



# PARENT GROUP NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 2019

## CHAIR REPORT

*Chair Report by Erica Zerr*

My, how far we've come. When I joined the Parent Group six years ago, we raised the bulk of our funds through magazine sales, box tops and milk caps. Our annual budget was a fraction of what it is today. These past few years have seen an incredible dedicated and talented group of parents come together to transform the Parent Group into a powerful organization with the capacity to influence impressive changes around our school.

A few years ago, the Parent Group oversaw the largest fundraising effort our school has ever undertaken, raising nearly \$30,000 towards the new playground and outdoor environment. We have funded school projects, equipment purchases, building upgrades, parent education, field trips, classroom supplies, events and student groups. We have continued to grow and expand our commitment to fostering a high quality Montessori education for our students by funding student-initiated ideas, expanding our parent outreach and supporting Montessori training for our staff.

Everything that we do is possible because of the dedication and generosity of our families. Every time you show up at a parent group event, buy a raffle ticket, chicken dinner or sponsor a child to read, you help us grow and refine our mission to support the future of our school and create a strong Montessori education for our kids.

As I look forward to the next year as the Parent Group Chair, I hope that we can continue to build a strong, capable group of volunteers to oversee our work. I am excited to work with volunteers new and old to continue to support the work of our staff and students. Our work is always to make the environment of our school a place where children can fall in love with the art of learning.

Maria Montessori said it best, "Education is not what the teacher gives; education is a natural process spontaneously carried out by the human individual, and is acquired not by listening to words but by experiences upon the environment."

The Parent Group is here to support our school environment. Thank you to everyone for your commitment to our school and for providing your children with the incredible gift of Montessori.

## Save the Dates

**May 23** Film Festival: Micon Cinema

**May 24** Culture Fest:  
E1 and E2 classrooms, 1:15-2:45

**May 27: NO SCHOOL**

**May 29**  
Spring Sing for Children's House

**June 3** Out of District Lottery

**June 6** Variety Show

**June 6**  
5th Grade Recognition Ceremony

**June 7**  
Last Day of School for students -  
Carnival

**August 26**  
Back to School Picnic—Carson Park

**Watch for volunteer forms in  
the mail in early August!**

## TREASURER REPORT

as of 05/14/2019

**Checking Balance:** \$3,744.60  
**Savings Balance:** \$5.23  
**Garden Club Checking  
Balance:** \$835.12

**Used funds for classrooms:**  
\$1,438.95



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## WELCOME NEW PARENT GROUP REPRESENTATIVES!



### **Greta Gladitsch— Fundraising Co-Chair**

Hi I am Greta Gladitsch. I am a mother of two girls, one that is in her first year of children's house and the second just turned one. I have always been a person that is very involved in school activities when I am able. In high school I belonged to several committees and was even a chair member for some. Co-fundraising chair caught my attention because I love to help fundraise for events and charities. I have planned several events including benefits, Girl Scout events, dance events and more. I look forward to helping my daughter's school as co-fundraising chair.



### **Jeannine Fisk—Treasurer**

My name is Jeannine Fisk and my son, Logan, is in Ms. Jenny and Ms Alicia's class. I look forward to serving on the Parent Group as Treasurer. I have been a bookkeeper during the last 15 years for two small businesses. This May I will become a Certified Bookkeeper, and I will be continuing my education to earn an Associate's in Accounting at CVTC.



### **Omar Parks— FAC Representative**

My name is Dr. Omar Parks. My daughter Madelyn is in her E1 this year after spending two years in Children's House. I am an Assistant Professor and Dissertation Chair teaching in the Real Estate Studies and Business programs. In addition to my academic positions, I am a Faculty Senator and I have previously served on advisory boards for Independence University and Westwood University as well as an appointment by former Governor Scott Walker to serve on the Wisconsin Educational Approval Board. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work with the Parent Group.

### **Secretary—OPEN Position**

## **NEW! Classroom Representatives with the Parent Group**

The Classroom Representative is a non-elected, non-voting position. It is up to the teachers to recruit and put in place a Classroom Representative. It is possible that a classroom may have more than 1 as some people may choose to do every other month or have a substitute if illness or work prevents them from attending.

- The Classroom Representatives shall:
- Attend monthly Parent Group meetings
- Share ideas relating to budget and planning
- Assist in fulfilling tasks for events
- Help communicate the unique needs of the classroom they represent
- Share Parent Group information with your teacher and your peers

Thank you to those who have volunteered for this position (Sara Meeks, Omar Parks, Karen Strong). If you are interested in representing your child's classroom, please talk with the teacher.

