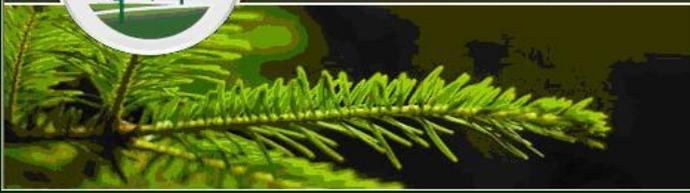




PINES MONTESSORI SCHOOL
— KINGWOOD TEXAS —



ANNUAL REPORT

OCTOBER 2009

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

- Pines Montessori School founded in 1977
- Member of American Montessori Society
- Member of the International Montessori Council
- Accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Licensed through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
- Largest and most established Montessori School in north-east Houston
- Serving children 18 months through 6th grade
- Middle School opening 2010– 2011 school year
- Dedicated and trained Montessori professionals in every children's community

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Families and Friends:

I would like to welcome you to the 2009-2010 Annual Report of Pines Montessori School. It is with great humility that we, your school board, guide this school into the future. In the following pages you will be able to see how we utilize tuitions and donations to move our school forward.

Our job as a board is to help keep the school financially responsible and to help guide the school's future. In the past years we have updated many parts of our school. These include structural items like the new roof on the main building and the new fence around our wonderful playground. We also are advancing the school by establishing a middle school coming in the 2010-2011 school year.

Our goals and plans can be found in the master plan developed by Brown Reynolds Watford Architects last year. We look forward to speaking with you all as we move into our 33 year.

Sincerely

Clint Bennett

President– Pines Montessori School Board

Nestled in the heart of Kingwood, at the edge of the Creekwood Nature Reserve, Pines Montessori School has been a part of the community since 1977. We are the largest Montessori school in the area and serve the widest range of ages, from 18 months through 12 years (6th grade).

The 2010-2011 school year will begin our Montessori Middle School with 7th grade.

We are an independent, not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) institution serving children 18 months through 12 years in north Houston.

“The adult works to improve his environment while the child works to improve himself.”
Dr. Maria Montessori

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Pines Montessori School prepares children for life through learning experiences based on authentic Montessori principles and practices.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The role of Finance and its proper management is pivotal to any organization's success, vitality, and future growth. I am extremely pleased to report to you that Pines Montessori over the past three years has made Finance and prudent Fiscal Management a very core component of its overall operating strategy. Our financial statements for the fiscal year ending in June 2009 reflect these achievements through a steady and balanced Operating Income results for the year, as well as through a strong Balance Sheet and Operating Cash position.

Our Income for the year was close to our budget and showed an overall positive Net Income of \$28K after accounting for depreciation, whereas our operating Cash Position at the end of June 2009 was a healthy \$412K.

As a non-profit organization our strategic focus for Pines is centered on stability and long-term growth. Each year the Board and the Finance Committee in concert with the school's administration approves a budget that is close to being operationally balanced, while making certain that the budget is also commensurate with the School's vision of quality and growth for our educational programs.

While the schools operational financial expenses are covered through tuition revenues, major capital budget projects are typically funded through fund raising, donor contributions and other initiatives. Any surplus operational income from one year is carried over to the next year to meet contingency operational expenses.

Let me take a moment to highlight a few significant events of note over the past three years that have helped us develop a strong and sound financial foundation for our school.

In 2007 we refinanced the main school property to generate additional liquidity and to also secure much needed funds for the complete replacement of the School's roof and HVAC systems. After careful negotiations by various Board members the school reached a refinancing agreement at a more competitive interest rate with Amegy Bank of Texas. Through this new facility, the school in 2007-2008 first had a comprehensive "Master Plan" developed for future upgrades to the school facility and then invested approximately \$200K to successfully install a brand new roof and HVAC systems.

The School in 2005-06 successfully planned and implemented the Infinity Park Capital Project primarily through fundraising and donor contributions. Of the total project cost of \$115K, approximately \$96K of the project cost was funded from fundraising and contributions. The Infinity Park has been a true asset for Pines as it not only provides continuous educational and aesthetic value but also helps in attracting new students to our school.

The school over the past three years has been through an immense transitional and transformational phase and has now successfully positioned itself where it can embark on various new initiatives and Capital Projects that will keep us on the path of stable growth and "Continuous Improvement". As I mentioned, the success of these Capital initiatives will require the School community's continued generosity through their tax deductible gifts and contributions.

With your support, and continued astute and responsible stewardship of our School's finances, I am confident Pines will continue on its journey towards excellence and stable growth.

Sincerely,

Nadeem Mazhar

Nadeem Mazhar
Treasurer & Chairman - Finance Committee
Pines Montessori School

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR 7/1/8 - 6/30/9

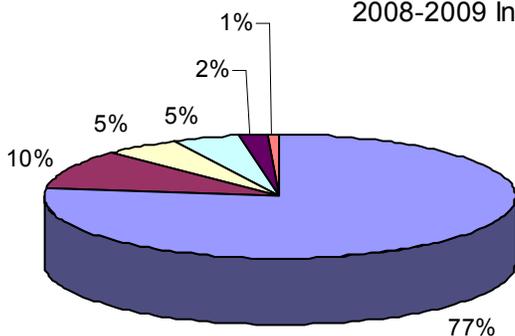
INCOME

Tuition	76.98%	\$ 1,392,144
Extended Care	10.12%	\$ 182,954
Supplies, Meals	5.38%	\$ 97,328
Donations, PCO, fundraisers	4.67%	\$ 84,538
Enrollment Fees	2.08%	\$ 37,600
Other	0.77%	\$ 13,927
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	100.00%	\$ 1,808,491

EXPENSE

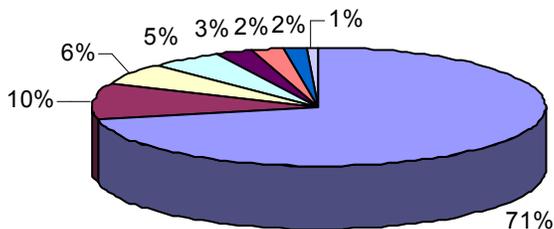
Payroll	71.41%	\$1,271,632
General & Administrative	10.13%	\$ 180,441
Financial	5.97%	\$ 106,245
Maintenance	5.02%	\$ 89,393
Utilities	2.75%	\$ 48,980
Education	2.13%	\$ 37,844
PCO, Fundraising	1.88%	\$ 33,478
Food, Supplies	0.72%	\$ 12,813
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	100.00%	\$1,780,826

2008-2009 Income



- Tuition
- Extended Care
- Supplies, Meals.
- Donations, PCO, fundraisers
- Enrollment Fees
- Other

2008-2009 Expense



- Payroll
- General & Administrative
- Financial
- Maintenance
- Utilities
- Education
- PCO, Fundraising
- Food, Supplies

ANNUAL GIVING

The time has come for Pines Montessori School to take the next step in our school's history. With an additional donation above your child's annual tuition, Pines can continue our strong 33 year tradition of providing an authentic Montessori education as well as build for the future.

There is no one aspect of Pines Montessori School that doesn't count on and benefit directly from your generous gifts, especially the students. A successful Annual Giving Appeal makes everything possible...

- ◆ financial aid for those in need
- ◆ essential Montessori materials
- ◆ faculty excellence, development and longevity
- ◆ equipment of all types
- ◆ student enrichment and field trips
- ◆ state-of-the-art technology that supports learning and effective school management ...everything!

Generous parent support is as absolutely necessary today as it was 33 years ago when Pines Montessori School opened its doors for the first time. Every gift advances Pines mission and the well being of every child in our care.

*We cannot do this without you or even with only some of you.
Please give as best you can, but please do give.*

Tuition at the school provides approximately 89% of the cost of each child's education. The Annual Giving Campaign helps support projects and enrichment programs for our students, teachers, and staff that are beyond what the operating budget can afford. The Annual Campaign makes a significant, measurable difference in the quality of the day-to-day educational experience of the children through enhanced programs, strengthened instruction and increased availability of materials that would otherwise be beyond the School's reach.

The Annual Giving Campaign assures that those things we value most at Pines Montessori School, classroom communities with a full compliment of Montessori materials, a campus that reflects the nature of our surroundings and supports our children's learning, well-trained, dedicated faculty, cutting edge technology and a rich mix of experiences for our diverse group of students will be continued. Every student at Pines Montessori School benefits from the Annual Giving Campaign. It is your support of the Campaign which ensures that Pines continues to grow each and every day.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Clint Bennett- President
Term 2010

Nadeem Mazhar- Finance Director
Term 2009

Kevin Buxton- Member
Term 2009

Connie Chandler- Member
Term 2010

Kathleen Goerner- Vice President
Term 2012

Mike Snowden-Secretary
Term 2010

Francie Stonestreet- Member
Term 2011

PINES MONTESSORI SCHOOL DONORS

\$10,000 +

Burton Foundation

John & Dominica Seitz

2008 1ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Clint Bennett
Kevin Buxton
Ly & Amy Lim
Kevin & Kim Murphy
Michael Snowden

Jeff Brown
Chris Daubert
Lyn Lim
Richard Parrish
Scott Stonestreet

David & Laura Bubin
Zayd & Asra Hashmi
Nadeem Mazhar
Danil Rollerson
Wayne & Melissa Wilson

Growth Force
Kingwood Language Academy
Daubert Family

Controlled Healthcare
Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin
Port Terminal Railroad Association

Sterling Bank

2009 18TH ANNUAL SPRING GALA

Clint & Amy Bennett
Montiano & Cisca Bloom
Jeanette Brown
Lance Frazier & Gloria Zungia
Douglas & Carol Greve
Bud & Rebecca A. Hall
Christine Madden
Mark & Denise McFann
Danil Rollerson
Rick & Patty Sobelman
Wayne & Melissa Wilson

Robert & Margaret Black
Anna Brinson
Brian & Emily Dusablon
Joshua & Joan Friedman
Beau & Catherine Hall
Tazeen Khan
Shahid & Angela Mahmood
Nirvana Roof
Michael & Amanda Snowden
Scott & Francie Stonestreet
Christopher & Sarah Webb

GIFTS IN KIND

Wayne & Melissa Wilson

MASTER PLAN FOR PINES

The Board of Directors of Pines Montessori School is focused to make the Master Plan a reality. The Board endeavors to solicit the funds to do so. Our School's Annual Giving Fund is a meaningful part of this campaign in addition to loans, grants and matching funds.

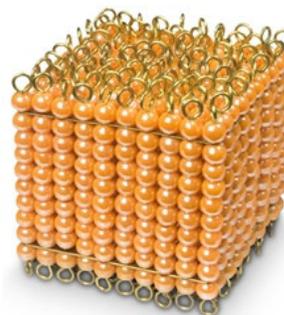
If you are interested in joining the school's Facilities Committee; to add your talent and your time to this undertaking, please contact Clint Bennett- Board President or the Head of School.

We are looking for parents and community members interested in

“BUILDING FOR THE WAY A CHILD LEARNS”.

THE THOUSAND CUBE

Representing one thousand thank you's to our families and friends who have supported Pines Montessori throughout our history.



PINES MONTESSORI SCHOOL DONORS

NEW DISHWARE IN THE CLASSROOMS

12 place settings \$600
Douglas & Carol Greve

4 place settings \$200
James & Kara Brittain
Chris & Laura Buben
Pat & Kathy Green
Phil & Debbie Hughes
Kevin & Kim Murphy
Terrence & Theresa Quinn
Rick & Patty Sobelman
Bob & Teresa Wilking

3 place settings \$150
Kent & Tammy Schnell

2 place settings \$100

Brandon & Rachel Beach
Joseph & Nora Dunleavy
Bob & Stacey Karl
Mikael & Asa Laurin
Jena Murski
Sherry Wilson

1 place setting \$50
Rena & Irby Baudouin
Montiano & Cisca Blom
Ken & Donna Buxton
Kevin & Pam Buxton
Darryal & Connie Chandler
Jeff & Regina Choyce
Julia Davila
Philip & Kathleen Goerner
Beau & Catherine Hall
Bud & Rebecca Hall
Sabrina Padgett
Steve & Shelly Reese
Bill & Wendy Stephens
Terrence & Theresa Quinn
Christopher & Sarah Webb
Lamar & Julia Wright Youngblood

GRANTS

Houston Endowment/ University of St. Thomas	\$19,600
Exxon/Mobil- Administaff-	\$7,500 \$1,200

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SPONSORS

Alspaugh Ace Hardware
Amedeo's Italian Restaurant and Bar
Beauregard- Keyes House
Birrapporetti's
Bill's Café
Carmelo's Ristorante
Century 21 Paramount- Nirvana Roof, Realtor
Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion
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Field of Dreams
Fireheart Photography-Francie Baltazar Stonestreet
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George Poe Trio
Houston Airport Marriott Hotel
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HR&P Human Resources & Payroll
I.C. Janitorial Supply
KASS- Art Kingwood Art School, Supply & Gallery
Kids in Action
Kings Crossing Travel
Kingwood Country Club
Margaret Hood Black, MA, LPC
Merry Go Round
Minuteman Press of Humble

Mountasia Family Fun Center
Murals & Portraits by Kathy Danz
Pitt's & Spitt's
Pride and Joy Creations
QLS The Spa at QLS
Royal Purple, Inc.
Safety Act Consultants- Bob Karl
Sarah A. Webb, Ph.D.
Schroder Marine Services, Inc.
Skeeters
Spring Creek Restaurants
Southern Living at Home-Amanda Snowden
Taste of Texas Restaurants
The Company On Stage
The Little Gym of Kingwood
The Mudpie Company
The Nailspot
The wine Man
Toys and Candy on the Park
Two Gems Ice Cream
Vision Source - Kingwood P.A.
Zammiti Pizza and Pasta

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

A special thank you to all of the parent volunteers who lent their help in the classrooms and at various events throughout the year.

We make every effort to ensure that each contributors name is properly listed. However, we offer our apologies for any errors or omissions. We hope that you will advise us of the error by calling the school.

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Upper Elementary students forming a Peace Symbol with their hands.

As a member of the Pines Montessori School Community for the past three years, I have witnessed such genuine love and commitment to children. From the vision and dedication of the School Board Members who volunteer their time to continue and enhance the school's mission, to the amazing faculty and staff that we have assembled who work tirelessly to grow professionally and provide the most authentic Montessori environments for our children, Pines is truly a very special place.

But it is you, our families, and the wonderful children that you bring to us each day that brings Pines Montessori to life.

The Pines Montessori School Annual Report tells a story of a strong established school that is striving always to build on its successes in the pursuit of excellence.

We are poised, this year, to take a significant step in the further growth and enhancement of our school by beginning an Annual Giving Campaign. By contributing to this fund, we will ensure that we can meet the school's mission both today and in the future.

The growth of our school depends on building the foundation that has been laid for us as we dig deeper our roots and reach further with our branches.

We have begun this journey with a comprehensive facilities study and a Master Plan commissioned by your School Board for our buildings and our property. With this document we can understand our current needs as well as plan for our future goals. Below are listed some of our progress thus far!



Mission and Identity

Updated school logo
 Applying for NAEYC re-accreditation
 Trained 1 Middle School teacher
 Interest group Elementary Workshops begun—
 Spanish, Media and Art
 Primary Montessori Language purchased



Facilities work to date:

Replaced the Main Building school roof
 Replaced Elementary HVAC unit
 Replaced garbage corral
 Comprehensive arbor and irrigation assessment
 Repainted 3 Toddler classrooms
 Repainted school offices
 Installed 3 part sink in Elementary building
 Repainted and installed new shelves in school library

Patty Sobelman

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Redesign school website
 Trained 5 Montessori Primary teachers
 2 Infant/ Toddler Montessori interns currently
 1st Pines Robotics team has formed- ages 9 and up
 Middle School- 7th grade to begin 2010 school year
 Indoor Toddler Gross Motor Equipment purchased

Replaced 3 HVAC units in Main Building
 Replaced the entire fence in our backyard
 Replaced Elementary restrooms
 Repainted 3 Primary classrooms
 Repainted Pod bathrooms
 Repainted school kitchen
 Constructed new playground surrounds for swings
 Installed new library tracking software

"The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind."

Dr. Maria

Montessori

ANNUAL PINES SPRING GALA

Held each year on the second Saturday in May, the Pines Montessori School Gala celebrates the talents of our children through the auction of their creative projects and raises monies through a raffle and both silent and live auctions. This evening takes place Kingwood Country Club and is a fun, community building event. Dinner, dancing, and more!

PINES INFINITY SCIENCE PARK

In 2005, over a crisp October week, Pines Montessori School transformed its landscape into a beautiful learning experience to be enjoyed by children, parents and the entire Kingwood community. Infinity Park was constructed, with the help of Leather & Associates, entirely by volunteer support. The Park was created as an outdoor playground and nature habitat in which the children experience science through play and exploration of their environment. The construction crew of 300 skilled and unskilled volunteers spent a week working together, utilizing donated tools and supplies, to construct a most impressive outdoor learning environment. Each morning, the crew was greeted with hot coffee and breakfast to start the day. The crews worked in unison hammering, nailing and creating with parents, neighbors, students from the community and many, many of our own Pines children.

Through interactive play, Infinity Park encourages imaginative play and the opportunity for hands-on learning throughout every area. There are textures to discover, science lessons to be learned and wide open spaces to explore with each area of the Park. It is an adventure in learning unlike any other in our area, which is open to the public when school is not in session.

Pines parent volunteers put out a call to friends and family, as well as to the community at large, to put together a 90-person crew for each day of construction. With help from neighborhood schools, civic groups and special interest organizations, there was a full array of hands to help with the project. As a cost-saving measure, the volunteers were able to have equipment donated. From lumber and nails, to pre-fabricated equipment, from tools and machinery, to food and drinks, donated items filled the work and break areas. Parents were also offered the opportunity to sponsor pieces of the playground. Everything from friction slides to chimes to benches was offered up to parents and the community to donate by sponsoring that particular piece of equipment. Over the past 4

years, we have been able to see the fruits of that labor each and every day as we watch the children grow and learn in their unique environment. The discovery opportunities abound as the children move through the landscape of this beautiful area. This project would not have been possible without the help of our Pines community as well as the Kingwood community and all who serve it. We have utilized the Park in every way imaginable, and have had the opportunity to offer this beautiful place to our community as a thank you for helping us realize our dream. As a school community, we developed a vision of a beautiful learning experience, made a plan and enlisted volunteers to make that vision become a reality.

With a monetary investment of \$115,000 Pines Montessori School, its administration and a handful of hard-working parent volunteers succeeded in managing this project. With cash donations totaling almost \$80,000 and donations in kind making up the difference, the Pines Community was able to see Infinity Park through to its fruition. It was a joint effort involving all aspects of finance, administration and lots of elbow grease to see this project in all that it has become. It is a tribute to the capabilities of this organization to manage and monitor all aspects of this community build in its truest form. With our sights set on the future, anything is possible.



INFINITY SCIENCE PARK can be reserved, for a small donation, on the weekends for birthday parties and family reunions.

Call the school office for availability.

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