



MPA MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

- **Early Release:** 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, & 4/11
- **Skipper's Takeover:** 3/20
- **Last Picture Re-take:** 3/27
- **Half Day Dismissal- School Lets Out at 11:00, No Lunch Served:** 3/29
- **Spring Break:** 4/1 – 4/5
- **Hanging Basket Fundraiser:** Orders due in early April, TBA
- **Nature Bridge, 5th Grade:** June 3-5
- **Stay up-to-date with the CKSD Calendar [HERE](#)**



Yearbooks are on sale until April 1!

Our 2023-2024 yearbooks are still on sale! (\$16 only until April 1st) All yearbooks will be sold on a first come first serve basis! There will be a LIMITED amount of extras! Cash or checks can be brought to the PTA office.

To order online-

<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/hawkelementary>

We also need YOUR help filling out our yearbook pages. Please submit any school photographs you may have to

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/qNUBU8fjmym3NFyV8>



HEJP 2023/2024
YEARBOOKS ARE
STILL ON SALE!
ORDER NOW!



A **HUGE** shout-out to our Volunteer Superstars:

Kate Kanithanon – 257 hours

Ashely Cobo Fuentes – 86.5 hours

Jamie Barnett – 60 hours

Follow us on **Facebook:** Central Kitsap Montessori Parents Association
Visit our **Website:** www.ckmpa.org



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🌸🌻 Join our Montessori Humanitarian Project! 🌻🌸

Donations Needed for KHS to keep their shelter animals clean, happy, and comfortable. Your support can make a difference! The deadline to donate is **Marh 26th**. The Humane Society is coming to do a presentation for Montessori classes that day. Here's what they need:

- ✓ Unopened bags of dry kibble (dog and cat food)
- ✓ Canned dog and cat food
- ✓ New fleece throws
- ✓ Antler chews, pig ears chews, and bully sticks
- ✓ Washable cat toys
- ✓ Stainless steel water and food bowls



Have something else in mind? Check out the link below for a list of approved donations and how you can help: <https://www.kitsap-humane.org/support-us/in-kind-donations/>

Let's show compassion and kindness through our Montessori Humanitarian Project! 🐱🐶

***For every \$10 you donate, it counts as one (1) volunteer hour. Don't forget to log this in [Track It Forward!](#)*



It's a takeover!

Wednesday, March 20
10725 Silverdale Way NW
4:00 – 8:00 PM

Plan to dine at Skipper's on 3/20 from **4 – 8 pm**. CKMPA will get **35 percent of the restaurant's proceeds** during this time. Tell your family and friends! We'll need a couple of shifts of volunteers to help deliver food and wipe down tables. There will be a tip jar at EVERY table and one by the cash register; we get to keep any donations on top of the percentage of the earnings. If you're interested in volunteering and have not yet signed up, there is still time!

Use this Facebook event to invite friends and family:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/701909378781270/?ref=newsfeed>

If you have any questions, please Email Kim Rubenstein at fundraising.ckmpa@gmail.com!

CKMPA Hanging Basket Fundraiser

🌸 It's here!!! Support CKMPA with our spring Hanging Flower Basket Fundraiser! 🌸



Van Wingerden Greenhouses is thrilled to partner with CKMPA to bring you our premium hanging baskets, perfect for adding a burst of color and beauty to your home this spring!

1 for \$40 | 2 for \$75 | 3 for \$90

🌻 **Locally-Famous Baskets:** Our high-quality hanging baskets are locally famous for their vibrant colors, lush textures, and exquisite styles.

🌺 **Two Options:** Choose from SUNNY or SHADY baskets that include a variety of colors, textures, and styles that create the perfect hanging basket for your home or garden.

🌿 **Support CKMPA:** With each purchase, you'll be supporting our amazing Montessori program and teachers!

14 Order Now: Don't miss out on this opportunity to beautify your home and support a great cause! Place your order by APRIL 16th to reserve your premium hanging basket. Pick-up will be April 23rd in the Montessori Garden

For more information and to place your order: <https://www.ckmpa.org/.../p/ckmpa-hanging-basket-fundraiser>

Although our big push for the **Artware fundraiser** was in the fall, our shop at Silvergraphics stays open all school year! If you would like to upload a special piece of art in time for Mother's Day, another spring holiday or to have as a keepsake, you can order it and the CKMPA will receive a portion of the proceeds.

Orders for Mother's Day delivery are due by **April 17**.

Our Online Art Shop is open for Mother's Day orders!
Your child's art makes the best gift ever!



Go to www.silvergraphics.com/shop and enter Access Code: **Hawk23Art**

Order from art already in our shop and/or Upload new art & favorite photos. SilverGraphics will print it on totes, mugs, tiles, jewelry, and other beautiful mementos. Your items will ship direct to you or whatever address you enter at Checkout.

To prepare your art for uploading, follow these easy instructions for [how to scan/photograph your art](#).

For Mother's Day delivery, place your order by April 17.

To place a phone order, call SilverGraphics at 866-366-5700.

Go to <https://www.silvergraphics.com/shop/> . Code is **Hawk23Art**



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Fundraisers are how CKMPA pays for all the things that make our Montessori program special (things like IXL, field trips, the garden, Intermediate trips to Nature Bridge, special classroom materials, training for teachers, and more). We are not doing our yearly auction in 2024, so please consider supporting our smaller fundraisers! If you have any questions, please Email Kim Rubenstein at fundraising.ckmpa@gmail.com!



March Garden Chair Update

Whole Kids Garden Grant: Garden Chair Lauren Wheeler submitted a grant to the Whole Kids Garden Grant to try to secure future funds to sustain and expand our Montessori Garden (YAY!). Awards announced August 1st, so now we wait to see if we are selected.

Garden Days Are Back: We would like volunteers to assist students as they start sowing seeds for the garden and prepare the garden beds for spring planting. Volunteers will mostly be helping students stay on task, supervising them to ensure they are being safe with tools, and helping distribute and gather gloves and wipes, as needed. However, volunteers can be more hands on in the dirt, if desired. Volunteers can show up for just the hour of their child's class or stay longer. **NO GARDEN EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Garden days are every Thursday.** Check the volunteer sign up sheet for times: <https://www.ckmpa.org/volunteer>

Garden Repairs: Trellis pole replacement project complete thanks to the Dixon family!

Garden Committee Update: There are currently **7 people** on the committee, but there's room for more! Please contact Garden Chair Lauren Wheeler if you would like to join. More information to come about committee meetings.

Kitsap Master Gardeners: Garden Chair Lauren Wheeler has been working with the Master Gardeners in our area. They are willing to offer free garden lessons/demonstrations for parents in our program who might be interested.
More info to come.

For questions, please email Garden Chair Lauren Wheeler at lauren.kula.wheeler@gmail.com



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WE WANT YOU

The Montessori program is a cooperative agreement that hinges upon parental involvement.

Our MPA teachers do not have paraeducators; parent/family volunteers help make this program successful. We need volunteers in the classroom to continue the incredible curriculum and opportunities in this program.
Many teachers need volunteers to help grade papers, read with students, make copies, and much more.

Please see some of the opportunities below or reach out directly to your child(ren)'s teacher(s) to see how you can support them and the MPA program!

All volunteer opportunities are now posted on the updated [CKMPA website](#). You can sign up directly on the website.

As new opportunities become available, they are posted at the above link. You can always check with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) about other possible ways to get involved, too!

View all & sign up for available [VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES HERE](#)

Volunteer with Mrs. Ottmar by supporting our 1st grade readers in building confidence in

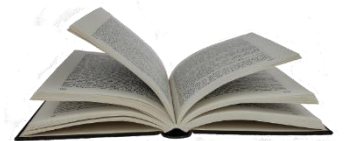
Mrs. Ottmar 1st Grade Reading Volunteers

their reading skills!

*****These hours can be applied as your MPA hours!**

READING VOLUNTEERS for Kindergarten

Mrs. Boatman needs parents to come read with her students. You do not need to have a child in her class to volunteer.





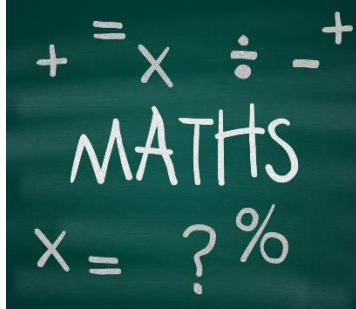
Miss Hayes is seeking volunteers!

Click the link about or email Miss Hayes at saraha@ckschools.org

MATH GAMES

Play math games with students and practice math skills through fun with students.

Fridays, 12:45 – 1:45



MATH SUPPORT

Weekly volunteers needed. Help students with math lessons.

Wednesdays, 12:45 – 1:45

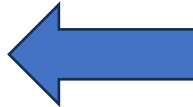
Ms. David Needs Reading Volunteers!

Sign up to come read with students!



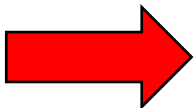
Currently, the most *needed* volunteers on campus are:

- BREAKFAST/DROP-OFF
- RECESS
- LUNCH



If you are looking to get involved, please consider these volunteer opportunities. HEJP students & teachers need YOU!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET INVOLVED IN THE 2023-2024 BOARD.

WE HAVE SEVERAL FAMILIES GRADUATING FROM THE PROGRAM AND THERE WILL BE OPEN POSITIONS ON THE BOARD FOR 2024-2025. THIS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO GET INVOLVED, LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM, AND BUILD THE MONTESSORI PROGRAM. VISIT OUR [WEBSITE](#) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND BOARD POSITIONS.



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2023-2024 MPA Board

Want to get involved? There are openings on the board!

Email president.ckmpa@gmail.com for details.

President: Vanessa Henne
Treasurer: Ashley Armstrong

Vice President: Loredana Elsberry Schwartz
Secretary: Mindy Sylvestre

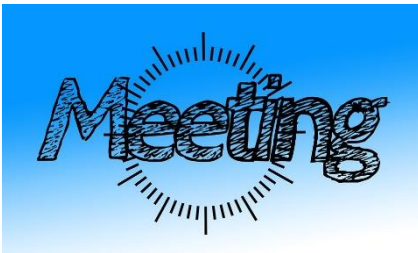
Volunteer Coordinator: Christina Jara
Fundraising Chair: Kim Rubenstein
Auction Chair: (open)
Kindergarten Representative: Deb Mason
Primary Representative:
Intermediate Representative: (open)

Webmaster: Seth Schroeder
Hospitality Chair: (open)
Garden Chair: Lauren Wheeler
Humanitarian Chair: Breezy Mitchell
PTA Liaison: Breezy Mitchell
Events Coordinator: Jen Dixon
Newsletter Editor: Loredana Elsberry Schwartz

The following positions will be open AFTER THIS YEAR:

Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Kindergarten Representative
Newsletter Editor
Garden Chair

*If you are interested in participating on the CKMPA Board, make sure to attend our Spring Meeting.
Date and time TBA.*



Join us for the MPA March Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: REMOTE

Want to get involved? Families are welcome to attend to learn about the MPA and how we can support our students and teachers. Join us at the next meeting!



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VOLUNTEER & TRACK IT FORWARD!



Login: email address
Password: First name (capitalize)

Parents are asked to volunteer 4 hours per month, or you may purchase volunteer hours for \$10 per hour via the website or check payment. Please email **MPA Volunteer Coordinator Christina Jara** MPAVolunteerCoordinator@gmail.com with any questions.

Submit Volunteer Hours via Track it Forward

Please log in your volunteer hours with the app “Track it Forward.” You can access a link from our website and create an account at www.ckmpa.org/volunteer. You can also download the app to your phone for easy access to log your hours. If you created an account last year, your credentials are still valid.

Purchase Volunteer Hours with PayPal

You may pay for your volunteer hours via our PayPal account. Access our link from our website at www.ckmpa.org/volunteer. If you do pay, we also ask that you log into “Track it Forward” and log your hours as “paid.”



Does your company or employer offer matching gifts?

If so, please consider submitting your contributions for a matching gift to the MPA.
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