

WOODINVILLE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

MISSION

Woodinville Montessori School is a diverse community of lifelong learners dedicated to the optimal intellectual, emotional, social, physical, ethical and spiritual development of each child using Montessori and contemporary methods.

VISION

Our community exists to nurture creative, conscientious and productive individuals committed to caring for themselves, one another and the environment in an ever-changing, global society.



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From the Head of School

SUNITA PAILOOR

The 2020-2021 year was one of the most challenging years for all of us and for the school. We started off the school year in September 2020 with a large drop in enrollment due to COVID as several families deferred enrollment. This decrease in enrollment came at a time when we needed to fund staff adequately at all levels, and when we needed to invest in upgrading filters for our HVAC systems, buying air purifiers and personal protection equipment (PPE).

We followed Washington State Department of Health guidelines and created small, insular cohorts. Before and after-care was held in classrooms, not in the traditional Club House locations. Despite all our preparations, we were only able to open Toddler and Early Childhood classrooms for in-person learning in September 2020. Lower Elementary was able to return to in-person learning in October 2020, Upper Elementary in January 2021, and Middle and High School in February 2021. In addition, the school offered remote learning for interested families at all levels.

This meant that we had dedicated faculty (in addition to in-person faculty) to teach remotely all school year. The school was able to bring back our students to learn in-person ahead of other schools in our area because of the work that our Leadership staff did over the summer and because of the dedication of our faculty and program staff to adapt. My lasting memory of the year is a feeling of awe at the heroism of our faculty and staff who showed up for work every day despite all the uncertainties of dealing with the pandemic.

While navigating the opening and operating of pandemic learning, several things were clear to us: Our teachers understood the importance of a regular routine for children. They knew children could follow the basic steps to staying healthy and being at school offered the best support in providing stability and support to them. Your children demonstrated adaptability, resilience, and touching care for each other, and it was truly inspiring to see how they took things in stride -- things that felt like a loss more than just a change -- and built a strong community within their classrooms.

Your abundance of support was what made this year a successful one. Your contributions to the school made it possible for WMS to invest in necessary staffing, PPE, and facilities upgrades so that we could open in-person learning safely and successfully. You followed all our health and safety guidelines by screening your children daily, making sure to keep them home if they were sick, and by keeping your cohorts small. Your contributions to the Gala and Auction will support the ongoing collective growth mindset of our faculty and staff. It was a difficult year for you and for us, but we made it together. I could not hope for a better community to go through this pandemic together. I am grateful to you all.

"Peace is what every human being is craving for, and it can be brought about by humanity through the child."

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"To assist a child we must provide him/her with an environment which will enable them to develop freely."

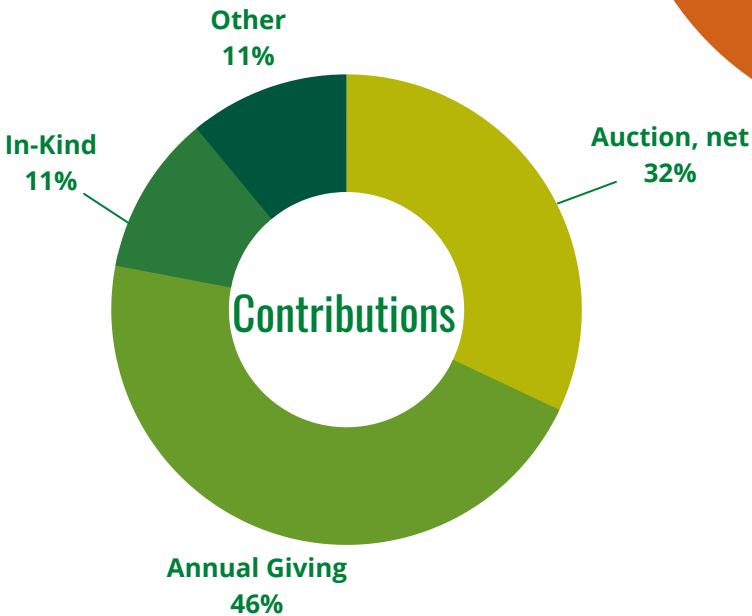
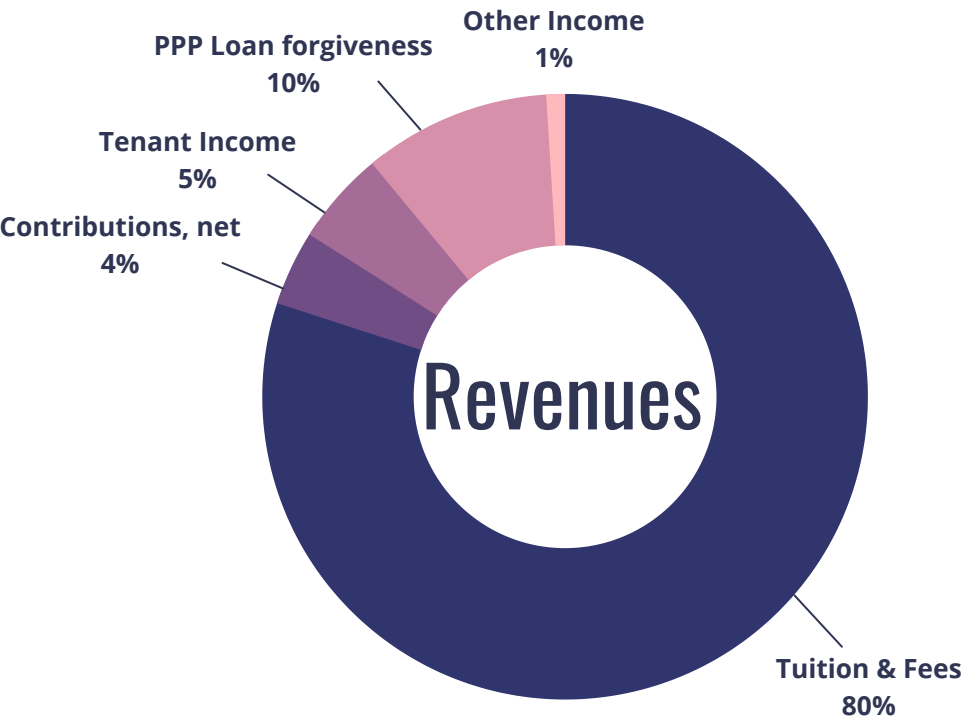
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Fiscal Year Review

This year with your support, WMS raised a total of \$363,888 in financial contributions. This included \$185,357 in support of program and operations through Annual Giving and Auction and Gala efforts. The 2021 Auction and Gala also raised \$77,761 in support of faculty professional development in the 2021-2022 school year.

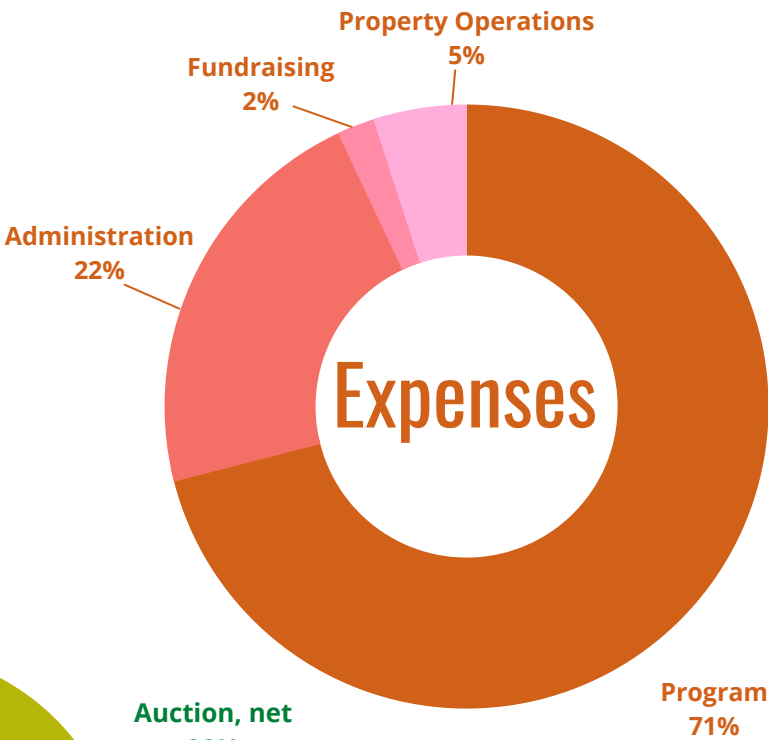
Total revenues for the year were \$8,502,295 which came from tuition and fees, fundraising support, PPP loan forgiveness, and tenant income. Total expenses for the year were \$7,529,679 and included compensation, program and materials, fundraising and operations.



Tuition Assistance

WMS is committed to building and maintaining a diverse socioeconomic student body, as evidenced in part by the funds made available for tuition assistance. The WMS Tuition Assistance Committee offers aid to qualified students based on school policies and demonstrated financial need.

A total of \$833,600 (11% of gross tuition) was awarded to 72 students (19% of enrollment) in 2020-2021.



"Within the child lies the fate of the future."

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Family Alliance

While school events looked different this year, Family Alliance worked hard to reimagine the current traditions and build new ones, ensuring our community stayed connected. Tremendous thanks to all our volunteers and families for stepping in where needed and for your continued dedication to building up the WMS community!

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- Melanie Wright

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

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You Made it Possible!

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In a year of continued uncertainty, our wonderful community provided much-needed stability. WMS exceeded all fundraising goals for fiscal year 2021, and it was clear that our families made giving to WMS a priority by contributing an impressive \$363,888.

Our parents, guardians, grandparents, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends came together to raise \$165,900 for the Annual Giving Campaign, surpassing our goal by 25%. With an all-school participation rate of 84%, we knew our families were grateful for the many efforts WMS made to keep students learning despite the pandemic.

Our community was kept safe with the flexible financial support to provide air purifiers, PPE and sanitization equipment, laptops and tablets for teachers and students, upgrades to our IT and HVAC systems, additional sinks and handwashing stations in classrooms, and more.

At our Spring Gala and Auction, our virtual "Where the Wild Things Are" event raised an astounding \$77,000 in an effort to enable the best of our dedicated faculty and staff. The fund ensures that all faculty, staff and learning specialists will benefit from increased support in social-emotional learning curriculum, Diversity training, AMS certification for core subject instructors, and professional development opportunities.

We want to thank all 340 of our amazing contributors, with whom we have the honor of listing at the end of this report. We are endlessly grateful for all the generosity and support received!



"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed."

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We are honored to recognize and thank the following individuals and organizations who contributed to Woodinville Montessori School between July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. We deeply appreciate your loyalty, generosity and commitment. We make every effort to ensure our lists and records are accurate. If you believe there is an error, please contact the Development Office at LNG@woodinvillemontessori.org.

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Preventing
conflicts is the
work of politics;
establishing
peace is the work
of education."

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environment."

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"The satisfaction
which they find in
their work has
given them a
grace and ease
like that which
comes from
music."

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gifts we can give
our children are
the roots of
responsibility and
the wings of
independence."

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"What the
hand does the
mind
remembers."

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"The education of even a small child, therefore, does not aim at preparing him for school, but for life."

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