

Fall | 2018



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## Int'l Day of Peace Festival

Thank you MSH families and friends for supporting the first annual International Day of Peace Festival! We had a fantastic turnout and raised \$1191.31 for the Kathy O'Reilly Memorial Scholarship Fund and \$100 for the Montessori Families Endowment Fund!



## "For Small Hands" Fundraiser is back!

Families have been asking about this popular fundraiser, so we brought it back this year!

Shop the [For Small Hands Online Catalog](#) for high-quality toys, books, and tools for little ones. Encourage your child's independence at home with right-sized kitchen utensils, cleaning and garden tools, among many other well-made products.

MSH earns 10% of all purchases over \$25 made between now and 12/31/18. **Just enter our customer # 124044 at check out.**

## MSH to add Adolescent Program Fall 2020

After years of discussion and planning, we are thrilled to announce that the MSH Board of Directors has unanimously voted to approve a timeline to add a Montessori Adolescent program (ages 12-15, grades 7-9) August 2020! The proposal was researched and reviewed by the Long-Range Planning Committee and submitted by current LRPC chair, Elise Crocker.

MSH families can support the effort to add the Adolescent program by joining the Long-Range Planning Committee. LRPC will focus efforts on communications, marketing, and fundraising. Contact [Elise Crocker](#) to get involved.

Dr. Robert and Nenita Fry have graciously pledged to match funds raised for the middle school! Every dollar raised before the deadline to meet our \$16,000 goal will be matched dollar for dollar. Dr. and Mrs. Fry generously contributed \$100,000 in 2017 to seed the Montessori Families Endowment Fund. We are incredibly grateful for their philanthropy and truly honored to have their support and belief in the mission and vision of MSH.

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*"The study of the child... may have an infinitely wider influence, extending to all human questions. In the mind of the child we may find the key to progress...."*

Dr. Maria Montessori,  
*The Secret of Childhood*, p. 3

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## "No Cost to You" Fundraising

There are so many ways to raise funds for MSH! The following fundraisers can be supported by anyone including friends and family.

[Amazon Smile](#)

[Publix Partners](#)

[Box Tops Collection Drive](#)

## Operation Green Team Cap Collection

We will begin collecting plastic caps at the CTR location on November 1.

**Caps should be washed prior to depositing to deter pests.**

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**We think you'll enjoy the latest issues of *Montessori Public*.**

[Spring Issue 2018](#)  
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LRPC will announce the fundraising plan to raise the \$16,000 needed to start the program in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out for special events, spirit nights, t-shirt sales, and pledge drives to support this goal!

Specific Board Vote and Contingencies:

- Add Middle School to the MSH vision.
- The Long Range Planning, Communications, & Fundraising committees shall:
  - Fundraise \$16k, \$8k by May 2019 to cover Secondary 1 & 2 certification of a Montessori teacher.
  - Create MS advertising materials (i.e. a portrait of a MSH graduate).
- Authorize the Head of School to seek, hire, and train a teacher to lead the middle school program.
- Gain commitment from 5 students to attend our middle school program.
- Address risk in limited middle school teacher backup options.
- Update board monthly on progress, follow timeline laid out in proposal on 23 Sept 2018, bring any issues to board.
- Board retains authority to adjust requirements and defer middle school to later than Fall 2020.

## Support MSH on #GivingTuesday

Tuesday, November 28, MSH joins non-profits all over the world for #GivingTuesday. Show your support by sharing our #GivingTuesday posts on your social media page or by making a contribution. Funds raised from #GivingTuesday directly support the Kathy O'Reilly Memorial Scholarship Fund, allowing children in our community from families with limited resources to benefit from a Montessori education.



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## Upcoming Events

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- 10/26 Closed School Conferences
- 11/12 Closed Veterans Day
- 11/19-23 Closed Thanksgiving Break
- 12/24-1/4 Closed Winter Break

## Enrollment 2019-2020

### *Returning Families*

Updates to tuition will be shared in November by email and on the MSH website. Leela will be calling families to review options and finalize selections in December.

In January, returning families will receive enrollment contracts for 2019-2020. Enrollment contracts should be returned no later than March 1st in order to reserve your child's spot for the 2019-2020 school year.

### *New Families*

Please let interested friends and family know that applications for New Families will be available February 1st with enrollment for new families beginning March 1st.

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## Let others know about your MSH experience!

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Your family's review of MSH on [Facebook](#), Google, or Great Schools counts one-half hour toward your family's volunteer commitment!

## Experience Montessori! January 26, 2019

Experience Montessori! A hands-on exploration of the Montessori Method. Montessori teachers will guide participants through toddler, preschool, and elementary classrooms to discover how the Montessori method develops critical thinkers, independent learners, and tomorrow's leaders.

January 26th from 8am-12pm at our South Huntsville campus

[Registration available online](#). Limited to 25 participants.

## Founders Day Celebration

### Call for Legacy Committee

Join us for a Founders Day Celebration, Saturday, May 4, 2019!

We are excited to share our school's rich history as we welcome current and alumni families for a fun festival event. If you'd like to help make this year's event a success, contact Jennifer Stark to join the Legacy Committee and get involved!

The committee will help share the MSH story within the school community and community at large and coordinate event sponsors, activities, food, and volunteers.

## Summer 2019 Primary and Toddler Montessori classes extended through June at HC and July at CTR!

It's not too early to start thinking about summer! We are excited to announce that we are extending Toddler and Primary Montessori programs through June at HC and through July at CTR. Space is limited, so register early to guarantee your child's spot. Registration forms will be emailed to families November 1.

During the summer months, children will maintain their same schedule and routine as during the school year, including the uninterrupted morning work cycle and lessons, with lots of opportunities for outdoor learning and exploration. Contact [office@montessorihuntsville.org](mailto:office@montessorihuntsville.org) with questions.

