

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Bloomington Montessori School is not only an AMS-accredited Montessori school...it is also a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization!**

**Fundraising and Development activities are critical for our *growth*.**

<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Fundraising &amp; Development (donations, sponsorships, grants, etc.)</b>
Pays for staff salaries & basic benefits	Allows us to provide continuing education (e.g., anti-bias, anti-racism training), conferences, and provide a supportive environment for staff.
Pays for essential classroom materials	Provides flexibility to respond to unique classroom needs and interests (e.g, Magnolia playground upgrade, updating technology)
Pays the mortgage for Bloomington Montessori School	Provides the opportunity to beautify and update our campus in ways that align with our values (e.g., transition to LED lighting, bike rack installation)
Funds the attendance of our students	Allows us to help fund the Montessori education of students in our community via our scholarship program
Funds parent-teacher conferences and direct parent education	Allows us to offer Montessori programming to the Bloomington community at large via workshops with community partners, and participate in community events as a school
Gives us an annual budget for successful operations	Gives us the flexibility to respond to changes (e.g., COVID management) and the security to plan for the future of BMS

**Development dollars allow us to move toward our vision - to become a center of peace and education in our community.**

### HOW DOES BMS RAISE FUNDS?

We have a schedule with varied events throughout the year, designed in the recognition that our school families vary in their availability, resources, and interests. We hope that there is something on the calendar for everyone!

The majority of our development funds are received through our Annual Campaign, which will kick off on Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2022. Bookmark the day now for our annual live-streaming event!

We also raise money through grant applications and sponsorships for our programs and community events.

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Check out the attached calendar to see what opportunities might be a good fit for you! Many of our fundraisers are also open to neighbors, grandparents, and friends.

Development at *any* nonprofit organization takes “time, talent, and treasure.” If you have the time or talent for development and fundraising work, contact Quinn McAvoy at [headofschool@montessori.k12.in.us](mailto:headofschool@montessori.k12.in.us) to learn about volunteer opportunities.