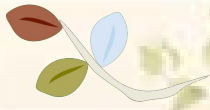




Countryside Montessori School

Annual Report
2017-2018





A Letter from the Head of School

Dear CMS Community,

As I look back on our 51st year there are several highlights that stand out to me.

We graduated our fifth class of 8th grade students totaling 27 graduates. As I look back on our graduates on only the previous five years, I have to admire their accomplishments. We have two Eagle Scouts; three students were accepted into The Academy, a highly selective and competitive academic intensive program, at District 225; Founding member of a high school honor council; honors chemistry and history; cheerleading; softball; Choir; Musicals; Most Improved in Orchestra; leader of science club; AP Physics, Calculus and European History; Female Athlete of the Year; Varsity School Lacrosse MVP; AP Scholar with Distinction; Rookie of the Year for Sailing; The Florence Steiner Award for outstanding scholars in Spanish; Full IB Diploma Candidate; Titan Pride Award for exemplary character; Boy Scout Troop Senior Patrol Leader; member National Honors Society; Outstanding Student Award in Science and History; and Susan B Anthony and Frederick Douglas Humanities Award given to a Junior who demonstrates a commitment to Social Justice. The truth is, I am leaving quite a bit out because the list would take up my entire letter. I simply selected some achievements from each of the graduates who responded. Kudos to CMS Parents and Faculty for a clearly flourishing partnership in education!

Another outstanding highlight is the continued generosity of our families. The Ciota family hosted and underwrote the Parent Orientation Dinner at The Estate at Gene and Georgetti and the Sweetheart Dinner for 60 people.



Vlad and Jurgita Khodosh lead us to one of our highest Annual Giving totals in memory at \$269,000. Our list of volunteers is too long to list, but our event chair people were outstanding: Rich Ciota, Cheryl Austria, Jessica Kolb, Priya Osman, Karen Laskey-Terry, Vlad and Jurgita Khodosh, and Heather Reardon who led our new Social Committee to a smashing success.

And finally our faculty. We continue to enjoy a remarkable retention rate. I don't have to tell you all about their outstanding qualities. They continue to push themselves to greater success and new skills. They remain dedicated to each and every student as individuals. They continue to consult and present at schools across the country and this year even New Zealand. And they continue to draw teachers from as far as Singapore to come to their presentations.

The CMS community sure makes it easy to be the Head of School! I am grateful to you all.

Wendy Calise
—Head of School



Class of 2019 in Zion



A Letter from the CMS Board President

Dear CMS Community,

This has been an exciting year for the Countryside trustees, as we considered first whether the school's name should be changed, and then what name would best serve the school in the future. The decision to rename the school—to fine tune our presentation of the school to the outside world—brought our reflections on the school's mission, its strengths and its opportunities into sharp focus. We needed to preserve the history, values and excellent reputation of the school, while increasing its visibility to the families it is meant to serve.

Wendy and the staff collected and analyzed the data from all the constituencies and relevant experts, keeping the board informed all along the way. And members of the board, of course, brought their own opinions to the mix. Although we came to the discussion from very different perspectives, it was not hard to reach a consensus. The board fully supports the decision to move into the future as Countryside Day School.

-AS



From left:

*Peter Villa (CMS Alumnus), Donna Giannis
Allison Shank (CMS Board Chair),
Wendy Calise (ex officio), Dan Kemper,
Annette and Frank Kulle (ex officio), Marty Fishman*

Strategic Initiatives at CMS

CMS continues work with its Strategic Vision and Initiatives. There are three areas of focus:

1) Maintain a commitment to a balanced education that delivers both rigorous academic content and a deep commitment to the development of character—particularly the qualities of respect, responsibility and resourcefulness. CMS will continue to offer education to parents about how they can support the development of strong character in their children with choices in their own parenting.

2) Grow enrollment to enrich the diversity and social community of the school and the vigor of cross-cultural learning in academic endeavors. The CMS community is committed to increasing enrollment to 200 students by the End of Year 2019.

3) CMS seeks to build opportunities for a deeper and more robust parent community and parent experience.





Middle School Graduates



From left to right: Amelia Myers transitioned to Lake Forest Academy, Francesca Noordover transitioned to Beacon Academy, Oliver Hawes moved to Texas, Marco Atallah transitioned to Glenbrook North, Anjan Chakravarthy transitioned to Beacon Academy and Tess Clark transitioned to Lake Forest Academy



Class of 2018



Awards

CMS Community Awards

Gabriel Garcia Marquez Spanish Award

Aiden Austria

Citizenship Award

Emma Jackson

Leonard Bernstein Award for Excellence in Music

Tom Doyle

Volunteer of the Year

Heather Reardon

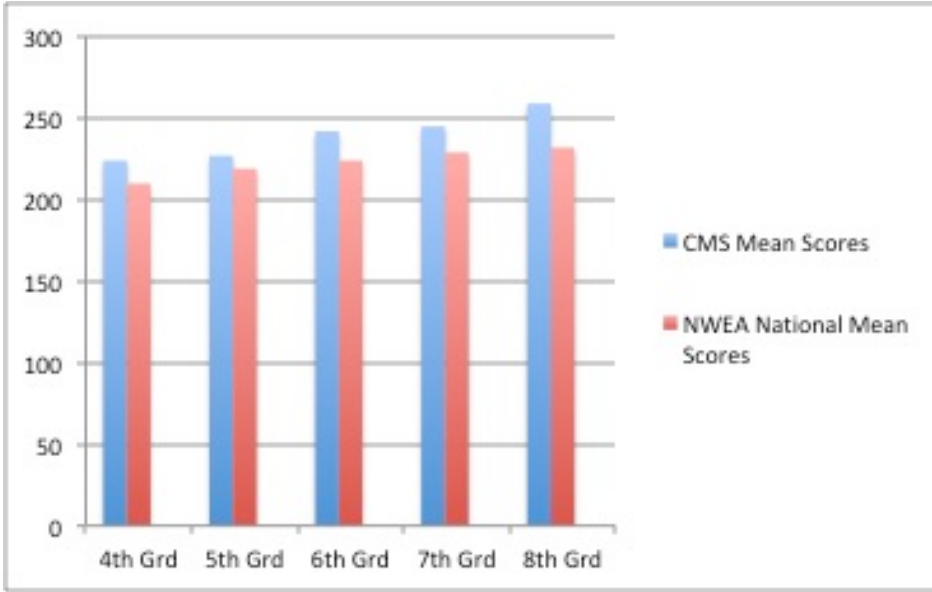




CMS Students' NWEA MAP Results

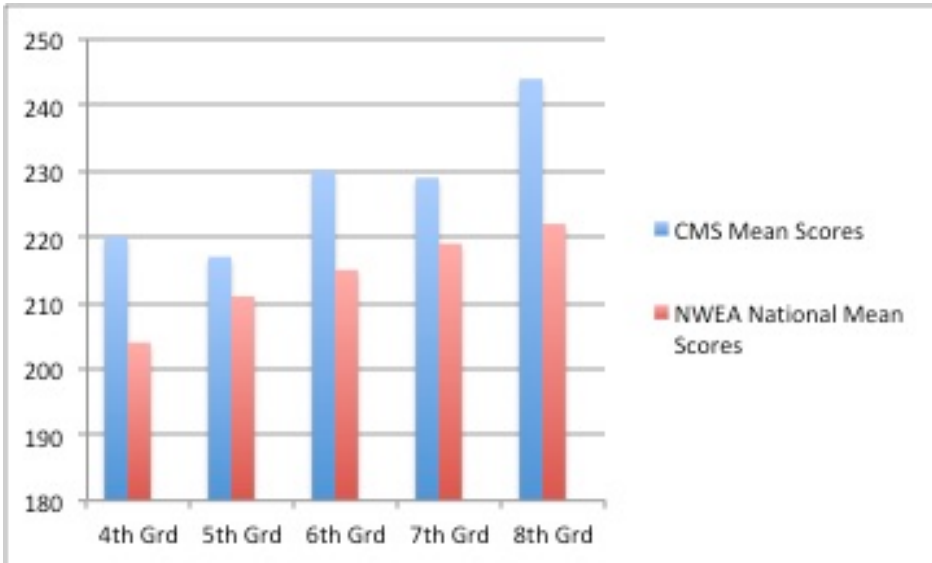
NWEA MAP Test Score Comparison Graphs (School Year: 2017-2018)

2017-2018 CMS RIT Scores Compared with NWEA National Norms for Math



CMS 4th graders are in the top 7%
 CMS 5th graders are in the top 24%
 CMS 6th graders are in the top 2%
 CMS 7th graders are in the top 2%
 CMS 8th graders are in the top 1%

2017-2018 CMS RIT Scores Compared with NWEA National Norms for Reading



CMS 4th graders are in the top 2%
 CMS 5th graders are in the top 22%
 CMS 6th graders are in the top 1%
 CMS 7th graders are in the top 5%
 CMS 8th graders are in the top 1%



Camp Countryside 2018



Camp Countryside 2018





Student Outcomes

Out of 22 graduates from the years 2014 through 2017, CMS graduates participated and or achieved the following:

Clubs

German Club
Glenbrook South soccer team
Senior Patrol Leader at Boy Scouts
Order of Arrow
Investment Club
National Youth Leadership Training
Student Council
HOBY Leadership Conference
Staff photographer for school newspaper
Student volunteer for Summer Camps
Assistant Section Leader for Band
Student to Student Club
Outdoors Club
Eagle Scout
Glenview Natural Resources Commission
Marching Band
Jazz Band
Volleyball Team
Key Club
National Honor Society
Titan Learning Center
Club Interact
Field Hockey
Junior Female Athlete of the Year
Varsity Girls Lacross MVP

Academics

Member of Glenbrook Academy of International Studies Maintaining 4.9 GPA
AP World History
Tutor in the Titan Learning Center
Invited to take the National American Chemical Society Test
All Honors Classes
AP Classes
All A's on report card
Science award for outstanding student
History award for outstanding student
Maintaining 5.0 GPA
Attending Washington University
Attending Colorado State University
Susan B. Anthony and Fredrick Douglas Humanities Award
Glenbrook Scholar Award
The Florence Steiner Award The Robert Adams Award
The Student to Student Outstanding Leadership Award
Recruited to Attend Yale University
AP Scholar with Distinction Award
IB Curriculum

Character

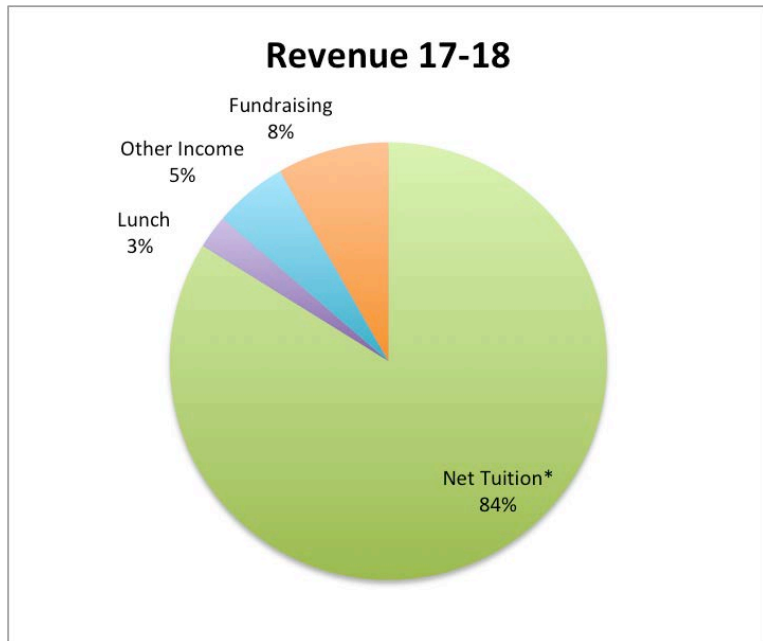
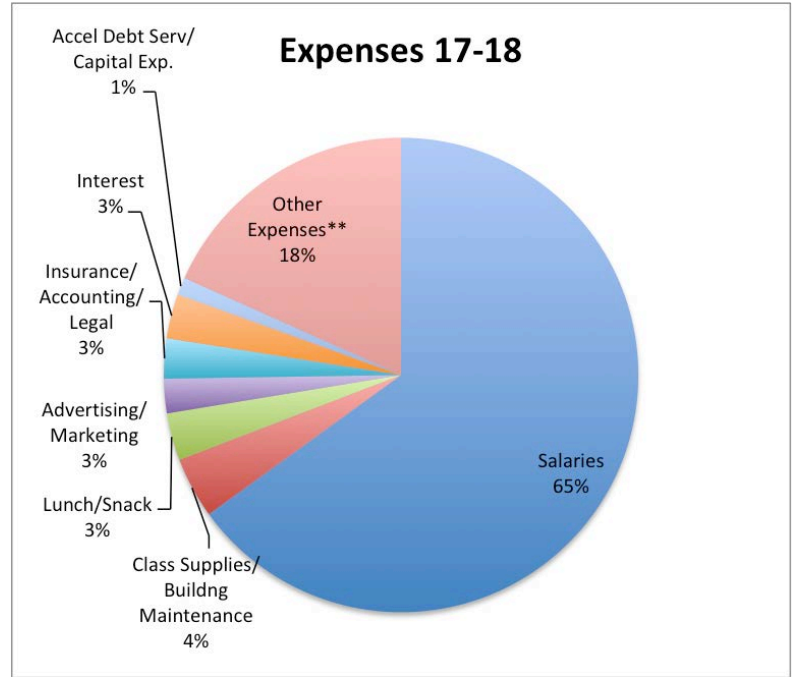
Respectful
Organized
Helpful
Kind
Responsible
Exemplary Character
Good Manners
Leadership
Confident
Humble
Personable
Determined
Confident
Helpful
Creative

Interests

Soccer team
Soccer referee
IRA Account
Stocks investments
Fully started a cupcake business
Babysits
Musical Performances
Manages own extra curricular calendar
Choir
Musicals
North Shore Honor Band
Glenbrook South Variety Show
Glenview Library presentation
Appalachian Service Project
Orchesis
Varsity Swimming
Gymnastics- State Meet
Chicago North Chinese School
Chinese clligraphy
Chinese dances
Learned to speak Mandarin

Finance and Operations

Expenses	
Salaries	2,217,000
Class Supplies/Building Maintenance	142,000
Lunch/Snack	110,000
Advertising/Marketing	80,000
Insurance/Accounting/Legal	93,000
Interest	104,000
Accel Debt Serv/Capital Exp.	40,000
Other Expenses**	624,000
	3,410,000



Revenue	
Net Tuition*	2,860,000
Lunch	75,000
Other Income	178,000
Fundraising	297,000
	3,410,000
*Financial Aid	\$446,000

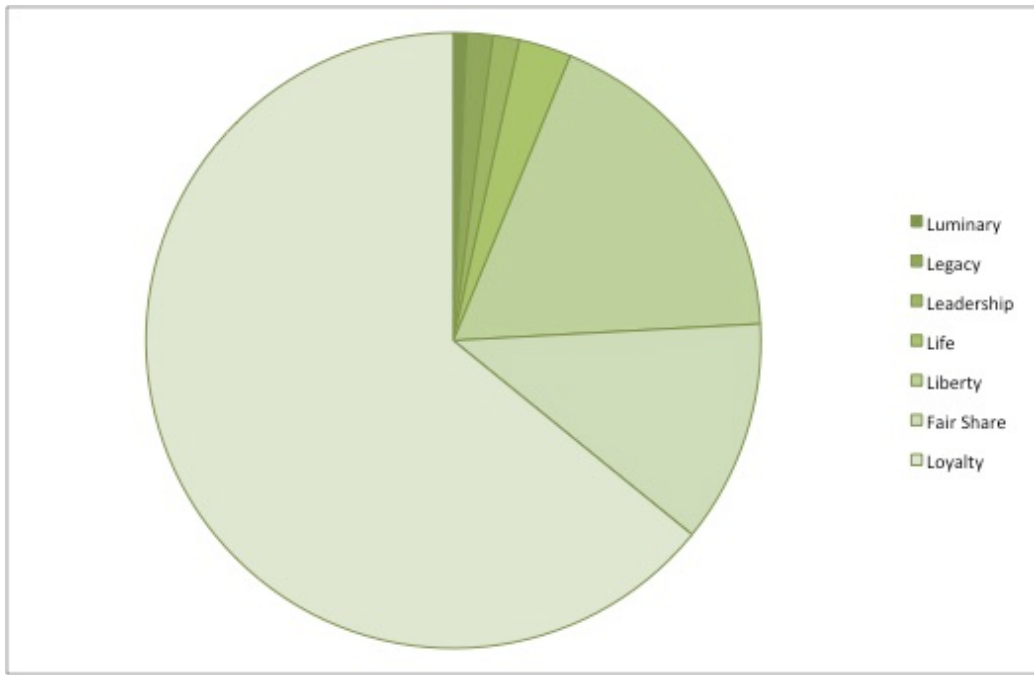
**Includes: class trips, accreditation and subscriptions, office expenses, professional development, teacher training, utilities



Annual Giving 17/18: Results by Gift Type

2017-18 Annual Giving Chairpersons: Vladimir and Jurgita Khodosh

Annual Giving 17-18 total gifts: **\$269,081.00**



Distinguished Commitment to Annual Giving

The following families are distinguished by their longstanding commitment to participating in Annual Giving:



- The Aspinall Family**
- The Chakravarthy Family**
- The Ciota Family**
- The Corley Family**
- The Hogan Family**
- The Jaffe Family**
- The Kober Family**
- The Zheng Family**



- The Anderson Family**
- The Armenta Family**
- The Calise Family**
- The Noordover Family**
- The Ullmann Family**



17/18 Annual Giving Participants

Luminary Gift
(\$15,00 or more)
The Corley Family

Legacy Gift
(\$10,000 - \$14,999)
The C. Carrigan Family
The Samuel Family

Leadership Gift
(\$7,500 - \$9,999)
The Bahk Family
The Portis Family

Life Gift
(\$5,000 - \$7,499)
The Austria Family
The Calise Family
The Simerson Family
The Stonitsch Family

Liberty Gift
(\$2,501 - \$4,999)
The Borre Family
The Brewer Family
The B. Carrigan Family
The Chagas Family
The Chakravarthy Family
The Feldman Family
The Greenhouse Family
The Henning Family
The Huston Family
The Junkovic Family
The Khodosh Family
The Meixner Family
The Mynatt Family
The Noodover Family
The Nudera Family
The Osman Family
The Ozgit Family
The Powell Family
The Price Family
The Ross Family
The Schoen Family
The Selveraj Family
The Shatek Family
The Singal Family
The Zeidman Family
The Zheng Family

Fair Share Gift
(\$2,500)
The Borkar Family
The Daoud Family
The Duke Family
The Hendry Family

The Henschen Family
The Jackson Family
The B. Kim Family
The J. Kim Family
The Kulle Family
The Lawler Family
The K. Lee Family
The Olesnycky Family
The Rouse Family
The Sandhir Family
The Shank Family
The Sim Family
The Weinzwieg Family

Loyalty Gift
(up to \$2,500)
The Ajani Family
The Al-Basit Family
The Ali Family
The Amin Family
The B. Anderson Family
The C. Anderson Family
The Armenta Family
The Aspinall Family
The Berke Family
The Berkson Family
The Bogdanov Family
The Brunell Family
The Bryk Family
The Choi Family
The Chung Family
The Giota Family
The Clark Family
The Clarke Family
The Cole Family
The Coleman Family
The Delaney Family
The DePilla Family
The Doyle Family
The Elko Family
The Endo Family
The English Family
The Fischer Family
The Fishman Family
The Fitzpatrick Family
The Francavilla Family
The Gadjev Family
The Garduno Family
The Charib Family
The Ghias Family
The Giannis Family
The Gordin Family
The Hamdan Family
The Hawes Family
The Hayes Family
The Hirani Family
The Hoffman Family
The Hogan Family

The Hur Family
The Ip Family
The Jaffe Family
The Jou Family
The Kassam Family
The Kemper Family
The Khan Family
The Klingler Family
The Kober Family
The Kolb Family
The Krasavin Family
The Lalani Family
The Laskey Terry Family
The J. Lee Family
The Littlefield Family
The Luhecko Family
The Manshio Family
The Martensen Family
The Mendoza Family
The Menezes Family
The Muson Family
The Myers Family
The O'Brien Family
The Oen Family
The Olsen Family
The J. O'Malley Family
The K. O'Malley Family
The Paik Family
The Pawlusiewicz Family
The Pierzchala Family
The Pool Family
The Priovolos Family
The Quispe Family
The Reardon Family
The Rivera Family
The Robinson Family
The Shah Family
The Shestopal Family
The Shukla Family
The Shultz Family
The Soto Family
The Spencer Family
The Sroka Family
The Stone Family
The Tsitsis Family
The Ullmann Family
The Vareille Family
The Villa Family
The Wesenberg Family
The Wos Family
The Younus Family

Matching Companies

Baird Foundation
Discover
Exelon
Global Charitable Fund
ITW
Kirkland and Ellis
Magnetar Capital
MCSI Inc
Motorola
Salesforce



The Faculty and Staff of Countryside Montessori School



First Row:

Uli Soto, Kathleen Al-basit, Kim Shultz, Kim Anderson, Bhavini Shah, Andrea Rivera, Rebeca English, Yuritzi Garduno, Magali Depilla, Sean Doyle, Guy Calise, Janeth Mendoza, Kathy Vos, Shana Brunell, Dianna Hamdan, Hanna Klingler, Shaneequa Pool, Maya Munson, Veronica Armenta

First Row:

Michele Aspinall, Jim Aspinall, Jennifer Robinson, Wendy Calise, Krista Delaney, Karen O'Malley, Joe Francavilla, Taylor Wesenberg

Administrative Team

Wendy Calise
Jim Aspinall
Karen O'Malley
Janeth Mendoza

AYM Team

Michele Aspinall
Kathy Vos
Shana Brunell

Toddler Team

Veronica Armenta
Jennifer Robinson
Rebecca English
Andrea Rivera
Yuritzi Garduno
Uli Soto

Pre-k/Kimdergarten Team

Kim Shultz
Bhavini Shah
Dianna Hamdan
Maya Munson

Art Teacher

Jinny Hyun

Middle School Team

Guy Calise
Kathleen Al-Basit

Elementary Team

Kim Anderson
Sean Doyle
Taylor Wesenberg
Hanna Klingler

Spanish Language Team

Magali DePilla
Veronica Armenta

Physical Education Team

Krista Delaney
Shaneequa Pool

Music Education Director

Joseph Francavilla

Facilities Team

Jim Aspinall
Juan Armenta

Founders

Frank and Annette Kulle

