



Since its founding in 1963
by a small group of parents and
educators, Marin Montessori School
has treasured parent involvement.
It is our partnership that has enabled
MMS to grow from a small
one-room classroom to a premier
AMI Montessori School.

We welcome your ideas,
questions, and support and
hope that you will jump in
and join us in providing
EDUCATION FOR LIFE.

Marin Montessori School

Guide to Giving & Engagement



Volunteer Leadership

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees' objective is to safeguard and advance the mission of Marin Montessori School. The board consists of current and alumni parents, alumni, grandparents, and key community representatives, all of whom share a deep commitment to MMS.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association (PA) is run by a dedicated group of current parents and helps to coordinate volunteer work, fundraising, and special events that promote a vibrant MMS community.

For more information on whom to contact and how to get involved with the PA, please go to marinmontessori.org/community/parents-association.

ADMISSIONS AMBASSADORS

Admissions Ambassadors support MMS by volunteering at admissions events and tours. Ambassadors provide support to prospective families by making themselves available for questions as families move through the admissions process. Ambassadors also participate in our "Stewards" program that works to welcome new MMS families into our community.

ANNUAL FUND LEVEL CAPTAINS

Level Captains support MMS through our annual fundraising drive, the Annual Fund. Level Captains are available for questions and conversations regarding the impact of giving, and encourage 100% participation from their level.

ROOM PARENTS'/JR. HIGH PARENT AMBASSADORS

Room parents and JH parent ambassadors/JH Director in event planning, communications, and a range of other activities for the class.

The Calendar of Giving



ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund is the primary way for parents, grandparents, alumni, past parents, and friends to support the mission of our school. By giving annual unrestricted gifts to faculty support and professional development, tuition assistance, or area of greatest need, you enable MMS to take advantage of mission-driven, real-time innovations that keep a MMS education dynamic – both in and out of the classroom. Each year the Annual Fund is led by a team of parent volunteers who raise funds to support various initiatives that impact and enhance students' lives every day.

ANNUAL FUND GIVING LEVELS

\$25,000 and above	Visionaries
\$15,000 - \$24,999	Innovators
\$10,000 - \$14,999	Explorers
\$5,000 - \$9,999	Scholars
\$2,500 - \$4,999	Builders
\$1,000 - \$2,499	Mentors
up to \$999	Friends



THE GATHER

Since its inception over 40 years ago, parents, faculty, and staff have been throwing their creative energies into hosting an evening of fun and a meaningful, festive evening to raise money for tuition assistance. Money is raised through soliciting sponsorships from both families and businesses, an auction, and a paddle raise for “Fund-the-Children”.



CAPITAL GIVING

Gifts that support costly improvement to the school's programs and physical plant can be discussed at any time throughout the year. Projects must be mission-aligned and match the strategic direction as outlined by the campus planning committee.

ENDOWMENT GIVING

Gifts to the endowment strengthen the financial health and flexibility of MMS. The principal of an endowment gift is invested, and the income generated becomes a source of revenue for general or targeted support. These funds enable MMS to weather changes in our economy and take advantage of timely opportunities to expand, strengthen, and innovate.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts are a way to meet your philanthropic and financial goals while leaving a legacy that supports a Marin Montessori education for future children. Planned giving can be as simple as including a bequest to MMS in your will, or a gift that can secure income for life through a remainder trust. We welcome a discussion of how we can make your philanthropic contributions to MMS work best for you and your family.

MATCHING GIFTS

Don't miss the opportunity to double your gift! Many employers offer to match employee gifts to charitable organizations up to 200%. This is a great way to leverage your gifts to gain additional dollars for MMS. Please check with your company to see if it offers matching gifts or let us know if we can assist you with this process. Remember that gifts from spouses and retirees may also be eligible.



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