

2015-2016 Parent Group Core Leadership

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Events Lead: Tess Fedell & Kay Cuthbertson
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Terms Start/Expire on the last day of school each year. Core Leadership meets once a month during the school year. Individual committees may meet separately as needed.

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School Support Team

The School Support team works together to support the entire community from our classroom guides to our families team includes the Class Liaisons who see to the needs of their classroom and organize events such as our pancake breakfasts. The School Support team manages Box Tops and Labels for Education, as well as the grocery store programs. They organize parent volunteers to create lesson materials at home or at the weekly Coffee, Cut, & Chat. The Support team also helps families in need by organizing meal trains or other means of support. In the spring, the Support team honors the staff with daily celebrations during Staff Appreciation Week. This team manages:

- *Class Liaisons:* The role of class liaison is to support the guides and communicate with parents. Duties include managing the snack schedule, securing supplies for special projects, finding volunteers for field trips, and organizing the class's Pancake Breakfast or Potluck. Class Liaisons will also meet and welcome new families to the class.
- *Staff Appreciation Week:* A group of parent volunteers organizes a week each spring to thank the phenomenal teachers and staff at MSB. Traditionally this includes a gesture of appreciation each day such as breakfast, flowers, drawings from students, thank you notes, sweets, and potluck dinner.
- *Spring Event:* The School Support team works with the events committee to rally parents, solicit contributions, and assists the guides in creating a student contribution if applicable.
- *Passive Fundraising:* One or more individuals manage the various programs that raise funds and materials for the Parent Group and school. These include: Box Tops & Campbell's Labels, shopping cards for Stop & Shop and Price chopper to earn points towards the purchase of classroom supplies, For Small Hands and Scholastic Books.

Enrichment Team

The Enrichment Team works to promote the MSB community commitment to lifelong learning that extends beyond the classroom. The team coordinates Parent Group support for student performances, arranges school-wide enrichment opportunities, and supports the school's parent education initiatives. We also manage the After School Enrichment Program which offers affordable, quality programming in a familiar environment where children can have fun, explore new interests, interact outside of classroom learning time and work with parent volunteers and members of the wider community who are willing to share their time and talents.

Events Team

The Events Team plans and organizes community-enhancing activities from Parents' night out to family celebrations, there is something to suit everyone throughout the school year. Activities are executed by sub-committees with guidance from the Team Leaders. Events include:

- Back-to-School Potluck
- Winter Oasis Dinners hosted by parent volunteers for members of the MSB community.
- Family Game Night
- Campus Clean Up events in the fall and spring
- Parents' Night Out Field Day Ice Cream Social
- After School Enrichment

After School Enrichment

Working in collaboration with the Director of Education, the MSB Parent Group offers children after-school enrichment opportunities. Quality programming in a familiar environment allows children to have fun, explore new interests, interact outside of the classroom learning time and meet members of the community who are willing to share their time and talents.

Typically, classes meet for an hour after school over the course of six weeks, in each of the three sessions offered during the school year. We have also offered a holiday crafting workshops in the winter that allow children to create meaningful handmade gifts for their loved ones. Enrollment fees help fund MSB Parent Group activities, including whole-school enrichment events and childcare services during parent socials. Past enrichment opportunities have included:

- Crafty Creations
- Nature Walks
- Italian Food & Culture
- Playing with Food: Healthy Snacks and Movement Energizers
- Complex Games
- Comic Creations
- Continents