

CHESTERFIELD MONTESSORI SCHOOL

# Annual Report

“EDUCATION IS A NATURAL PROCESS CARRIED OUT BY THE CHILD AND IS NOT ACQUIRED BY LISTENING TO WORDS BUT BY EXPERIENCES IN THE ENVIRONMENT.” **MARIA MONTESSORI**

Chesterfield Montessori School continues to provide students the high quality education and experiences we are known for—beautifully prepared classroom environments, including high quality classroom materials, inviting outdoor spaces, and superior classroom teachers, assistants, and staff.

I am thankful for the exciting opportunity to take over as board chair from our beloved Joe Cruz. His dedication to CMS and his leadership as a long time board member and board chair are commendable. I look forward to continuing to keep CMS growing and supporting the high quality education our families are accustomed to receiving.

In May of 2016, CMS celebrated the graduation of two adolescent program students who started at CMS in the primary program, one being my daughter, Julia. It was a moment of both joy and sadness. It was a time for reflection as a parent—to see how my Montessori strong-willed, independent preschooler has grown into this amazing, confident, talented, young adult ready to face any challenge that comes



her way. This fall I have watched her successfully transition to high school, fully prepared both academically and socially, starting each day with the passion to learn. I can assure you that your choice to enroll your children at CMS is truly the best decision for you, your children and their future.

This year, the board successfully selected Lisa Trout as the new head of school. Lisa will continue the Montessori core values and high quality education standards that Anita has worked so hard to create and follow year after year. I want to thank Anita for her endless

commitment to the children and for keeping true to the Montessori philosophy. Anita has been so gracious to provide the time to properly transition the head of school role to Lisa. Anita has taught us all that the most important aspect to base decisions on regarding the school is to always keep the children’s best interest at heart. We are confident Lisa will continue with the same spirit, energy and excellence that Anita has provided us for 35 years. Anita, you will be missed greatly and will always be in our hearts.

CMS is fortunate to have such a generous community, including parents, staff and board of trustees, who have continued to make our annual Pink Tower Campaign a success. The entire CMS community benefits from your participation. Not only can we provide tuition assistance because of your support, but we are also able to build an endowment, maintain ongoing professional development and training for teachers and staff, and assist with capital improvements. This enables us to provide the highest quality education and environment for the benefit of your children.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your unwavering commitment to CMS and wish you and your children a joyful and rewarding school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erica Boyet".

**ERICA BOYET**

CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

# Contributions

*Pink Tower Campaign*



THANK YOU TO  
ALL WHO HAVE  
PARTICIPATED IN  
OUR PINK TOWER  
CAMPAIGN!

Total fundraising for the 2015/2016 year was over \$93,000, achieved with an impressive 86% of current families participating! We also want to acknowledge all of our wonderful volunteers, including those who helped make our sixth annual Trivia Night a success. The children of CMS are benefitting from the generosity of all of our contributors and volunteers.

# 86%

*Percentage of our families who participated in the 2015-2016 Pink Tower Campaign.*

## MARIA MONTESSORI LEVEL \$10,000 AND UP

Creshuna and David Cade

## GOLDEN BEAD LEVEL \$5,000 - \$9,999

Jennifer and James Gould\*  
Rosana and Joao Guerra\*  
Deborah and Jeffrey Schaible\*  
D. John Srivisal

## PYTHAGOREAN THEORY LEVEL \$2,000 - \$4,999

Jane and Marcelo Abud\*  
Anonymous\*  
Anita Chastain and Patrick Brown  
Dawn and Jason Gilbertson  
Lisa and Dan Kenkel\*  
Tiya Lim and Chak Lattanand  
Gina and Jama Mohmoud  
Sonya Franklin and Jason Telford\*  
Christina and Shaker Sadasivam\*

## METAL INSET LEVEL \$1,000 - \$1,999

Carine and Elie Azrak\*  
Erica and Adam Boyet  
Nikki and Matt Buechler  
Mary M. and Michael Houlihan  
Aline and Souheil Khoukaz\*  
Lezlie and Jared Kizer\*  
Anusha Gopal and Ananth Lalithakumar\*  
Kathy Shreves and Steve Sarris\*  
Kim Waterhouse and Donald Trankler\*  
Funda and Walter Whitaker\*  
Dongsi Lu and Xiaoming Xia\*

## MOVEABLE ALPHABET LEVEL \$500 - \$999

Anonymous\*  
Angela and John Brennan\*  
Dená and Savoy Brummer  
Masha and William Chase\*  
Amy and Hank Conard\*  
Debbie and Denny Dirksen  
Monica and Edgar Galicia\*  
Lily Hensel\*  
Cheri and John Marshall\*  
Ellen McGirt and Matt Paese  
Ekin and Dennis Pellegrini  
Lise and Jan Riet  
Stacey Woodrome and Matthew Wathen\*  
Kit and Trey Wroth\*

## TRINOMIAL CUBE LEVEL \$300 - \$499

Sidnei and Mari Chollet\*  
Rooplaxmi and Padmanabha Desai  
Antonina Gesmundo - in honor of Ryan Simon,

Andrew and Stephen Allen  
Jintong Tang and Shaji Khan\*  
Patti and Andy Matthys-Pearce\*  
Raja and Suveetha Mikkili\*  
Irene Peregrin-Alvarez and Pedro Pajares  
Heather Williamson and James Quirk  
Toni and Carlos Sharlow\*  
Benedicte Alleaume and Nicholas Troccaz\*

## PINK TOWER LEVEL \$100 - \$299

Anonymous\*  
Amy and Kane Baker  
Emelie and Paul Battaglia  
Jennifer and John Bergman\*  
Allison and Paul Brathwaite\*  
Michelle and Mark Brower\*  
Aurora Burkard\*  
Erin and David Chien\*  
Heather and Trevor Davies  
Sarah and Jeremy Degenhart\*  
Carolina and Demetrius Denham\*  
Yamini Banerjee and Peter Emerson  
Jennifer and Andrew Fu  
Tina Lavi  
Elishka Little  
Lin Chen and Wei Liu  
Jaclyn and Brian Marino\*  
Helen Griggs-McFalls,\* in honor of Asher Millman  
Heather Bednarek and Hailong Qian  
Sara and Jason Rickman  
Cara and Howard Shalowitz\*  
Traci and Chris Shatzer  
Rebecca and Joe Schulz  
Caryn Garriga and Adrian Straffen\*  
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Strauss\*  
Lisa Trout\*  
Rachel and Matt Webb  
Masume and Daisuke Yagaki  
Lu and Guohui Zhang\*

## OTHER

Anonymous\*  
Kate Serafino Angeli\*  
Jessie Braud  
Katie Cancilia  
Becky Chastain and Dat Chu  
Christiane and Joe Cruz  
Danette Greer  
Jenna and Mike Hill  
Hannah M. Hull  
Melissa and Quinn Long\*  
Beth Nazemi  
Heather Overkamp\*  
Jana and Matt Rayner  
Laura Rich\*  
Kat and John Sanchez-Vera\*  
Samantha Glandon Stasiak  
G. C. Williamson  
Qian Wang and Steve Xu  
Jamie Ziesse

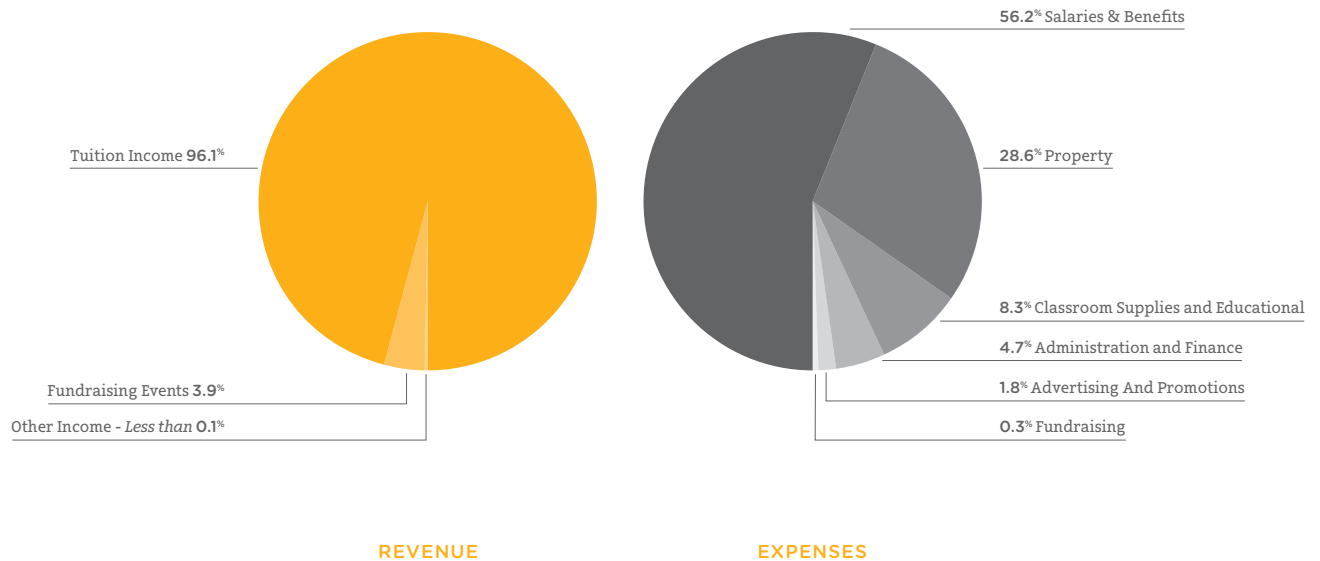
## CORPORATIONS

AFB International  
Anheuser-Busch/InBev  
Baxter International  
The Boeing Company  
Energizer Holdings  
General Electric  
MasterCard Worldwide  
Monsanto Company  
Pfizer Inc.  
Riot Games  
Target Corporation  
Thompson Reuters  
US Bancorp

*\*Participated during Board Match period.*

# Financial Audit

July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016



## Operating Statement

Fiscal Year 2016

### REVENUE:

Tuition Income	\$ 2,294,185	96.1%
Fundraising Events Revenue	\$ 93,109	3.9%
Other Income	\$ 55	0.0%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 2,387,349</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### EXPENSES:

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,322,408	56.2%
Property Expenses	\$ 673,369	28.6%
Classroom Supplies & Educational Expenses	\$ 195,471	8.3%
Administration and Finance	\$ 110,989	4.7%
Advertising & Promotion	\$ 43,090	1.8%
Fundraising Expense	\$ 7,589	0.3%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,352,916</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Change In Net Assets From Operations	\$ 34,433
Total Investment Activity	\$ (9,891)
Changes In Net Assets	\$ 24,542

Adjustments To Working Capital	\$ 205,266
Net Cash Provided By Operations	\$ 229,808

Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	\$ (214,357)
Net Cash Used In Financing Activities	\$ (1,798)
Net Increase In Cash	\$ 13,653



For fiscal 2016, CMS is showing an operating surplus and an increase in cash. The school was able to transfer cash to investments for the future.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### ERICA BOYET

#### Board Chair

*Current Parent*  
Senior Contracts & Pricing Specialist  
Tapestry Solutions, Inc.

### ANITA CHASTAIN

#### President

Founder and Head of School  
Chesterfield Montessori School  
Primary Diploma  
Association Montessori Internationale

### PATRICK BROWN

#### Secretary

Architect

### D. JOHN SRIVISAL

#### Treasurer

*Alumnus*  
Partner  
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#### *Current Parent*

Vice President – Finance  
Contracts, Pricing, Estimating & Procurement  
Financial Analysis  
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LTC (retired)  
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Client Executive, Strategic Accounts  
Gartner

### BARBARA DIEDERICHS, PHD

Infant/ Toddler and Elementary Diplomas  
Orientation to Adolescent Studies  
Association Montessori Internationale

### DEBBIE DIRKSEN

#### *Alumnus Parent*

Senior Recruiter  
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### ANNETTE M. HAINES, EDD

Director of Training  
Montessori Training Center of St. Louis  
Associate Director  
North American Montessori Teachers Association  
Primary and Elementary Diplomas  
Chairperson, Scientific Pedagogy Committee  
Association Montessori Internationale

### MARY HOULIHAN

Chief Operating Officer  
St. Louis Public Schools

### TIYA LIM

#### *Current Parent*

Director of Institutional Services  
Creative Planning, Inc.

## MISSION STATEMENT

CHESTERFIELD MONTESSORI SCHOOL OFFERS AN **AUTHENTIC** MONTESSORI EDUCATION THAT HONORS CHILDREN'S **INDIVIDUALITY**. OUR PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT AND COMPASSIONATE STAFF NURTURE **RESPECT** FOR SELF AND OTHERS, FOSTER A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY, AND STIMULATE **INDEPENDENT** THINKING. STUDENTS CARRY WITH THEM A SOLID RECORD OF **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**, A BELIEF IN THE DIGNITY OF WORK, AND A SENSE OF **RESPONSIBILITY** FOR THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT AS HAPPY AND PRODUCTIVE HUMAN BEINGS.

RECOGNIZED BY ASSOCIATION MONTESSORI INTERNATIONALE (AMI)  
ACCREDITED BY INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF THE CENTRAL STATES (ISACS)  
MEMBER, INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ST. LOUIS (ISSL)  
MEMBER, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (NAIS)

