher
 Suki Contreras, Assistant Teacher

White Door

Sandy Gorman, Head Teacher
 Dorothy Miller, Assistant Teacher
 Yeonwook Uyeno, Assistant Teacher
 Yoana Guerra Cuevas, Extended Day

Primary

Blue Door

Dell Barden, Head Teacher
 Sarah Lopez, Assistant Teacher

Navy Door

JoAnn Serpa, Head Teacher
 Paula Ludwig, Assistant Teacher

Red Door

Krista Williams, Head Teacher
 Sharon Liddy, Assistant Teacher

Silver Door

Kacy Cristofani, Head Teacher
 Carla Shapiro, Assistant Teacher

Yellow Door

Katy Parker, Head Teacher
 Gabriela Elias, Assistant Teacher

Lower Elementary

Aqua Door

Anne Raiter, Head Teacher
 Chloe Kroes, Assistant Teacher

Green Door

Irene Morales, Head Teacher
 Kimmy Sanchez, Assistant Teacher

Purple Door

Molly O'Malia, Head Teacher
 Amber Miller, Assistant Teacher

Upper Elementary

Brown Door East

Loric Box, Head Teacher
 Emily Stratton, Assistant Teacher

Brown Door North

Cydney Miller, Head Teacher
 Janira Cotto, Assistant Teacher

Brown Door West

Kim Keller, Head Teacher
 Ryan Long, Assistant Teacher

After School Care

Kathy Finck, Primary ASC Lead
 Kali Gutierrez, Primary ASC
 Jacqueline Ochoa, Primary ASC
 Julianne Stibbe, Elementary ASC Lead
 Delaney Newhouse, Elementary ASC

Specialists

Garret Blair, Drama
 Francis Cosworth, Computer Tech
 Anne Curtin, Library
 Derrick Curtis, Physical Education
 Alyssa Gonzalez, Art
 Suzanne Hawtrey, Library Assistant
 Claude-Lise Lafranque, Music
 Caitlin Tufts, Spanish

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