

## **Thank You**

Another school year is about to end and as I look back I feel there is a need to give thanks to The Montessori School administration and faculty for their consistent commitment and dedication to the growth of our children. The care and love in which they teach the children, subsequently shines from within them. I witness this every day.

There is another group of people whom I want to thank profusely for their hard work and dedication in completing such a wholesome educational experience. They help The Montessori School be the warm, loving, engaging and energetic place it is both for the children, faculty and all the parents. I am talking about all of the very committed parents who volunteer and contribute in many ways. We should all be very proud to have such an engaged parent community at our school. From the coordination of meet-and-greet sessions to welcome new families, to the creation of numerous extra-curricular activities and help with the school's many events, parents support the children, teachers and staff of our school. Indeed, this involvement is an essential component of our Montessori School. For the last two years my wife Amy has acted as the school's Parent Association Co-Chair. I can attest to Amy's thorough enjoyment of her role which she took on with particular passion for *her* Montessori School. (Amy is also an alumna!). I must admit, I was somewhat skeptical about her taking the position at first, but quickly realized that this was an incredible win/win opportunity (and it was). Through her work in this capacity she deepened her relationship with many of her fellow Montessori parents, worked closely with the teachers and the administration, and I believe that she would say that she received as much as she gave.

I encourage all of us -- both Moms and Dad -- to continue this great spirit of volunteerism. Giving back to this amazing community and the opportunity it offers us to model for our children while deepening our connection to this school is one of the true gifts of being a Montessori school parent.

Have a great summer!

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