



PHILOMATH
Montessori School

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Dear friends and families of Philomath Montessori,

For over 40 years Philomath Montessori School has encouraged curiosity and deep attention to learning for hundreds of children in our area. My closest friend, an adult with children of her own now, graduated in one of the school's first classes under the guidance of its founder, Pauline Tanaka. More recently, my own two daughters attended the school, and the impact on our lives has been profound. Observing in my children their continued desire to learn, their ability to wash dishes, put their clothes in the hamper, prepare a simple meal, and utilize tools for building, is invaluable. These skills, which were instilled at Philomath Montessori at an age when they were eager to learn such practical tasks, will serve them throughout their lifetimes. In the words of Maria Montessori, "Children have an absorbent mind. They absorb knowledge from the environment without fatigue." What a significant time of learning!



The community that Philomath Montessori creates is a cherished one that lasts beyond graduation. It is always a delight to bump into past families and see how the children have grown; it feels like we pick up right where we left off.

As 2025 comes to an end, please consider contributing to Philomath Montessori School's Annual Giving Campaign so that our valued community may continue to thrive with an environment of cultured independence. With your support we can provide specific Montessori classroom materials, tuition assistance, and further the development of our beloved teachers. Your generosity has such a positive impact in nurturing children's growth and exploration.



We would also like to acknowledge and give so much gratitude to Doni Manning-Cyrus, our dear teacher, guide, and friend who will be retiring at the close of this school year. We wish her the happiest of time in her retirement. We will miss her bright soul and ever-present humor!

With sincerest thanks,

Audrey Ward
PhMS Board Member

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