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## MPA SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! 2023-2024

We've already had a busy first month of school. As we settle into the new year, there are a lot of fun ways to get involved and active with not just the Montessori program, but also the school. Make sure you check out the MPA Facebook page, [Central Kitsap Montessori Parents Association](#), for photos and updates.

Watch for emails from the [MPA Volunteer Coordinator Christina Jara](#) for ways to volunteer. There are several openings on the MPA Board – a great way to get involved and directly support the mission of this program!

**Volunteer Hours** In order to support the Montessori program and help make it as successful as possible, each family is asked to donate **40 hours** (*60 hours for more than one student in the program*) each year. *Don't forget that if you volunteer with the PTA, those hours count toward your yearly time commitment!*

**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](http://www.ckmpa.org/volunteer).

**Lauren Wheeler, MPA Garden Chair**, was hard at work over the summer and jumped right back into a new school year. The MPA garden needs some materials. See all the different ways you can get involved!

Please consider joining the [Hawk PTA](#):

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC SCHOOL YEAR.



- **Early Release:** 10/5, 10/12 & 10/19
- **NO SCHOOL:** 10/9, 10/26 & 10/27
- **October 5:** Garden Party 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- **October 10:** Fall Meet & Greet, 6:30 – 7:30 Hawk Cafeteria
- **October 12:** MOD Pizza Fundraiser
- **October 16 - 20:** Book Fair
- **October 19:** Specialist Night
- **October 27:** Trunk or Treat
- **October 31:** Pumpkin Run

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### MPA Garden Party Thursday, October 5, 1:30 – 3:30

#### 🌿 WHAT TO EXPECT 🌿

🌟 Meet & Greet: Connect with fellow Montessori families and make new friends who share your journey.

🏠 Greenhouse Tour: Explore our brand-new greenhouse, where our students will about plants and watch nature comes to life.

🌳 Lawn Games: Let loose with fun lawn games for kids and adults alike. This event is the perfect opportunity to get to know the MPA and other families in the program, learn about our school's values, and have a blast in our beautiful garden.

🌟 RSVP today and help us plan for a fantastic day together! 🌟  
Let's celebrate the spirit of Montessori together and create lasting memories. We can't wait to see you there! 🌱🌞

### Help Support the MPA!

Bring the flyer sent home with your student(s), mention the CKMPA when ordering, or use the below code when ordering through the app/online. **20% of your bill supports the MPA!**

Fundraiser date: October 12, 2023

Address: 11065 Pacific Crest PL, NW Building B, Suite 119  
Silverdale, WA 98383

Fundraiser Code: **MODGIVE20**



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**Sign up to volunteer!** [Book Fair Volunteer sign up](#)

### Book Fair

Our first book fair is coming up! It will be from October 16th until October 20th in the library. Our hours are:

- M,T,W,F: 8:30-3:00
- Th: 8:30-1:30 and 4:30-5:30 (Yes! We are open during Super Specialist Night!)



We hope to see you there!

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## MPA Garden needs YOU!



The MPA Garden is in full bloom, but we need your help to keep tending the garden. Click on the photo below, linked to the signup genius page, to see a listing of the items needed to continue the gardening efforts for the 2023-2024 school year.

***Remember that for every \$10 spent on a item, it counts as 1 hour volunteered!***

A garden committee and volunteers for garden projects will soon be needed. If you're interested in being part of these projects, please reach out to Lauren Wheeler for more information at [lauren.kula.wheeler@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.kula.wheeler@gmail.com)

When available, a call for volunteers will also be shared by the Volunteer Coordinator, in our Facebook group, and the newsletter.

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### **2023-2024 MPA Board**

**Want to get involved? There are openings on the board.**

Email [president.ckmpa@gmail.com](mailto:president.ckmpa@gmail.com) for details

**President:** Vanessa Henne  
**Treasurer:** Ashley Armstrong

**Vice President:** *(open)*  
**Secretary:** *(open)*

**Volunteer Coordinator:** *Christina Jara*  
**Fundraising Chair:** *Kim Rubenstein*  
**Auction Chair:** *(open)*  
**Kindergarten Representative:** *Mindy Sylvestre*  
**Primary Representative:** *Hope Doyle*  
**Intermediate Presentative:** *(open)*

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

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.ckmpa.org/volunteer). If you do pay, we also ask that you log into “Track it Forward” and log your hours as “paid.”

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