



**msb**

**2016 - 2017  
Annual Report**



When children are active participants in their development from an early age, when their natural needs and tendencies are recognized and addressed, when choice is allowed and guided, when responsibility is expected and nurtured, a child emerges whose characteristics are concentration, self-discipline, love of learning, joy, and respect for others and for the world.

This child is our hope for a better future, for global understanding, for peace.

### Current Teachers and Assistants

Cedar Room - Jannie Korchinski & Dana Ten Broeck  
Ladybug Room - Robin Myers & Heather Kessler  
Salamander Room - Nora Mix & Liz Riemer  
Tree Frog Room - Sally Coulter & Tristan Takaro  
Trillium Room - Katy Carter & Miriam Linder  
Willow Room - Kathleen Berry, Gabriel Barber & Shanna Irvin  
Elementary Support - Dianna Redmond  
Spanish - Ryan Comandich  
Outdoor Education - Meghan Kearns

### Current Administration

Head of School - Cathy Swan  
Interim Assistant Head of School - Meghan Kearns  
Office Manager - Corinne Alladin  
Business Administrator - Kelly Ward  
Director of Communications - Howard Fonda  
Facilities Manager - Alan Juza  
Facilities Assistant - Dan Mix

### Board of Directors

Co-President - Deanna Hyland  
Co-President - Brianna Traw  
Secretary - Jane Foerster  
Treasurer - Jeff Petrillo  
Michael Barton  
Mimi Burkholder  
Sudarshan Cadambi  
Deanna Hyland  
Deborah Lockwood  
Eric Thompson



Dear Friends and Families of MSB,

What a year this has been!

We started the summer of 2016 with our Primary and Elementary Summer Programs. It is always lovely to see our community taking advantage of our gorgeous campus all year around.

We also took advantage of the summer sun by hosting a unique auction party: a camp-out to watch the Perseid Meteor Shower! So fun to wake up at MSB!



As summer drew to a close, we got in our final auction parties, including the Southern Soiree and the Concert in the Woods. We do love to celebrate with our families!

As the school year began, we hosted our usual Back-to-School Nights, and the Fall Festival. We met prospective families at two school fairs, and hosted Admissions events to show how MSB delivers Montessori education to our children.

Also in the Fall our Board of Directors worked to carry out a Strategic Priority to analyze our use of space and decided to proceed with recommendations regarding a remodel of the existing Administration Building and an expansion of space available to our community. After interviewing architectural firms we chose Scott Edwards Architecture to design our project.

We hosted Montessori Explorations and coffee talks, parenting workshops and Open Houses for children to demonstrate their work for their parents. Through conferences we joyfully celebrated our great work, actively educating children in partnership with engaged and committed families.



And we weathered the weather – snow snow snow!

In January we hosted a Journey & Discovery of Montessori through the ages. Meghan introduced our Upper Elementary children over four days to the World Peace game.

In February teachers attended the annual AMI/USA Refresher Course, in Austin, Texas. And in March our Annual Auction brought us together to celebrate Portland: Home Grown. Generous families helped fund our operating costs, financial assistance and a comprehensive upgrade to our safety and security systems.

In May we signed a contract with 5 Star Builders and our remodel/construction project became a reality. We

celebrated Principal for the Day, and gathered at our end-of-year school picnic. Graduation was, as always, bittersweet as we listened to our amazing 6th graders recount their history at MSB and then bid them farewell. We also said goodbye to a dedicated servant and caring member of our community: Sarah Louderbough.

Our life continues to be rich and full. We are grateful for our community of happy, knowledgeable children and their dedicated families, as well as for our remarkable staff who guide them on their way.

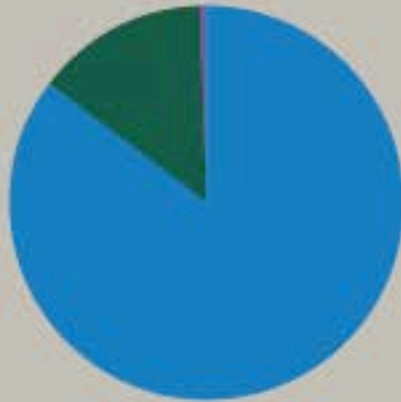
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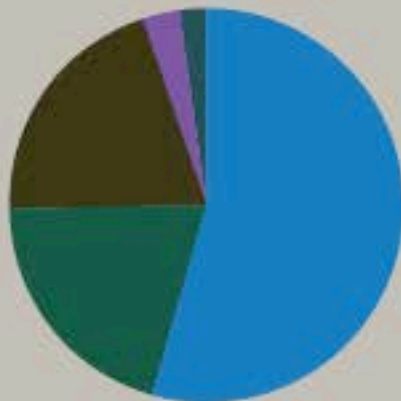
## Revenue 2016 - 2017

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| Tuition & Fees      | \$1,723,204        |
| Fundraising         |                    |
| Annual Appeal       | \$138,050          |
| Auction             | \$85,746           |
| Other Contributions | \$51,188           |
| Investment & Misc.  | \$5,813            |
| Total Revenue       | <u>\$2,004,001</u> |



## Expenses 2016 -2017

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|----------------|--------------------|
| Education      | \$954,390          |
| Administration | \$358,306          |
| Facilities     | \$350,217          |
| Fundraising    | \$53,335           |
| Financial Aid  | \$25,550           |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$1,741,798</u> |



Thank you, MSB community - families, staff and board - who together contributed to our Annual Appeal! Your support demonstrates an understanding and endorsement of MSB and its mission. Thank you to Annual Appeal chair Eric Thompson for his dedication and inspiration.

Our Annual Auction was one fine party! Co-chairs Heather Davis and Romina Davalos-Lopez organized our many volunteers and created a hometown atmosphere for *Locally Grown* at the MAC. Proceeds support our ongoing financial aid, professional development, Montessori materials and a healthy capital reserve. This amazing event is a cornerstone of our community.

As always, a heartfelt 'thank you' goes to all of you who have volunteered in so many ways, large and small. Your talents, care and generosity are greatly appreciated and valued. Thank you one and all.

The MSB Board of Directors is responsible for the financial stability of the school. With a Board-approved budget, MSB operates with predictable revenue and well-managed expenses. The Administration maintains a conservative fiscal agenda with our primary focus being exceptional childhood development and education.

As a non-profit organization, MSB's continued success depends on maintaining a strong fiscal foundation, and philanthropy plays a significant role. Our tight-knit community's contributions to our Annual Fund and Auction, coupled with a disciplined operating budget, ensure a solid fiscal reserve that can weather an unpredictable economic climate.