



MICH ALUMNI NEWS

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Get involved!
We are looking for a few good alumni to help us plan an alumni reunion. Call the office if you are interested.

MICH WEBSITE ONLINE!

With the help of current parents Joe & Eva Barsin and Joe & Beth Bonsignore the MICH website debuted this past September - just in time for the start of school. The site is an invaluable aid to communicating with our community.

We hope that you will take the time to look at the site, let us know what you think, and give us any ideas on how we can make

the site better for you!

Under Alumni on the top navigation bar, you will find the most current information on our alumni. To keep this current, we need your input, so please click on the Alumni Information Update link and let us know what you are doing!

Our website, like all websites, is a work in progress. We depend on the input of our extended community to make it valuable to you.

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MICH DEBUTS ALUM NEWSLETTER

We've discovered that after spending so many years as part of our MICH community that you as alumni are interested in what your cohorts are now pursuing.

As a result we are starting this alumni newsletter and posting alumni information on our website to keep you up-to-date on what MICH is doing and what our alums are doing.

Our intent is to publish the newsletter twice a year, in the fall and spring. In between issues current information will be posted on the website.

Your help is needed - please click on the Alumni Information Update link on the website and send us your current information. You can share memories, pictures, and other information that you would like to share.

We hope you will take the time to read this newsletter and let us know what you think. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome!

Just email
michdevelopment@yahoo.com.

MICH WINS CHESAPEAKE CUP



On September 29th Anne Arundel County Public Library presented MICH with the Chesapeake Cup. This cup is awarded to the public and private elementary schools with the greatest percentage of participation in the library's Summer Reading Club.

Thirty-seven percent of our students registered for the club giving us the highest participation of all private schools in the county.

Marion Francis, the AACPLS administrator, presented the cup to Jean Burgess at a ceremony that included a special visit from Socks, the library mascot. A reception for parents followed the presentation.

The Chesapeake Cup will remain at MICH throughout this school year. It is displayed in the front hall.

STAFF HAPPENINGS

Dody Goldberg (Upper Elementary) is a grandmother. Her granddaughter, Charlotte, was born on December 21st.

Barbara Wise (Library & Extended Day) welcomed another grandchild, Kaylee Anne, born on January 29th.

Jessy Oberright (UE Assistant) wrote the text for a beautiful book, *Seasons and Colors of the Appalachian Mountains*, featuring photography by Bill L. Booz III.

Nancy Anselm (Educational

Director) was featured in "Kids in the Kitchen Create Lasting Memories", What's Up Annapolis, November issue. Nancy also wrote an article on how to choose a Montessori school for a fall issue of Chesapeake Family magazine.

Nineteen staff members attended the North American Montessori Teachers' Association conference this past November. This was possible due to the generosity of our extended family whose donations to last year's Greatest Need campaign funded this endeavor.



FALL FALLS on MICH

The strong fall winds whipped through MICH one afternoon leveling two huge trees, taking out a car, the toddler shed, and part of the driveway!

Fortunately no one was injured and everything is back to normal.



Excellence in Education Annual Fund

Thank you so much to all the alumni families who have participated in the *Excellence in Education Annual Fund*.

Your recognition of the fine start that MICH gave your student is appreciated. Support from our extended family is very important as we seek funding from outside sources.

Benjamin Franklin said "If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

Last year many of you graciously gave to the Greatest Need campaign, which focused on giving the

school funds to meet pressing needs. Once these needs are met, it is the annual fund that maintains them. For example: the Greatest Need campaign provided funds to revamp and upgrade the Toddler playground. The Annual Fund will see to the maintenance and upkeep of the playground.

The difference between these two funds is similar to buying a car. The Greatest Need Campaign bought the car. The Annual Fund insures the car and provides the gas, oil, and maintenance.

Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to the Excellence in Education Annual Fund. Details are on the web, click on Supporting.



We are the sowers - our children are those who reap.

We labor so that future generations will be better and nobler than we are.

Maria Montessori

MICH AUCTION MAY 4, 2007

Hard to believe that it has been almost two years since our great 20th anniversary auction! This year's co-chairs are Joanne Goodman (mom to alums Devan & Ethan and current student Abigail) and Jennifer Scaturro (mom to current students Johnny & Kenny).

With the help of a very energetic Auction Committee they have been busy planning this wonderful event since last summer!

So please mark your calendars now and join us for The Future is Bright - The Auction for Our School! This is a festive evening of

friends, dining and bidding. Attending would be a great way to reconnect with your MICH friends and help make MICH's future bright.

Proceeds from this evening support curriculum enhancements and the Tuition Assistance Fund.

If you would like to donate to the auction or advertise in the catalog, please go to the MICH website, click on Supporting, then Auction. All the forms you will need are now online!

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We have already received some wonderful donations such as a Digital Camera & Printer basket, a week in Aruba, \$250 gift certificate to the Inn at St. Michael's, 2 Southwest round-trip tickets, 1 week ocean front (4 bedrooms) in Myrtle Beach, and so much more!

We will also have our famous Restaurant Raffle.

Call the office to be put on the invitation list.

MICH Auction

May 4th 6 pm

\$75 per person

Doubletree Annapolis Hotel

CLASS of 1999 Heads to College in Fall



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MICH's Class of 1999 headed off to college in the fall

Maxwell Anselm to Lehigh University (in the Eckhardt Scholars

Program)

Bethanne Bruninga to Swarthmore College

William Joyce to Northeastern U.

Devon Litherland Goodman to St. Mary's College

Erik Repka to University of Pittsburgh

MONTESSORI 101

In honor of the centenary of Montessori education, Nancy Anselm, MICH's Educational Director, is hosting several informational sessions about Montessori learning. Each session will include a video, lively discussion, and refreshments. There is no fee for these sessions, however reservations are required to ensure space availability.

These sessions are open to the public. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please pass along the information and ask them to call the MICH office at 410-757-7789 to reserve their spot.

Session 1: Maria Montessori: Her Life and Work
February 27, 2007 at 9:00 am

Session 2: Expectations: The Partnership Between Home & School
March 8, 2007 at 7:00 pm

Session 3: Montessori in the Home
March 22, 2007 at 7:00 pm

Session 4: Doorway to Lifelong Learning
March 27, 2007 at 9:00 am

MANY THANKS TO MICH ALUMS!

We very fortunate to have the following MICH alumni as participants in our Life After Montessori Night and/or as Secret Shop helpers: Isaiah Baden-Payne, Carly Gegorek, Irene Lewis, Maggie Mei Lewis, Carissa Lipton, Kellan Mann, David Melton, Lily Schneider, Nikki Sortisio, Anna Torres, Josh Menocal, Cristiana Wilcoxon, and Ethan Goodman.

