

# Annual Report

Dear CMS Families,

When my wife Creshuna and I relocated to St. Louis from Michigan in September 2008 for my new job, we began looking at preschools for our family. Kendall, our oldest, was at a Montessori school near Ann Arbor, so we wanted to continue that experience for her and eventually for her younger sister, Morgan. We had a number of local private schools we planned to look at for our children. Our real estate agent drove us around to visit many of these schools. Coincidentally, her daughter attended CMS. We were sold within an hour of starting our school visit at CMS. Anita Chastain was adamant about CMS offering an authentic AMI Montessori education. When we saw that the staff shared Anita's passion for Maria Montessori's philosophy, we knew we had found a home for our family. Looking back, it is hard to believe it has been 10 years almost to the day when Kendall started at CMS.

We've experienced some changes over the past year: a new Head of School, a new foreign language, one of our elementary classrooms now serves first through fifth year students. Through all of these changes, CMS has continued to offer the exceptional and authentic Montessori education at the core of our mission.

Our school has been strong and stable since its inception 37 years ago. We had an operating surplus for fiscal year 2018 ending in June, which allowed the school to significantly increase investments, including for infrastructure. Over the past year, we opened a second Toddler classroom.

The Adolescent students outgrew their classroom downstairs, acquired new space at the Green Trails campus, and started a beekeeping program on the main school grounds. We remodeled the old Adolescent room to create a welcoming new environment for our Extended Care students. Thanks to the generosity of three CMS families, we now have a Chesterfield Montessori School van. We also added a basketball court to the playground and refinished the tennis courts.

Expansion, capital improvements and structural enhancements are exciting. What excites us most, however, is the strength of our community and the quality of our students and families. We are fortunate to be part of a school that is vibrant and values both academic excellence and respect for all. Our teachers are compassionate, talented advocates for our children's development and potential. Our students are learning to value themselves and each other. We know you see it every day in your children when they come home telling you about their work partners, what project they completed, or when they amaze you with their pride in mastering another skill.

We are also grateful that our parents, staff, Board of Trustees and grandparents give generously each to year to our Pink Tower Campaign. A strong annual giving program controls tuition increases, provides ongoing professional development for our teachers and staff, enhances student experiences in the classroom and beyond, funds

capital improvements, and diversifies our student body through tuition assistance. With your help, we can continue providing the highest quality education and environment for the benefit of your children. Thanks to all of you who contribute to our community, in monetary donations as well as your gifts of time and talent. We value each member of our CMS family: students and parents, alumni, teachers and staff. Together, we are creating a stronger school and a better world. In that spirit, the Board of Trustees is delighted to host our first ever Pink Tower Soiree. We will reflect upon our past and hear Kim and Board member José Cruz (also former Chair and parent) share about the present and future vision for Chesterfield Montessori School.

The new school year is off to a terrific start. Staff and student morale is positive; the feeling around the building is uplifting. The Board members are pleased to see Kim enthusiastically embrace her role as Head of School by building community, listening to parents and making good decisions. We certainly feel we have a bright future ahead of us.

I look forward to seeing you soon at CMS.

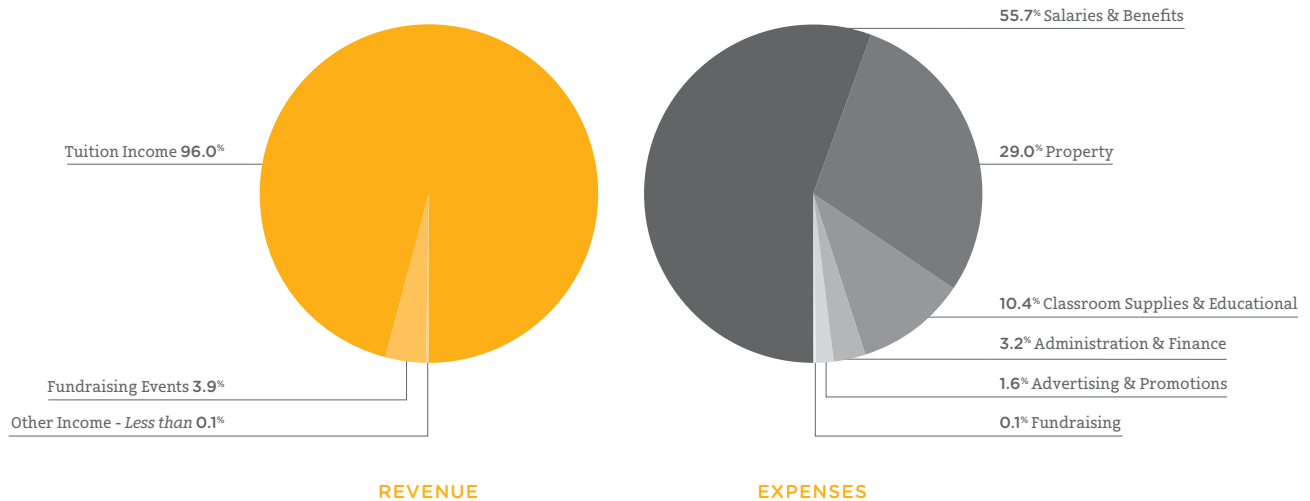


**DAVID B. CADE**

CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

# Financial Audit

July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018



## Operating Statement

Fiscal Year 2018

### REVENUE:

Tuition Income	\$ 2,667,190	96.0%
Fundraising Events Revenue	\$ 108,335	3.9%
Other Income	\$ 3,807	0.1%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 2,779,332</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### EXPENSES:

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,399,716	55.7%
Property Expenses	\$ 729,950	29.0%
Classroom Supplies & Educational Expenses	\$ 261,693	10.4%
Administration & Finance	\$ 80,528	3.2%
Advertising & Promotion	\$ 39,781	1.6%
Fundraising Expense	\$ 3,281	0.1%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,514,949</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Change In Net Assets From Operations	\$ 264,383
Total Investment Activity	\$ 39,108
Changes In Net Assets	\$ 303,491
Adjustments To Working Capital	\$ (116,464)
Net Cash Provided By Operations	\$ 187,027
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	\$ (361,082)
Net Cash Used In Financing Activities	\$ 190,000
Net Increase In Cash	\$ 15,945



For fiscal 2018, CMS is showing an operating surplus, which allowed for significant increased investments, including for infrastructure. The school was also able to transfer cash to investments for the future.

# Contributions

*Pink Tower Campaign*

Thank you to all who have participated in our annual Pink Tower Campaign! Total fundraising for the year came to just over **\$108,000**, and this was achieved with an impressive 91% of current families participating! We also want to acknowledge all of our wonderful volunteers. The children of CMS are benefitting from the generosity of all of our contributors and volunteers.

**91%**  
FAMILY  
PARTICIPATION

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

Creshuna and David Cade  
Mandi and Eric Holekamp\*

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

Anita Chastain and Patrick Brown  
D. John Srivisal

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

Anonymous\*  
Rosana and Joao Guerra  
Lisa and Dan Kenkel\*  
Lezlie and Jared Kizer\*  
Tiya Lim and Chak Lattanand  
Rushaniya Khairova and Rohit Pawar\*  
Jessica and Mark Portis\*  
Deborah and Jeffrey Schaible

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

Emelie and Paul Battaglia  
Nikki and Matt Buechler\*  
Leticia Ugarte and Gautam Datta\*  
Dawn and Jason Gilbertson\*  
Aline and Souheil Khoukaz  
Anusha Gopal and Ananth Lalithakumar\*  
Patricia and James Perschbacher\*  
Nubia and Justin Schlaikjer\*  
Graça and Kyle Shepperson\*  
Sonya Franklin and Jason Telford  
Kim Waterhouse and Donny Trankler\*  
Dongsi Lu and Xiaoming Xia\*

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

Angela and John Brennan\*  
Erica and Adam Boyet  
Mary M. and Michael Houlihan  
Ana, Anthony, André and Adelina Johnson\*

Rachelle and Christopher Kim\*  
Cheri and John Marshall\*  
Ellen and Matt Paese\*  
Lise and Jan Riet  
Christina and Shaker Sadasivam\*  
Toni and Carlos Sharlow\*  
Louise and Kevin Stumpf\*  
Lisa Trout  
Funda and Walter Whitaker  
Barbara Wilson\*  
Katherine and Peregrin Wroth III

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

Anonymous  
Celeste and Jovan Amos\*  
Janet Cuenca  
Roopaxmi and Padmanabha Desai  
Debbie and Denny Dirksen  
Antonina Gesmundo, in honor of Ryan Simon,  
Stephen Allen and Thomas Allen  
Cherissa and Thomas Hanson\*  
Erinn and Tim Kao\*  
Jintong Tang and Shaji Khan\*  
Katherine and Juan Lozano\*  
Jaclyn and Brian Marino  
Suveetha and Raja Mikkili\*  
Hiroko and Masashi Morikawa\*  
Chia-Hui Liu and Fred McEntee\*  
Ekin and Dennis Pellegrini  
Brian Romanski  
Benedicte Alleaume and Nicholas Troccaz

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

Anonymous  
Clarissa and Chris Allen\*  
Heather and Marc Allman\*  
Amy and Kane Baker  
Jennifer and John Bergman\*  
Chiaki and Tom Bossaller\*  
Alison and Paul Brathwaite\*  
Michelle and Mark Brower\*  
Erin and David Chien\*  
Mariclea and Sidnei Chollet  
Tina Lavi Condratov  
Heather and Trevor Davies\*  
Carolina and Demetrius Denham  
Fabiola Diederichs  
Andrea and Derek Freund  
Liu Zhang and Shang Gao\*  
Teka-Ann and Gyasi Haynes\*  
Jenna and Michael Hill  
Holly Wong and Samuel Lam  
Melissa and Quinn Long  
Patti and Andy Matthys-Pearce  
Rebecca McMahon  
Gina and Jama Mohmoud\*  
Monica Daloco and Joao Panattoni\*  
Heather Bednarek and Hailong Qian  
Ambika Venkata & Premkumar Rajendran\*  
Sara and Jason Rickman\*  
Rebecca and Joe Schulz\*  
Christina and Kyle Simon  
Laure and Ties Soeters\*  
Eriko and Masayuki Sudo\*  
Nicole and Russell Szakats\*



Stacey Woodrome and Matt Wathen  
Rachel and Matt Webb  
Nicholle and Nelson Wicker\*  
Lu and Guo Hui Zhang\*

## OTHER

Anonymous  
Rebecca Wippold Azkoul  
Lauren Begley  
Christina Carroll  
Becky Chastain and Dat Chu  
José and Christiane Cruz  
Sullivan and Alex Guest  
Becky Haller\*  
Carrie Wilson Herndon  
Hannah M. Hull  
Jane Jennings  
Susan and Robert Koritz\*  
Alma and Nermin Kotoric\*  
Carolyn and David Kramkowski\*  
Alonzo Lee  
Beth Nazemi  
Dominique Mangan  
Lauren and Bob McCabe  
The McMahon Family  
Samantha Rudolph and Jared Miller\*  
Heather Overkamp  
Whitney Raidt  
Jana and Matt Rayner  
Laura Rich  
Maria Santoyo  
Jamie and Jeff Strauss\*  
Isabella Xu and David Tackitt  
Justina and Adam Timm\*  
Katie Xain\*  
Jamie Ziesse

## CORPORATIONS/FOUNDATIONS

AFB International/Ensign-Bickford Foundation  
Boeing Corporation  
Boeing Community Fund  
Box Tops  
Gallery Motors  
The Hearing Lab  
Hi-NRG Gymnastics  
Kula Foundation  
JP Morgan  
Marsh & McLennan Companies  
MasterCard  
Pfizer Foundation  
Target  
True North Foundation  
US Bank

\*Participated during Board Match period.

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## 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)  
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