



ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

A Message from the PCG

DEAR MAL FAMILIES,

As we wrap up another fantastic school year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to every parent, teacher, student, and staff member. Your involvement—whether through working, volunteering, attending events, or donating—made a meaningful impact on our school community.

Sincerely,
The 24-25 PCG

Highlights

THIS YEAR, WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE:

- Hosted memorable events such as Community Day, Grandparents Day, and Pastries with Parents
- Introduced new parent-to-parent connection evenings
- Raised \$2,400 towards a new nature playground
- Grown our PCG membership



Who We Are

The Montessori Academy of Lancaster's Parent Community Group (MAL PCG) is a group of parents with children currently enrolled at the school. We are volunteers dedicated to supporting the school and teachers, and fostering a sense of community among the parents. We meet approximately monthly at dates and times that accommodate active members. We strive to provide opportunities that span a range of commitment, from occasional participation to lead roles year-round. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact parent.community@montlanc.com. We can't wait to meet you!



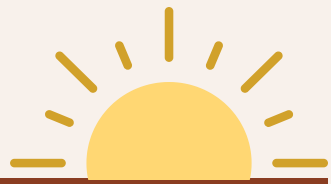
Leadership

Group Lead: Gabi Harvey
Hospitality Lead: Megan Kelly
Head Room Parent: Erin McMonagle
Gardening Lead: Cori White
Fundraising Lead: Abby Kerns

Members

Adrienne Atlee, Liz Campbell, Jessica Conjar, Debra Eisenberg, Caitlin Fossi, Emily Griffin, Kim Henry, Annie Kerekgyarto, Abby Korman, Laura Mazurkewicz, Jamie Novick, Caryn Puritz, Allie Shoffner, Kaitlin Holm Stoudt, Danielle Kraus Tarka, Ying Zheng

EVENTS RECAP



Fall 2024

COMMUNITY DAY

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Community Day in October! Under Megan's leadership, a team of PCG volunteers worked throughout the summer to organize sponsors, volunteers, performances, vendors, food trucks, and an incredible variety of activities. With over 300 attendees and beautiful weather, it was a truly joyful day that allowed us to come together, meet new families and staff, and celebrate our MAL community.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

In November, we invited grandparents and special friends to the school so that students could share their classrooms, show off the work they've been doing, and enjoy a snack together. This event was a great success – thank you to our volunteers and grandparent attendees!



PARENT-TO-PARENT CONNECTION NIGHTS

In November and December, we organized evening events with the goal of strengthening our school community by creating a space where parents could come together, learn, and share ideas in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Participants enjoyed a casual discussion about screentime over light refreshments.

Spring 2025

PASTRIES WITH PARENTS

In April and May, the PCG hosted two Pastries with Parents events for parents and caregivers to enjoy one-on-one time with their children in the classroom. These events were well-attended and the students loved showing their parents around!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

In May, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week through a series of thoughtful activities to express our endless gratitude to MAL teachers and administrators. The PCG and room parents coordinated gifts, messages of appreciation, and a luncheon to show teachers how much they are valued and appreciated!



ELEMENTARY ART SHOW

In May, Ms. Annie organized MAL's first annual Elementary Art Show, with some help from PCG volunteers to prepare and set up the for the event. Throughout the year, elementary students explored mediums, artists, and enjoyed the process of art-making together. Each friend then chose three works that they felt especially proud of to put on display at the show. In addition to appreciating the artwork, attendees were also able to take part in a collaborative art piece and purchase snacks that helped raise money for art supplies and creative opportunities at school.



OTHER ACTIVITIES



Volunteer Impact

ROOM PARENTS

Thank you to all our amazing room parents! Room parents play a vital role supporting the teachers and students in each classroom throughout the school year. The PCG facilitates the room parent system and helps ensure that there is consistency among classrooms.

VOLUNTEERS

In addition to our PCG members, dozens of parents and volunteers contributed their time, talents, and funds to help our school this year. From attending fundraisers to helping out in classrooms and at events, your support is invaluable. Thank you for being a part of this community!

Gardening

The school gardens continue to be a busy and beautiful place! The PCG's Cori White led several activities, including planting perennials, planting seeds, covering the beds with chopped leaves to protect them in the winter, adding a layer of compost in the spring, assisting the classrooms with planting annual flowers and vegetables for the summer, and adding signage painted by the creative students of the Art Club.

Many beds now have a tomato or pepper plant growing that we hope will be available for some fun salsa making and sampling in the fall. Our current challenge will be to keep the beds maintained over the summer months – [please consider joining us for some weeding and watering!](#)

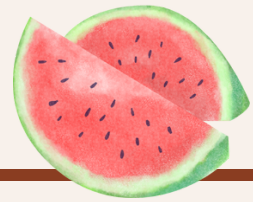
Fundraising

One of the PCG's goals is to coordinate fundraising to support gardening efforts and the school's MAL Children's Fund. The current goal of the fund is a new nature playground at the school. This year we raised \$375 for gardening and \$2,395.75 for the MAL Children's Fund, for a total of \$2,770.75!

BREAKDOWN

- Community Day - \$944.81
- December – Rachel's Cafe and Creperie - \$587
- January – Saigon Cafe - \$518
- February – Silantra - \$610
- March – Chipotle - \$110.94





Summer Happenings

The PCG conducts annual surveys in order to gather feedback to improve our events and activities. Please keep an eye out for the 2025 survey coming soon!

COMMUNITY DAY 2025 PLANNING

Over the summer we have just one short meeting each month, with most of the work happening in August and September. Many of the tasks for volunteers only require a few hours of work spread out over the next few months. Right now, we've only got 4 people on the team, so we're looking for a few more volunteers to make this event a success. Whether you're great at organizing, decorating, coordinating, or just want to lend a hand—we'd love to have you! Interested? Have questions? Reach out to parent.community@montlanc.com —we'd be happy to chat!

GARDENS - SUMMER MAINTENANCE

We'll be meeting several times over the summer to try to keep the gardens in good shape. Drop in whenever you can and stay as long as you would like. Children are welcome to join in or play on the playground. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner. Water and popsicles provided ([Optional RSVP here](#)) 😊

- Sunday, June 1, 2025 5:00-8:00pm
- Sunday, June 22, 2025 5:00-8:00pm
- Sunday, July 13, 2025 5:00-8:00pm
- Sunday, August 3, 2025 5:00-8:00pm

