



February, 2024

Dear Parents:

We are mid-way through another eventful and fun-filled year at Crossway Montessori Forest School! Each year, we discover anew, that life at Crossway Montessori Communities is about celebrations:

*The beginning of the school year when families and guides jumped aboard Crossway's famous "Bee Float" at the Kensington Labor Day Parade;

*The mid-year holiday festival with seasonal songs and delicious crepes;

*Each child's birthday celebration with a Montessori "Walk Around The Sun;"

*Parents/grandparent/and other special guests contributing their musical, craft, sewing, cooking skills and travel adventures as part of our shared learning environment;

*Wonderful family-guide meetings in October and January that enhanced the home-school connection to support each child's development;

*Weekly seasonal garden markets where families gather to chat over the children's carefully prepared vegetable, herbs, child-baked muffins, and seasonal crafts;

*And each morning, an all-school musical gathering where every child, infant through elementary age, celebrates the day through song and wishes each other "peace before you, peace above you, peace below you, peace around you—have a nice, blessed day!"

*And looking ahead to summer and the next school year, welcoming new faculty and programs which will include a special summer Spanish immersion sports program and German immersion classes, as well as continuing our emphasis on French and Arabic.

Your child, your family, are the heart of our community. We invite your family to continue this joyful journey by re-enrolling for the school year, 2024-2025!

Sincerely,

Ann Byrne, Head of School