



Deep Roots, Broad Canopy

A Guide to Giving and Getting Involved



WELCOME

Dear Monarch Families,

Since its founding by parents in 1982, Mountaintop Montessori has grown and flourished through the steadfast dedication of a vibrant and engaged community. Like the trees that surround our campus, we are sustained by *deep roots* - a foundation built on shared values, purposeful learning, and enduring relationships. From this strong base rises a *broad canopy* - a diverse and supportive community where children are able to branch out, grow strong, and flourish.

At Mountaintop, we envision children who live with enduring curiosity, joy, and responsibility; a community where each member is cherished and challenged; and a world enriched by these young leaders, creators, problem-solvers, and peace-makers. We believe this vision is achievable when guides, staff, parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends collaborate towards this common goal.

As we embark on a new school year, I invite you to consider how you will help cultivate this community. Every act of participation, large or small, adds to the strength of our roots and the reach of our canopy.

This guide will introduce you to the many ways you can get involved this year.

We're so glad you're here.



Sarah Reedy
Director of Community Engagement



2025-26 EVENT CALENDAR

Mountaintop hosts a number of events throughout the school year - annual favorites, casual family fun, and parent only meet-ups. Save the dates!

August 16: Welcome Breakfast/Popsicles

September 12: All Family Picnic

September 26: Garden Party

October 11: Family Work Day

October 12: Fall Festival

November 16: The Journey

November 17-21: School Appreciation Week

November 21: Elementary Assembly

December 10: Middle School Drum Concert

January 24: Parent Only Trivia Night

February 8: Super Glow Sunday (Silent Disco)

March 27: All Family Picnic

May 1: Grandparents & Special Friends Day

May 2: Butterfly Ball: Wild

May 4-8: Staff Appreciation Week

June 2: Middle School Speech Night

June 3: Rising Ceremony & Picnic



FALL FEST



SUPER GLOW SUNDAY



BUTTERFLY BALL



GET INVOLVED

Parent engagement is key to a vibrant school community. There is a place for everyone!

General Support

- Classroom Ambassadors
- Cultural Presentations
- Middle School Internship Hosts

Parent Association

- Family & Parent Social Events
- Fundraising Events
- Staff Appreciation

Board of Trustees Committees

- Finance
- Development
- Building & Grounds
- Head of School Support

Follow ParentSquare for news and updates or reach out to sreedy@mountaintopmontessori.org to get more information.

THE ANNUAL FUND

Mountaintop's Annual Fund is a yearly fundraising campaign that supports the operational budget of our school and provides families a flexible, tax-exempt way to support high-quality and enriching student experiences.

We ask all members of our community to consider making a gift that feels significant for them, and as early in the school year as possible. We are proud to have a diverse population at Mountaintop, and therefore the gifts we receive range widely in size. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference.

Questions about or ideas for the Annual Fund and school fundraising should be sent to sreedy@mountaintopmontessori.org.

WAYS TO GIVE

Credit/Debit Card - Donate securely by scanning the QR code or by visiting mountaintopmontessori.factsmgmtadmin.com/give/



Check - Please make checks out to "Mountaintop Montessori" and deliver to the main office or mail to 440 Pinnacle Place, Charlottesville, VA 22911

Employer Match - Many employers offer matching programs that can double the impact of your gift.

Donor Advised Fund - Recommend a gift to Mountaintop Montessori's Annual Fund via your DAF. Our Federal Tax ID #: 52-1242068

Annual Fund Impact

Scholarships & Financial Aid - Lead Guide
Certification & Professional Development -
Playground Equipment & Improvements -
Generous Annual Classroom Supply Budgets -
Upgraded Gym Lighting - Ecology Outdoor
Classroom - 3D Printer - New Computers in Tech
Lab - Expanding Staff to provide additional
student support





BUTTERFLY BALL

Mountaintop hosts its gala fundraiser each spring. This lively, adults-only event includes both silent and live auctions offering items and experiences specific to our school community, plus games, music, drinks, and dancing.

Parents are encouraged to participate by soliciting or donating auction items, planning the themed event, or by simply attending and enjoying a night out with friends. This year's event will be held **Saturday, May 2**. Save the date!

PADDLE RAISE

The Butterfly Ball also includes a paddle raise, which gives families the opportunity to make an impact on a specific school need.

Previous paddle raises have funded updating and expanding the school garden, extending the shade canopy, Professional Development for guides and staff, the installation of picnic tables across campus, and the construction of Christy's Performance and Learning Space.

MOUNTAINTOP MEMORIES

Parents, staff, and local businesses are encouraged to host small, ticketed events to build community and raise funds for school. Past events have included wine tastings, a family camp out, and an escape room for kids. The Parent Association welcomes any ideas you might have for hosting a Memory and event details will be announced throughout the year.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Families may be invited to contribute to additional causes and events throughout the year. Participation is always both appreciated and optional. These might include:

- Treats for staff on Guide Work days and during Staff Appreciation Week
- Student-led charitable drives or fundraising sales
- Gifts for staff, both winter and end of year. Some families enjoy giving personalized gifts to staff members, but others prefer the ease of contributing to a pool that is divided out across the staff. Your Classroom Ambassador and the Parent Association will reach out through ParentSquare with details about optional pooled gifting in December and May.



