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Dear Community Patrons,

Everywhere I turn I am hearing or reading “Montessori.” You Tube videos, books, interviews with Barbara Walters, science journals and, most recently, an interview in the *Investor’s Daily News!* Journalists are popularizing the attributes of Montessori education writing articles with positive supportive titles such as: “Students Prosper with Montessori Method,” “Montessori Kids: Academic Advantage,” “Montessori Teaching ‘Better than Traditional Schooling’”, “Inner-City Montessori School Creates Model Citizens” and “Don’t Just Stand There – Think!”

Twenty-five years ago, Montessori was still a little known and, in some cases, a misunderstood education method. Hence, this is the “revolution” we are referring to as this year’s auction theme, MONTESSORI Revolution. It is becoming more and more obvious that education must be transformed to better meet the needs of the student and, ultimately, the needs of our society. Montessori education with its developmental, project based, whole child approach is receiving significant recognition and acceptance from diverse sectors of our society including educators, business leaders, and neuro-psychologists.

Our planning has begun for MVM’s 15th annual auction on Saturday, February 11, 2012. Montessori Revolution is not a protest, it’s a celebration! This is our largest fundraising event; preparation is fundamental to its success. I am very excited about this year’s theme; we have endless ideas! The goal is always to produce a “stunning” event. We plan an evening so wonderful that our guests walk away happy and smiling, wanting to return next year!

Kind and generous support from parents, business patrons, alumni, and friends allows us to provide quality education programs in our Reno-Sparks community. It has been through the donations of local businesses and organizations like yours that our auction has been successful for the past 14 years. I hope you are able to contribute this year.

The proceeds from our annual auction subsidize our operating budget. Fundraising dollars directly support our strong financial assistance program, continuing professional Montessori education for faculty and staff, and the development of our outstanding campus. We could throw out fundraising and not emphasize these significant discretionary areas, BUT our school community committed to these “core values” over thirty years ago and without them the tremendous benefits they bring would be lost.

Please read through this packet and consider the way(s) you can contribute to the success of this event. For assistance or information, please call me directly at 852-6162 or e-mail me at [mary@moutnainviewmontessori.com](mailto:mary@moutnainviewmontessori.com).

I appreciate your consideration.

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