

Montessori School of Greater Hartford

Dear MSGH Families,

The Family Association (FA) welcomes all of you to the 2026-2027 school year!

We are delighted to have you as part of our community. The FA is a group of parent volunteers who support the school's mission by bringing families together throughout the year. Our goal is to help foster a positive, supportive school community, offer support to teachers and classrooms, and nurture a deeper understanding of the Montessori pedagogy.

This year, the FA is comprised of five mothers who are happy to dedicate their time to support the mission of MSGH.

- **Isabel Harvey**, FA Chair, in charge of overseeing the FA's calendar, budget, and serving as the liaison to the Board of Trustees.
- **Palka Patel**, Treasurer, is in charge of managing the FA's budget, expenses, and financial records.
- **Sara Randall**, Events Coordinator, is in charge of planning and organizing FA events throughout the year.
- **Kate Herchel**, Class Representative and Email Coordinator, oversees recruiting and supporting classroom reps and managing FA communications.
- **Ainhoa Dressler**, Staff Appreciation and Coffee Hour Coordinator, is in charge of coordinating monthly coffee hours and staff appreciation efforts.

The connections we will make matter most when we take time to share in the small, fleeting moments of our children's early education — together. Throughout the year, you'll be invited to a variety of events outside the classroom, including:

- Classroom socials in fall and spring to connect with families and teachers in your child's class
- School-wide socials to meet others in our broader community in a fun setting
- Monthly coffee hours during drop-off to talk and connect over topics that matter to us
- Adult-only gatherings to socialize with other parents and extended family members
- Various volunteer opportunities

Each classroom has a dedicated class representative(s) who will reach out starting in early September with details regarding upcoming events. They will use your email that is listed on Transparent Classroom.

We're fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers, but we'd always love to have more! Please email us at FamilyAssociation@msgh.org or visit <https://msgh.org/community/family-association/family-association-survey/> to fill out a brief survey.

Throughout the year, you can stay up to date on FA events through MSGH's weekly bulletin. You can also sync the MSGH calendar to your personal calendar, so you never miss an upcoming event. We look forward to getting to know you!

Wishing everyone a fantastic school year,

Isabel Harvey Camino
MSGH Family Association Chair

Palka Patel
Treasurer

Sara Randall
FA Events Coordinator

Kate Herchel
FA Class Representative and Email Coordinator

Ainhoa Dressler
FA Coffee Hour and Staff Appreciation Coordinator

The Faces of MSGH's FA 2026-2027



Isabel, FA Chair. Here she is with two of her three children: Diego (Primary 4) and Nico (Lower Elementary). Her youngest, Javi, is in Toddler 3. Reach out to Isabel if you'd like to get involved or have any questions about the Family Association.

Palka, FA Treasurer. Palka's son, Niam, is in Upper Elementary. Connect with Palka if you have any questions about FA reimbursements or budgeting for events.



Kate, FA Class Representative and Email Coordinator. Her daughter, Ophelia, is in Primary 4. Reach out to Kate if you are interested in serving as a class representative.

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Sara, FA Events Coordinator. Her children, William and Anna, are in Lower Elementary. Connect with Sara if you are interested in volunteering at Family Association events.

Ainhoa, FA Coffee Hour and Staff Appreciation Coordinator. Her daughter, Stella, is in Primary 4, and her son, Luca, is in Toddler 2. Reach out to Ainhoa if you are interested in hosting a coffee hour or helping with staff appreciation efforts throughout the year.



Every member of the FA can be reached at FamilyAssociation@msgh.org. Please reach out anytime with questions, ideas and suggestions. We would love to hear from you!