



ANNUAL 2022-2023 REPORT

OUR MISSION

Peninsula School creates a space where children thrive and develop their full promise as confident contributors in the world. Here they learn about themselves and others, discovering their passions and growing intellectually in an inclusive community rich with choices, exploration, and play.

GIVING BACK THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

by Rebekah Rubin

THEY SAY ‘A PICTURE SAYS a thousand words,’ and most often time I find that to be true. However, when reading through the Hot News email early last September a particular picture caught my eye and it presented a very clear, succinct message to me, one that I am so thankful I took to heart and pursued. The picture is of my dear friend Ragina and her wonderful child, Kiran, radiantly smiling in a selfie. The purpose of the picture was part of a POP request to consider volunteering with

Ragina to co-coordinate that magical wintertime school event, Craft Fair. At this point in my time as a Peninsula Parent, I had yet to even attend a Craft Fair (darn those winter bugs and illnesses targeting lower school classes), but even without this prior experience the picture caused me to pause because what was so evident, and so palpable to me, was the joy, love, and welcoming invitation for togetherness.

That feeling of joy and love within a community, the pride and sheer delight woven through a group of people working towards a common goal of creating and sharing something with others, is what I had experienced at other Peninsula events. Spring Fair, in particular, was my first chance to volunteer at the school for a Work Day role. My kiddos were both still so small, and although my husband’s family is deeply rooted in the school community, I was new and had been feeling a bit like an outsider looking in, unable to find a way to connect within my limiting caregiver schedule. However, I had always enjoyed volunteering throughout various stages of my life, and I wanted to at least try, in some small way, to volunteer at the school. Signing up for a Work Day shift, or a volunteer shift on the event day, was a doable 2-hour commitment that worked for



School Events Coordinator Moira with Craft Fair Co-Coordinator Rebekah and Ragina.

our family’s schedule and gave me a chance to contribute, connect with friends outside of school, and meet other caregivers and staff I might not otherwise encounter.

Within minutes of arriving on campus that Saturday morning, I could feel the atmosphere simply buzzing with the kind of energy that makes volunteerism fire off all those happy dopamine signals. Everyone was smiling, extending salutations and introductions, sleeves rolled up and ready to make the magic happen. It was almost intoxicating,

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and I was fully present for it, soaking it in. I think that day I ended up staying an extra two hours helping with other jobs that weren't quite completed because I was just having *so much fun*. Then showing up the next day, to volunteer for a shift and experience the Spring Fair with my family for the first time, was absolutely enchanting. I think by the end of the day, my kids and I all had aching cheeks from smiling so much, and we so wished it could happen all over again. I remember thinking to myself, how did this group of people create something so wonderful? Who were these coordinators, these inspired fearless leaders that were able to envision such an event and bring it to fruition? And that's when I found myself having time to chat with Joanna, during those playful after-school hours at Rasha's yard.

To be fair, Joanna and Nina both *are* inspired, incredible leaders with hearts of gold (and nerves of steel). But what I also found myself realizing, through our playground chats, was that Joanna was a parent of young kids, just like me. She loves to volunteer, and create and share that togetherness within a community, just like me, and at some point she found herself ready to take a plunge and just *try*, try to take on a big ask, like co-coordinating the Spring Fair event. Just committing to doing her best and seeing where the ride would take her. All of these thoughts, these memories, and even realizations flooded to mind when I saw this picture of Ragina and Kiran. I knew that I too, wanted to have a bigger impact, a chance to contribute to this beautiful community that has welcomed my family while nurturing, protecting and guiding my young children in ways I had only dreamed of. That same warm embrace and excitement I felt being a part of my first Spring Fair was something I wanted to be able to extend to others. To welcome them and create a space for their joy, their experience of togetherness and celebration.

My reaction to this Hot News picture was a cascade of many thoughts and emotions, a thousand words you might say, but the concluding message in my mind was clear: volunteer! Do it! So I dove in. And I am *so* glad I did. Volunteering as a Craft Fair co-coordinator has been one of the most wonderful, demanding, and fulfilling experiences. I truly, deeply look forward to continuing in this role for future years, and exploring many other ways both big and small, to give back to the community I hold so dear. Interestingly enough, when I was reading about the common adage 'a picture says a thousand words' I came across a fun fact that this phrase was adapted from a quote by Henrik Ibsen stating, 'a thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed'. In the spirit of volunteerism this could not be a more profound or true statement.

In gratitude,

Rebekah Rubin, *Claire in Nursery Green & Ari in Moonlight*



Parent volunteers working the Craft Fair Cafe.

THE POWER OF GIVING

DEAR PENINSULA FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS,

On behalf of the board and as chair of the Development Committee, I am delighted to be sharing with you the Annual Report. I invite you to chat with me or the Development Office anytime if you'd like to know more about the ways you can be involved with giving at Peninsula School.

I've spent my career working with families, helping them identify their values, and then translate those values into an actionable giving plan. As a result, my family has had lots of time to think about our own values, and how we represent them in our day-to-day lives. Two of the core values that guide us are "community" and "courage."

When we set out to look for a kindergarten, our primary consideration was community. We wanted to find a place that felt like a warm embrace, where our children would become good citizens of the world rather than good test-takers. During our tour, I was struck by the pedagogy and the earnestness of the teachers and staff, but most of all, I was struck by the pace. Stepping onto campus feels like an intentional oasis in an increasingly busy world with too many screens and not enough time for genuine connection. We felt instantly that this was a place where our children would feel seen and be allowed to grow into their best selves. I now know this to be true as I've seen my children form bonds with teachers and staff, forge friendships with other families, and as we have shared caregiver conferences with educators who deeply know and care for our students.

I can't imagine a place that gives children more space and opportunity to develop courage *and* heart. Recently, I've spent afternoons watching my children navigate "Lake Peninsula." On one such occasion, my son and one of his classmates were working together to stabilize a log in the middle of the puddle. The stakes were high when my son, wearing simply sneakers, and his barefoot friend began to tiptoe across the log and ultimately leapt to dry land. My daughter watched as they celebrated their success. Having worked up the nerve to try herself, also sans rain boots, the three of them deliberated on how she could cross using a makeshift walking stick for support. After a few attempts, when she made it across unscathed, the three of them leapt with joy and pride. I was proud of them, but prouder still to know that these experiences form the foundation for how they problem-solve, collaborate with peers, and build resilience. One doesn't have to look far to see heart on display in this special place, and I want to ensure it lives on.

What I know for certain is that giving is one of life's greatest joys. Whether you give your time through volunteering, your talent to POP, our board and committees, or your treasure in the form of a gift to the school, we all reap the rewards. At Peninsula, I believe we hold shared values of community and courage, and what I've observed is that together we weave the fabric that will shape our children today and for generations to come.

I've seen many families give because a cause tugged at their heartstrings, or because a friend asked for support, or because their gift could advance a scientific or social discovery. Why should you give? Give as an expression of your values. Give for the joy of it. Give because you want Peninsula to thrive. Give because your unique participation enriches the fabric of the school. We hope a gift to Peninsula – whether it's your time, treasure, and/or talent – is the easiest gift you'll make.

Best Always,

Casey Kellogg, *Charleigh in Moonlight & Wyatt in Pine*

EVERYDAY SUCCESSES AT PENINSULA SCHOOL

by Erik Carlson

AS THE INTERIM HEAD OF SCHOOL, I have the privilege of seeing Peninsula School at this snapshot in time. Being on campus every day means I get to see our mission in action and the actualization of our Principles of Progressive Education. One of these principles states that “we nurture the whole child,” and I witness this daily as I see students succeed in a variety of ways. We believe that each student deserves to experience multiple and varied successes every day; from completing a difficult math problem to finishing floor loom knots. These victories work to build a child’s self-confidence, joy, and intrinsic motivation to pursue their goals.



Instilling a positive mindset in each student is a highly personal endeavor because it requires a keen understanding of the unique strengths and challenges within each individual. We are fortunate at Peninsula that the strong, caring relationships between students and teachers make this type of personal growth experience commonplace for our children. Our teachers truly know each student so well that they can recognize an uncharacteristic moment or anticipate a potential learning obstacle/opportunity. Our students benefit from assistance and encouragement at just the right moment when timing can make the difference between defeat and success. Each child at Peninsula experiences regular accomplishments throughout the learning and growing process, which accumulate to form a positive self-concept as a scholar and individual, helping to build a confident contributor to the world.

Peninsula is proud of our expert staff and strong foundational curriculum, and we distinguish ourselves by how our students feel about their studies. Our teachers generate opportunities for their students to experience daily successes. They aim to recognize, support, and celebrate the real, authentically felt progress and achievements of our children across all areas in a manner that aligns with each child’s varied skills, capacities, and interests. The benefits of this deliberate commitment to student success makes a child feel great, fosters enthusiasm for learning, and sparks unique passions.

As successes beget more successes, the positive self-concept developed at Peninsula extends well beyond the confines of our classrooms

and the school environment in general. Research suggests that much of a person’s identity crystallizes by age fourteen when our students graduate from 8th grade. The sense of self-efficacy and trust in one’s own judgment are vital in our adult lives.

The successful student experience is a primary consideration and the lens through which we view all that we do. These decisions are as varied as:

- Maintaining a low student:teacher ratio to create a network of interactions for students with caring adults
- Promoting student choice and voice to optimize engagement in Activities and lessons
- Codifying the Peninsula Learning Support Pathway, which ensures that each student gets the right level of support to meet high expectations
- Providing a wide range of experiences to nurture children’s strengths and offer opportunities to grow

At Peninsula, we honor the individual strengths and capacities of each of our children and recognize that each student has hopes and dreams for their personal success. Our objective is to create a supportive and kindness-filled culture and community of acceptance and validation where those dreams can be inspired, shared, encouraged, cheered for, and, ultimately, realized.






In community,
Erik



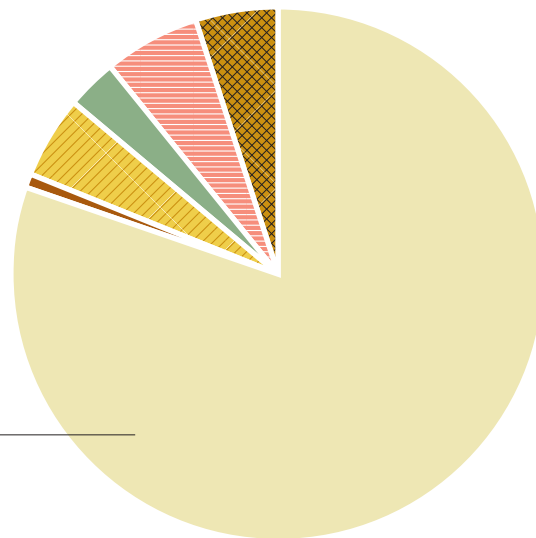
Peninsula School is pleased to present our

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Operating Revenue & Support

-  **6%** TRANSFER FROM TEMP RESTRICTED
-  **5%** OTHER INCOME
-  **5%** AGC, GIFTS & EVENTS
-  **3%** INVESTMENT INCOME
-  **1%** AUXILIARY PROGRAMS (NET)

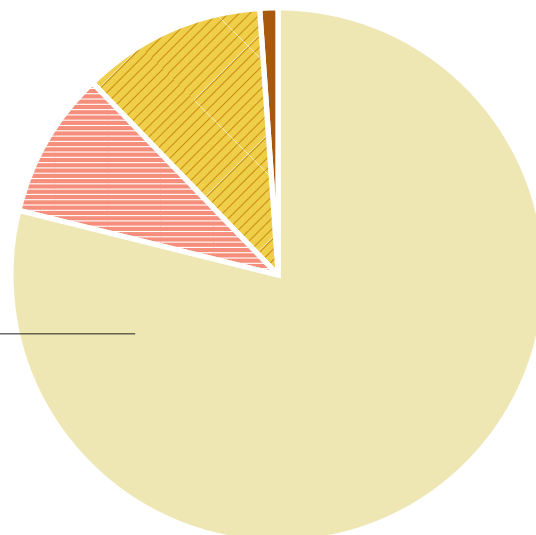
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Operating Expenses

-  **11%** MANAGEMENT, GENERAL & FACILITIES
-  **9%** PROGRAM & ACADEMIC SERVICES
-  **1%** FUNDRAISING

79% STAFF COMP & BENEFITS



PENINSULA'S STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT both historically and in the present day provides stability for the school to serve Peninsula's children, families, and mission.

To achieve Peninsula's progressive program, maintain our buildings and grounds, and provide for our faculty and staff our primary source of revenue is tuition. Approximately 82% of our current revenue is derived from tuition, 5% from fundraising, and 13% from auxiliary programs and other sources. To keep a Peninsula School Education in reach for more families, we also offer a robust Flexible Tuition program that approximately a quarter of our families participate in.

We are aided in providing our excellent progressive program, maintaining our unique buildings and grounds, compensating our amazing staff, and offering Flexible Tuition to families through a collection of endowments and restricted funds (listed below) held by Peninsula, and graciously given by families just like you. One example that we currently fundraise for is our 8th Grade Commemorative Fund, which is an endowed fund that is currently offered as a donation option to graduating 8th grade families. Once the 8th Grade Commemorative Fund is fully endowed, it will provide additional financial support to the school each year.

Additionally, Peninsula School is in a strong financial position as we own our own property and have achieved our goal of 90 days of operating reserves. Both of these incredible achievements help to add to the stability of our school and program. A program where approximately 80% of our operating budget goes directly to faculty and staff salary and compensation.

If you are interested in donating to one of Peninsula School's restricted funds, or learning more about giving to Peninsula School, please reach out to our Director of Development and Communications, Ryan Helton for more information.

Peninsula's Endowment & Donor Restricted Funds

FAIR MARKET VALUE OF NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

As of June, 30 2023

Donations restricted to purpose or time restrictions:

Charitable Remainder Trust	\$ 84,463
Facilities	20,145
Tuition Assistance	1,294,169
Staff Wellness	<u>14,589</u>
Subtotal	<u>1,413,366</u>

Donor-restricted endowments*:

Restricted in perpetuity	3,323,716
Endowment earnings available	<u>2,717,405</u>
Subtotal	<u>6,041,121</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,454,487</u>

*Endowment funds:

Sawyer/Wald Fund	Tuition assistance
Major Gifts Fund	Building improvements and teacher compensation
Archive Fund	Develop and maintain school history archive
Dimond Fund	Assistance for children with learning differences
Rock Fund	Support for capital and educational purposes
Ed Development	Staff development
Music Fund	Support for the music program
8th Grade Fund	Access and affordability initiatives for staff and students

A full set of 2022-2023 financial statements is available on request from the school's Director of Finance, Beth Lee.

Thank You for Your Generosity

We extend our heartfelt thanks to so many generous donors who gave to Peninsula School during the 2022-23 school year – current parents and parents of alumni, board and staff members, alumni, grandparents, friends, former staff, community partners and employer matching programs. Together you help us carry on our rich tradition of progressive education that creates a joyous place for our students to learn and grow, climb trees, and stomp in puddles – all supported by our fabulous teaching staff.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Gifts to the AGC typically contribute 5-6% to our operating budget annually depending on the year. Gifts immediately and directly benefit each student and staff member by allowing us to deliver our one-of-a-kind progressive education programs.

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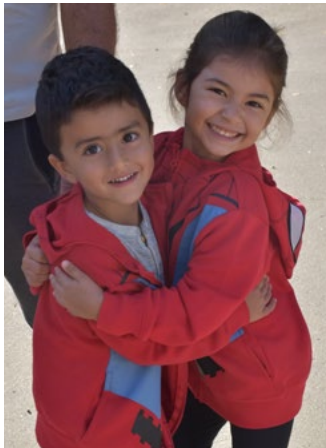
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In honor of Sophia Valencia
Joyce Jordan



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RAISE YOUR PADDLE
Raise Your Paddle (RYP) is an annual fundraising effort for a specific cause. This initiative takes place in the spring and is associated with our Community Party. In the 22-23 school year, RYP benefited the Science Cottage.

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8TH GRADE COMMEMORATIVE FUND
The 8th Grade Commemorative Fund is an endowed fund created exclusively for families of graduating eighth graders to honor their child's Peninsula journey.

2022

In honor of Gaelen Booth
Margot Berrill & Cameron Booth

In honor of Marco Miura
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GRATITUDE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

by Ryan Helton

Thanks. That's a word that gets thrown around a lot, but it's one of my favorites. Where did it come from? Well, its roots are simple. It means a "kind thought of gratitude". It is such a simple word for something so profound. Now, let's take *gratitude*, "readiness to show appreciation for and return kindness". When we take a second to measure the impact of these words they feel enormous for how easily they are said, so why not say them as freely as possible? That's why today we are here to say thanks for your incredible gratitude and support of Peninsula School, last year, and every year.

Last year, you showed your kindness and generosity to us through gifts to our Annual Giving Campaign (AGC), our parent events like Spring Fair, our endowments and special projects like the 8th grade Commemorative Fund and Raise Your Paddle, and through a number of other special giving opportunities. You also took time to volunteer in classrooms, at events, and before and after school. For all of these acts of kindness, we say "*thanks*"!

For your support throughout all the years of Peninsula, especially in the 22-23 school year, we offer our sincere *gratitude*. You returned a kindness to us that we are excited to share with you.

We hope you have already had a chance to join us this year in our AGC – *Pulling Together for Peninsula*. If you'd like, there is an opportunity to give either online or through the enclosed envelope. We hope you'll join us once again, and make this another incredible year to offer our gratitude.

As we near the 100th year of Peninsula, I am excited to join the Centennial Planning Committee and hear from each of you how best we can offer our thanks and gratitude to this special institution. You'll hear more about how you can participate in the coming months, but for now, on behalf of the Office of Development and Communications, and from all of us at Peninsula School, THANKS!!!

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