



Six Rivers Montessori

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Dear Six Rivers Montessori Family and Friends,

We are writing to ask you for support.

This past year was a milestone year. Not only did we succeed in being one of the only schools in Humboldt County to complete an entire school year in person, together in the actual classroom instead of Google Classroom, but we have now entered our second decade of community-based, Montessori peace education. Our Covid-19 policy required us to keep our classroom numbers low to best keep our community safe. However, smaller class sizes came with their own difficulties and this is where you can help.

We continue to be part of a pioneering movement of holistic education that emphasizes experiential learning, values respect for the individual, and strives to nurture student character, compassion, curiosity, and understanding of the interdependence of all life on earth. Six Rivers Montessori is an independent school determined to remain accessible to all families sharing our vision, regardless of socioeconomic status. Our unique tuition model, called The Potluck, helps us remain accessible by including the entire community in the budget process. It asks that the community come together, each family pledging what is sustainable for them, to collectively meet our basic financial needs. However, tuition alone does not cover our budgeted expenditures and with smaller class sizes this is compounded. Raising the suggested tuition would limit the diversity of families we welcome to our school. We need your help to fill the gap between tuition income and expenses.

Our Staff, Board, and Parent Volunteers are actively and passionately continuing the vision of our Founding Families. This vision includes continuing to offer and enrich programs like Spanish, Music, Art, Garden, Camping, Field Trips, Athletics, and STEAM Programs. We are a positive presence in our North Arcata community of Valley East. Our Little Free Library program, Community Craft Fair, and partnership with Cooperation Humboldt to combat food scarcity are some of the community outreach programs we are excited to continue as we enter our second decade as a school.

Please join us in our vision of a community that values peace, creativity, and the realization of each child's potential by making a tax deductible donation to our 2021 Giving Tuesday Campaign. Your contributions will not only support a student today, but future generations of joyful learners at Six Rivers Montessori.

You can make a difference. We invite you to join us in making the education our children need for the future accessible today so that our school and the children we serve may grow vigorous and strong. Donations of any size will be gratefully received. Some suggestions are:

- A gift of \$50 will purchase new or replacement Montessori Materials
- A gift of \$100 will enable us to add a beautiful instrument to our Orff Music Program
- A gift of \$250 will help close the gap between tuition and operating costs
- A gift of \$500 will enable us to purchase a classroom computer
- A gift of \$800 will sponsor one child's monthly tuition
- A gift of \$1,000 will fund a year of Spanish language instruction for all of the students
- A gift of \$2,500 will provide funding for a year of field trips, camping, and our garden program
- A gift of \$4,000 will fund the Montessori Model United Nations Program for one year
- A gift of \$8,000 will send ONE child to Six Rivers Montessori for the whole YEAR

We sincerely hope you are inspired, as we are, to support Six Rivers Montessori. Whatever your gift, you will be joining us in creating real change in our community and beyond by supporting these children and this unique approach to education. We encourage you to view our website at www.sixriversmontessori.org for more details including our Blueprint and school news.

Your donation is tax deductible. Our IRS Tax Identification Number is 45-5568818.

In Deepest Gratitude and Hope,

The Board of Six Rivers Montessori