PHILOMATH
Montessori School

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Dear Friends of Philomath Montessori School,



We're all familiar with the frenetic pace of life in America these days. The bustle is non-stop, the "noise" all-too-often overwhelming. We're always doing, doing, doing and going, going, going. Our lives are ruled by electronic devices, our ears besieged by pundits and politics and bad news. There are few opportunities for respite, few places where we can find real calm in the world.

The Philomath Montessori classroom is one of those places.

I had the privilege of observing the students in the classroom one day recently, and it's like being transported to another realm. Though the room is full of young children, it's quiet and peaceful. Though the kids are busily taking part in a wide variety of lessons, which could be a recipe for chaos, it is not. The students are focused, engaged. They make choices about what they're going to do next, calmly and quietly gather the needed supplies, and settle in with their work. If they have a question or need help, they patiently wait in line for their turn with the teacher.

It's utterly refreshing to be immersed in this unique environment! If only adult life could be this calm, this reasoned, this reasonable. If only the rest of our primary education classrooms could be modeled after this approach.

Alas, that's not our reality. But being exposed to the contrast is a wonderful reminder of just how special Philomath Montessori School is, how lucky we are or were to have it in our lives and the lives of our children. And in order to continue to thrive in the years to come, the school needs help from our community.



Your donation to our Annual Giving Campaign helps us provide tuition assistance to families who otherwise would not be able to attend, purchase classroom materials that create the special Montessori environment we all value so greatly, and allow our staff to receive quality professional development so they can stay at the top of their educational field. Please consider donating to help ensure that Philomath Montessori continues to be the oasis of calm engagement that our children deserve.

With all best wishes,

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