



Dear Montessori House Community,

Welcome back to our new and returning families! We have a new name - the Parent Association of Volunteers (PAV). We are made up of parents, guardians, and administrators who function as the backbone of our volunteer force. We work as a volunteer body to organize events and support the activities of the school. Our 3 main goals are: Community Building, Social/ Special Events, and MEFI Fundraising.

Knowing the biggest obstacle for parents is time, we have structured events and meetings to coincide with childcare or involve the entire family. Our first meet up will be at the Exploration Park on September 10th. We will continue to have our meetings on the second Tuesday 5-6pm, and parent coffee on the second Thursday 8:30-9:30am of each month. Join us for family pancake day, family dinners, and back with popular demand, family gardening day. Not to be missed is our 11th Annual International Picnic. Please refer to the PAV brochure for the calendar of events.

We are excited to announce the following three fundraising opportunities in the Fall! Be informed about our activities and important deadlines by checking your emails regularly.

- Legacy Wall - September
- **2nd** Annual MEFI Campaign - October
- **3rd** Annual Book Fair - November

We would like to invite past volunteers, and new, fresh faces with lots of ideas and energy. Whether you are a strategic planner, organizational guru, creative artist, baker, gardener, social butterfly, or anything else - **WE NEED YOU!** You will have the support of the officers and staff. To learn more and sign up in a committee(s), contact Norma, or at [norma@mhfcschool.com](mailto:norma@mhfcschool.com).

If you have any questions or concerns about the PAV throughout the year, please contact any of the officers at [pav@mhfcschool.com](mailto:pav@mhfcschool.com).

So, **STEP UP, GET INVOLVED, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, and MAKE A DIFFERENCE** at the school. Your children will notice and thank you for it. Let's make it a fantastic 2016-2017 year at Montessori House!

Sincerely,  
Parent Association of Volunteers

Grace Young Baechle (Toddler 2 & EC2)  
PAV President

Maria Carolina Mainieri (EC3)  
PAV Vice President

Alessandra Carvalho (Lower EI & Upper EI)  
PAV Treasurer

Hanna Ottosson (EC3 & Lower EI)  
PAV Secretary

*\*Note: PAV supports the Eco-School program by reducing paper consumption. So please read your emails!!*