



# PARENT GROUP NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

## Giving Tree Becomes Online Wish List

*Sarah Aiken-Felling, Parent Group Co-Chair*

You may have noticed the "Giving Tree" decorating the wall next to the front desk the past 2 years. Some of you may be like me and found it was an easy way to support your child's classroom by grabbing a couple slips to purchase for the classroom. While the Giving Tree was bright and inviting, it wasn't without its challenges (regular retaping to the cinderblock walls). We also have a growing awareness that our teachers and staff have needs all year round, and we want to keep within the Holiday Policy guidelines set forth by the Governance Board. So with those ideas in mind, we are designing a webpage to be linked to our ECASD Montessori site that will have the teacher and staff "Wish Lists" available all school year.

School needs change throughout the year, so the Parent Group will be partnering with the teachers and staff to create a new online "Wish List" format that can easily be updated and accessed by families through the teacher's weekly emails.

We have requests on a regular basis from parents who would like to buy something for their child's primary classroom. Other areas of the school shared by all students also have needs (library, office, and special teachers). All donations are used for the benefit of the students at CVMCS. If you would like to donate new or gently used items, or if you know of businesses and organizations willing to donate items, our school community would be very grateful.

You may drop-off donations directly to the teacher/staff member or at the CVMCS office with Ms Amy. If you have questions regarding a specific item, please contact the teacher or staff indicated directly.

The staff is appreciative of your support.



### Wish List

Printed Copy available at front desk

[goo.gl/YrU7x8](http://goo.gl/YrU7x8)

## Upcoming Dates

### DECEMBER 19

Parent Group Meeting  
6:30pm IMC

### DECEMBER 22-JAN 1

Winter Break

### JANUARY 22

No School

### JANUARY 23

Parent Group Meeting  
6:30pm IMC

### FEBRUARY 22-26

Mid-Winter Break

## Treasurer Report

(11/28/17)

Checking: \$9,949.23

Savings: \$5.23

Outdoor Environment: \$4,943.41

Mallternative Income: \$2130.83

"EVERYTHING YOU SAY TO  
YOUR CHILD IS ABSORBED,  
CATALOGUED AND  
REMEMBERED." MARIA  
MONTESSORI



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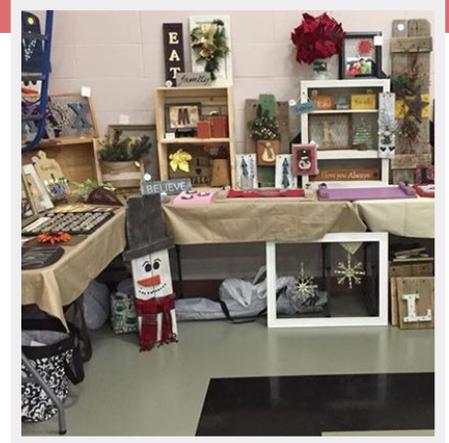
# MALLternative Recap

Mindy Braun - Fundraising Co-Chair

Opening deer hunting weekend, dubbed as widow's weekend, was eventful at Montessori this year. On Saturday, 45 local vendors and artisans filled the hallways and gym for our 4th annual MALLternative. Of these 45 vendors, 10 of them were parents/family members of students within the school. This event is a large fundraiser for our school and helps the Parent Group fund classroom activities, including supplies and field trips.

The vendors purchase a space in which to sell their products; some opt to include a raffle item into their registration. The raffle items are made into baskets to sell the day of the event. This year, the school also sold baked goods and various beverages to consumers. All of the proceeds from the event go back into the classrooms. By attending and participating in the various fundraising opportunities, like MALLternative, you are contributing to the enrichment of the children's education. Thank you to all who had a booth, helped out, and came to shop with us this year and we hope to see you next year.

Future fundraising opportunities include: Winter Fest, Read-A-Thon, and Chicken-Q.



# Volunteering

Abby Reilly - Volunteer Coordinator

Here at CVMC, we are fortunate to have a group of parents that are involved and invested in all of the children who come through our doors. One of the ways we as parents show that is through volunteering. The parent group and the school host a multitude of events throughout the year that raise funds, supplement educational opportunities and encourage building relationships between our Montessori families. Volunteer opportunities are almost endless with donations, food preparation, set up and clean up, and physically helping with events. We could not be a successful school without our volunteers! Here are some of the reasons our parents choose to volunteer.

*"It feels good to step out of my comfort zone and "to do" list and take time to contribute to a greater cause. And as bonus we get to work with this amazing community of children, teachers and parents." - Elizabeth*

*"I volunteer because I want to be involved in the children's learning experiences. I feel that if I can see what they are doing at school, I can be helpful to them at home. My kids will grow up so fast, and I want the chance to be there for them now, when they want me to. ;) Also, it takes a village. The more adults that can have an active role in any child's life, will be of benefit to them." - Katy*

# Staff Spotlight on Mr. Aaron

**Where were you born?** Fort Atkinson, Wi

**How long have you been at CVM?** current 4th year

**What is your favorite Children's book?** Little House on the Prairie

**What was the last thing you ate?** Chicken Curry

**What book are you reading right now?** Montaigne in Barn Boots

**What sound do you love?** The rushing river or a really good choir

**What chore do you hate doing the most?** Cleaning the Kitchen

**If you could throw any kind of party, what would it be for?**

Wisconsin Badger National Championship Party

**If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?** Paint

