A note from the Board President
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The Administration and Board feel it is important for our community to know that we hear you. We have reviewed the results of the end of school survey and have strategic plans in place to address a number of our opportunities to improve, including:

1. Communication: We have new software that should improve communication between parents and teachers regarding individual student progress. Check out Montessori Compass online. More details regarding implementation of this software will follow. We also have a new staff member, Rachel Relle, who will be dedicated to facilitating better communication with parents.

2. Buildings & Grounds: The playground has been evaluated and drains have been unclogged. We have a long term committee looking into updating the playground and a short term plan that should help better manage the mud problem we experienced last year. Part of that solution is a plan to staff the Melissa Schultz Nature Preserve at all times while children are outside, so we can take better advantage of that space.

3. School Zone Traffic: We met with members of the traffic commission. In an effort to slow traffic down, the police department has agreed to strategically place the speed trailer in our school zone multiple times throughout the year. In addition, we are working to get flashing lights placed on our signs.

4. Safety & Security: Please be patient in allowing the front desk to confirm your identity prior to admission into the building.

5. Billing Statements: We have altered billing statements to be more reader friendly and hope you like the changes!

Sincerely,
The Montessori School of Wooster
OUR 2018-2019
EDUCATORS & PROGRAMS

Mentor, Model, Guide

Teachers educated in the Montessori Method bring distinctive skills to the task. Their quiet orchestrations lead to magical moments as young children exclaim "I learned it myself!"—and older students think it. Sometimes known as a “guide,” the Montessori teacher plays many roles as the teacher directs, or guides, students.

Skilled Observer: Through careful observation, the Montessori teacher comes to know each student’s interests, learning style, and temperament. The teacher understands the student’s developmental needs, and is receptive to “sensitive periods,” when a child is most ready to learn a new concept or skill. With this information the teacher chooses materials and lessons that will capture the student’s attention and entice the student to learn. When the teacher observes that the student has mastered a concept or skill, the teacher introduces new lessons that become increasingly complex and abstract.

Creative Facilitator: The teacher serves as a resource as students go about their work. The teacher offers encouragement, shares triumphs, and steers children to greater understanding. The teacher helps students advance through the curriculum as they master new skills, so the students are continually challenged and eager to learn. As students progress, the teacher modifies the classroom environment, adjusting the learning materials to meet the students’ changing needs.

Character Builder: A Montessori class is a close-knit community, fertile ground for nurturing the qualities that help children and youth become citizens of the world and stewards of the planet. By the teacher’s own behavior and attitudes, the teacher models values such as empathy, compassion, and acceptance of individual differences. The teacher encourages the students to be courteous and kind. And the teacher brings students together in collaborative activities to foster teamwork, responsibility, self-discipline, and respect.

Toddler - Amira Dos, Barb Lindenmuth, Heather Overbay
   Toddler - Natalie Hofmeyer, Katie Jordan, Rose Johnson
   Children’s House - Melissa Lanham, Allie DeHass
   Children’s House - Kristin Duta, Kassie Porter
   Children’s House - Kim Dilyard, Carolyn Sheron
   Lower Elementary - Christy Wagner, Lori Kowatch, Shanon Merritt
   Upper Elementary - Jenny Gaut, Michelle Mann, Maria Snoddy
   Middle School - Emma Frank

Spanish - Consuello Tello, Janet Broda
   Tutor - Joan Zimmerman-Miller
   Music - Holly Boreman, Alicia Seling
   Fitness - Graham Ford
   Naturalist - Sarah Corney
Before/Aftercare - Kassie Porter, Vicky Swonger, Consuello Tello, Rose Johnson, Heather Overbay, Fabiana Zambianco, Lisa Hicks, Shanon Merritt, Judy Landry
Ten Responsibilities of the Board

1. Determine the school’s vision, mission, values & purpose
2. Select the head of school
3. Support the head of school & assess his or her performance
4. Ensure effective organizational planning
5. Ensure adequate resources & raise money
6. Exercise fiduciary responsibility & oversight
7. Determine, monitor, & strengthen the school's programs & services
8. Enhance the school's public standing
9. Ensure legal & ethical integrity & maintain accountability
10. Recruit & orient new board members & assess board performance
NEW STAFF FOR 2018-2019

Outreach Coordinator
Rachel Relle
Some of you may recognize me from the school grounds, but I would like to officially reintroduce myself. My name is Rachel Relle, and I am first, a Montessori mom, but also, a former Board member and now our school's new Outreach Coordinator. I will be working with Joe, the staff, the Board, and hopefully, all of you this year! Specifically, I will be helping plan events, getting important information to you, and organizing volunteers that are needed for our social and fundraising events. I look forward to meeting the new families and reconnecting with old friends. Please feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions for this upcoming year at relle@woomontessori.org.

Upper Elementary Leads

Jenny Gaut
Jenny is a licensed elementary teacher with a masters of arts degree with a literary focus and a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education. She has embraced Montessori philosophy and is dedicated to creating a loving, engaging learning environment where students take ownership of their learning and build character and knowledge through interests and teachable moments.

Michelle Mann
Michelle is licensed as an elementary and international baccalaureate teacher. She brings a tremendous passion for individualized learning and use of Montessori materials.

Lower Elementary Assistant
Shanon Merritt
Shanon was previously a caregiver for Montessori students, has previously subbed at the school and brings a love for children that is truly infectious. Shanon has demonstrated exceptional patience and an ability to connect with the children that will be a valued asset.
Calling all parents!

We would really appreciate your help!
- social events
- fundraising events
- childcare during events
- grounds & maintenance
- classroom assistance
- administrative assistance

Please consider how you can help and look for our new Outreach Coordinator, Rachel Relle at parents night to sign up for these opportunities. We are looking forward to a fun year.

If you are interested in helping out, but none of these opportunities fit your schedule or skill set, please contact Rachel Relle at relle@woomontessori.org to discuss other opportunities.

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”
~Elizabeth Andrew
Thank you to our 2017-18 Donors

*We are so grateful for all the contributions made to the school. If we inadvertently misspelled your name or left you off this list, please contact Jerrilynn McDaniel in the office (or at mcdaniel@woomontessori.org) so we can correct our records.

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Briggs, David & Carol
Broda, Janet & Herb
Buckeye Oil
Burns, Ken & Polly
Corbett, Pamela
Cropp, Marian
Culman, Nicole & Steven
Cutlip, Geraldine
Darling, Matthew
Dix, Andrew & Bridget
Dos, Amira
Downer, Roger & Cooper, Jane
Duta, Richard
Edinger, Joseph & Susan
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Frank, Harley
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