THE RED OAKS SCHOOL
2025-2026 IMPACT REPORT

ALL TOGETHER

LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



CHRISTOPHER WEAVER

Dear Friends,

We've accomplished so much over the last year! As you look through this Impact Report, you'll see the direct connection between your generosity and improvements that benefit every student.

This past year, we renovated our Lower School, adding beautiful new classrooms and improving learning spaces. We strengthened our programs, launching Middle School geometry and electives and expanding after-school offerings. And we invested in our teachers, funding professional development in reading instruction, Montessori practices, and executive function skills.

You've been there every step of the way. You've shown up, pitched in, shared expertise, and given generously. Together, we continue to demonstrate the power of a small school to make an enduring difference in the lives of our students—and, through them, to shape a better future.

Now, with the launch of our new strategic plan, *Building Tomorrow Today*, we'll carry this momentum forward.

Thank you for helping us meet this important moment—and for sharing in our vision as we begin a new chapter.

Because of you, **Tomorrow Begins Today**.

With abundant gratitude,

Christopher Weaver
Head of School

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The Red Oaks School combines the highest academic standards with the care that young people need. Our intentionally small school graduates students with a strong sense of self, a deep love of learning, and the capacity to make a positive difference in the world.

BEYOND THE GOAL

The Red Oaks Fund: The Impact of ALL TOGETHER

ALL TOGETHER, we accomplished something remarkable and raised more than $290,000 for The Red Oaks Fund. Thanks to the generosity and commitment of our donors, we not only surpassed our fundraising goal of $185,000, but also strengthened our ability to invest in the people and programs that make our mission possible. Every gift, no matter the size, represented a shared belief in our work and in our future. The funds supported the many elements of the Red Oaks experience – from the expansion of our Early Childhood Program and enhanced learning environments, to professional development and advancing our academic programming. This achievement is a testament to what can happen when a community comes together with purpose and dedication.

The collective generosity of our community supported our students, faculty, programs, and learning environments, helping shape the Red Oaks experience today and for years to come. Your support made a meaningful impact in advancing priorities that help Red Oaks deliver on its mission every day.

- **The Launch of our New Strategic Plan: Building Tomorrow Today**
- **Powerful Professional Development for Teachers and School Leadership**
- **The Expansion of the Early Childhood Program**
- **Enhanced Academic Programming Across All Levels and Subjects**
- **Lower School Renovation and Improved Learning Spaces**

The Match Challenge: An Inspiring Gift of Generosity

In late November, with just weeks remaining in the year, a generous donor, who wished to remain anonymous, offered to match contributions made to the Red Oaks Fund before the end of the year. During the match window, we received $157,000 in contributions from across the community.

The success of the Match Challenge, and a strong showing of support as everyone pitched in, resulted in the release of the total available match funds.

Red Oaks received a Major Gift Donation of $200,000.

This anonymous donation is a transformative gift attesting to the enduring impact of Red Oaks. Combined with the funds raised through The Red Oaks Fund, this extraordinary contribution brings the total raised to **$490,000**.

This is a powerful reminder that generosity inspires generosity – and that ALL TOGETHER, we can make a difference.





GIFTS IN KIND: IMPACT IN ACTION

Gifts-in-kind are non-cash contributions of goods, services, professional expertise, or other resources that support The Red Oaks School. They can come in many forms from a business donating products or services to an individual sharing a professional skill, talent, or resource. Gifts-in-kind offer another meaningful way to support Red Oaks and can be made at any level.



Lighting the Way: Annemarie & David Feldman

The amazing generosity of Annemarie and David Feldman has helped brighten our campus through their extraordinary gift-in-kind. New lighting was installed in Lower School classrooms, creating brighter, more welcoming spaces for our students to learn and grow, and in the parking lot and porches to maximize visibility for evening pick ups. Their support also brought beautiful school-house-style lighting and recessed lights to the hallways and stairwells, enhancing the character, warmth, and functionality of these shared spaces. The teachers' kitchen also received a little glow-up with bright new recessed lights. We are deeply grateful for their thoughtful investment in our school community. Their generosity has made a lasting impact – lighting the way and enhancing the Red Oaks experience for years to come.



A Bold Investment in Science: A New Classroom. Endless Possibilities.

Tristan Cummings, Michelle Peterson, and their daughters, Pippa and Layla, donated their time, talents, and resources to thank The Red Oaks School by helping to give the Cutler Campus a conscientious renewal. “This place is a cornerstone for our kiddos and us. These are the spaces our children and their incredible teachers spend the majority of their days. It’s important that this schoolhouse reflects the outstanding quality of education this program provides. This was one way we felt we could give back and pay our gratitude forward.”

The renovation completely transformed the Upper Elementary Science classroom, creating a beautiful, efficient space that honors the building’s past and meets the needs of today’s students and teachers. Every detail was thoughtfully and carefully considered, resulting in a classroom that is as inspiring as it is functional. We are grateful to Michelle, Tristan, Pippa, and Layla for this remarkable investment and contribution. Its impact will be felt by Red Oaks students for years to come.









THE RED OAKS FUND
WITH GRATITUDE FOR OUR 2025-26 DONORS

All donations received after June 30, 2026 will be included in next year's Annual Donor Report. We have carefully reviewed the names and donors listed in this report. If your name has been omitted, misspelled, or incorrectly listed, please accept our sincere apology and bring the error to our attention so that we may correct our records.

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NOW & ALWAYS

On April 11, 2026, the Red Oaks community gathered for our Spring Benefit & Auction, *Now & Always*. The evening was a tremendous success, raising $110,000 to support programs and initiatives that enhance the Red Oaks academic experience.

Led by our incredible Parent Association, the evening was filled with celebration, community, music, and generosity. From the beautiful décor and exciting auction to heartfelt remarks from students, faculty, and school leadership, *Now & Always* captured what makes Red Oaks so special.

Proceeds will support every aspect of our academic program, including athletics, music, classroom environments, and faculty professional development. We are deeply grateful to our donors, sponsors, volunteers, attendees, and especially our PA for making this unforgettable evening possible.

The night was a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we come together with purpose and passion.

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FUND-A-NEED

The Impact of Fund-a-Need 2025-2026

Now and always, your support of specific needs and opportunities makes a meaningful difference. Through Fund-a-Need, your generosity provides resources, experiences, and improvements that directly benefit our students and strengthen our school community.

Here are just a few examples of what your support helped to make possible.

Investing in Our Athletic Program

ROOM FOR MORE: NEW BLEACHERS

These past few years, we have found ourselves with a wonderful problem in the world of Middle School athletics: we have had more spectators than seats! Thanks to the generous Fund-a-Need support of the 2025–2026 basketball and volleyball teams, that problem has now been solved, through the purchase of a new set of bleachers for the gym. The Clark Family kicked off the fundraising initiative by covering half the cost of the bleachers, and the other team families jumped right in to get us to the goal! We are deeply grateful to the team families whose generosity made this purchase possible—and whose enthusiastic support helped create the need in the first place! Their contribution is a meaningful investment in our athletes and in the vibrant community that gathers to celebrate them.



Investing in Our Educators: Professional Development

THE POWER OF LITERACY INSTRUCTION

The Lower Elementary team participated in a professional development course offered by the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education (IMSE), Orton-Gillingham Plus. The course was grounded in the Science of Reading, a substantial body of research focused on how children learn to read, as well as Structured Literacy, an evidence-based approach to literacy instruction. "Our goal in completing this professional development is to strengthen literacy instruction and provide students with additional tools to become confident, capable readers and writers. In particular, we will continue to develop students' phonemic awareness, spelling, word analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension through intentional and evidence-based practices. We look forward to applying what we learned and continuing to cultivate strong foundational literacy skills in all of our students."

-Abby Martin on behalf of Team



BUILDING STRONGER READERS THROUGH MORPHOLOGY

Upper Elementary teacher Leanne Raymond took IMSE's Morphology Plus course this summer. Morphology is the study of how words are built from meaningful parts, such as roots, prefixes, and suffixes. Understanding these word parts helps students unlock the meaning of unfamiliar words and build vocabulary. Through this course, she became certified in the Morphology+ curriculum, a comprehensive Morphology and Word Study program that equips educators with a thorough understanding of morphology, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, and how to effectively apply these components in the classroom.

CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO IB MYP PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Middle School faculty have been pursuing official IB MYP professional development across four subject groups: Design, Language and Literature, Mathematics, and Physical and Health Education, bringing fresh expertise straight back to our students. These workshops sharpen how our teachers plan inquiry, assess growth, and connect learning across disciplines, so that every Red Oaks student encounters a classroom led by an educator at the top of their field.

SALAMANCA TO RED OAKS

Martha Trevino participated in a meaningful professional development course at the Universidad de Salamanca in Spain, where she explored new strategies and approaches for teaching Spanish. She had the opportunity to learn alongside educators from around the world while gaining valuable cultural insights to bring back to the classroom. Founded in 1218, the University of Salamanca is one of Europe's oldest universities and is renowned for its rich academic history and commitment to excellence. This experience provided renewed inspiration for engaging students in the Spanish language and culture.



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We Want To Hear From You!

Your Red Oaks story continues long after graduation, and we would love to know where it has taken you. Whether you are beginning a new chapter, pursuing a career, continuing your education, building a family, or simply staying connected to the people and places that shaped your early years, we want to hear from you.

Share your news, milestones, memories, and updates with us. Your story may be featured in a future Red Oaks publication!

Stay Connected. Share Your Story.

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Scan the QR code to share your current contact information and news. We'd love to hear from you! You can also email us at alumni@redoaksschool.org.

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CONGRATULATIONS, RED OAKS CLASS OF 2022!

At Morristown-Beard School's 2026 Commencement, three members of the Red Oaks Class of 2022 were recognized with distinguished awards for their accomplishments.

- **Katherine Chandler:** *The Mariah Award, Gustat Trophy, Dickinson W. Richards Cup*
- **Jack Song:** *Paul Furrer Award*
- **Simeon Williams:** *Lucie C. Beard Award*

Special shout out to **Catie Clark**, *Red Oaks Class of 2023 who received the Simons-Slattery Scholar Athlete Award.*

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Invest in Excellence by Contributing to
THE RED OAKS FUND TODAY

Annual giving sustains the programs, experiences, and opportunities that make Red Oaks exceptional. Your support helps every student thrive—today and for years to come.

Thank you for making a difference.

ALL TOGETHER