

WELCOME PARENTS & STAFF!

Mount Clemens Montessori Academy



# PARENT GUILD

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## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

A group of parents and staff who are dedicated in enhancing and enriching our children's school experience as a positive community at Mount Clemens Montessori Academy.

### WHAT WE DO

Through various fundraising and donations, we fund activities such as the Back to School celebration, Parent Nights, Family Fun Day and End of the Year Picnic. We, in the past, have purchased items such as computers, microscopes, classroom materials, TVs, DVD players, SMART Board, multi-media projector, math manipulatives, daycare room toys and games, in addition to, sponsoring all school field trips. We welcome expression of ideas or launching new programs that enrich our children's physical, emotional, social and safety education.

### OUR OBJECTIVE

To promote the school as a fun learning place brought together as a community. We encourage the cooperation between parents and staff in securing the highest advantages of each child's educational experiences by assisting in providing educational, cultural and recreational extras.

### OUR GOALS

- To increase communication of Parent Guild activities and create a continual presence in the school community.
- To maintain school spirit and encourage all parents to volunteer their time and talents.
- To become a united front so that each member of the school feels that they belong, and has a strong support system in helping all our children reach their highest potential and meet all their educational goals.



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## OUR SUCCESS

The Parent Guild consist of dedicated volunteers who work hard at bringing better technology, events and programs that enhance our children's learning experiences. Without a supportive team of volunteers we would be unable to provide the things we are proud of because of our efforts. This is just a simple list of the things the Parent Guild has funded.

- Annual field trips for all grade levels including preschool.
- 10 new Dell Computers
- A new school sign
- Playground equipment and woodchips
- 4 TV/DVDs plus carts
- 4 Microscopes for the science classrooms plus
- Weather predictor
- Binding machine, die cuts and binding supplies
- SMART board with multi-media projector
- Supplementary math manipulatives extra lens
- Furniture, listening center, toys and games for the daycare room
- 2 new lunchroom tables
- Financial assistance on the school's telephone/intercom system

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## MEETING DATES

All meetings are open to parents/guardians and staff of Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy and will occur the 1st Tuesday of the month (with the exception of September). Babysitting in the daycare room is provided. All meetings take place in the school gym. Meeting dates and locations are subject to change and postponement announcements will be found on the Parent Guild bulletin board outside the school office.

The following is a list of meeting dates:

September 1, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

October 7, 2009

November 3, 2009

December 1, 2009

January 5, 2010

February 2, 2010

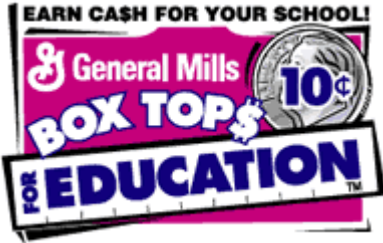
March 2, 2010

April 6, 2010

May 4, 2010

June 1, 2010

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# FUNDRAISERS

- Collect the box tops from major products such as Betty Crocker, Old El Paso, Hamburger Helper, General Mills and many more!
- Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to get a list of products, coupons, recipes, bonus offers.
- Clip the box top label, place in envelope and deposit them in the Box Tops box outside the school office. Please do not clip the expiration date



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- Collect UPC labels from eligible Campbell's products.
- Go to [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a list of product
- Place labels in the designated Campbell's box



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- Pouch Brigade recycling
- Collect Capri Sun and other drink pouches.
- [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com)
- Take straw out of the empty pouch and place into the collection container near the office.

# 10 Reasons to Get Involved

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## **Your child benefits.**

When parents get connected to the school, children do better. Research shows children whose parents are involved get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems at school.

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## **We make a difference.**

Our mission is to create the kind of school community where teachers and administrators can do their best work—and so can our children. We provide support for teachers in and out of the classroom. We provide resources they need. We help create learning opportunities for children. And we try to build the kind of supportive, caring atmosphere that makes school fun.

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## **We pledge to honor your time constraints.**

People are often reluctant to participate because they're afraid they'll get pulled into a black hole of never-ending time commitment. That won't happen here. An hour or two a semester really makes a difference. And we won't push you to commit more than you want to or are able to.

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## **We have fun.**

Volunteer work shouldn't be drudgery. We accomplish a lot, and not everything we do is easy. But we know we're not balancing the national debt, either. We don't take ourselves too seriously, and we try to enjoy ourselves along the way whenever possible.

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## **Meet nice people who share your concerns.**

We all have a common bond. We care about creating the best possible educational experience for our children. We are neighbors and peers who share many of the same experiences. And many friendships have developed as a result of those connections.

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## **There's a lot to be done.**

These days, schools are asked to do more with less. Our help is needed more than ever to fill the gaps.

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## **We can match jobs to your interests and abilities.**

The work we do covers a broad spectrum: filing and photocopying, planning and executing events, writing and editing, working directly with children, managing a budget and cash flow, and lots more. We encourage creative ideas, and we're thrilled to have people take on tasks that meet their skills and interests.

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## **We're welcoming.**

To us, there are no "outsiders." We are people who have come together to work toward common goals. We couldn't be happier to have you join us in working toward those goals.

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## **We're about parent involvement, not fundraising.**

In these times of tight budgets, parent groups everywhere are having to fill in the gaps, and so are we. But our number one goal is to get more parents connected to the school. That's because more than 500 independent research studies show that building parent involvement in education is the number one thing we can do to create a great school and improve student performance.

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## **This work is very rewarding.**

It's seeing the bright light of learning sparkle in a child's eye. It's seeing the smile that shows we're making school a little more fun—and a child feel a little more comfortable in a learning environment. It's learning that test scores have risen and knowing we played a role. There are lots of rewards, both big and small, for those who get involved. Won't you join us?

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