



MAMARONECK  
COMMUNITY  
NURSERY SCHOOL

# BOARD NEWS

Fall/Winter 2020-21

## Our Community

After six months apart and many creative blue-tube videos, MCNS welcomed back 120 students to our beautiful new space on September 14, 2020. We were thrilled to see the faces of 72 returning families and to meet 38 new families and welcome them into our community. We would like to thank you all for your understanding, flexibility, and support during this unprecedented year.

Throughout the year, we typically offer various opportunities for families to meet and socialize with other MCNS families. This year, however, is unlike any other, so our events will be conducted in safe ways aligned with COVID safety regulations.

We have begun scheduling classroom meet-ups at the MCNS playground outside of school hours. Families have been enjoying the chance to safely get to know each other while having fun in our outdoor playspace.

In late October, we invited our ghouls and goblins to join us for our third annual Pumpkin Patch. It did rain on our harvest parade, but our little monsters still found ways to celebrate inside their classrooms.

Parent Participation is back on (although a little different this year!). It will take place on the playground, with parents having the opportunity to play for a while during their child's scheduled outside time.

We also want to send a big thank you to our amazing directors, Melissa and Charlie, who navigated us through the start of this strange school year with such strength and efficiency. And their smiles are so contagious that we can even see them behind their masks every day in the dropoff line!

## Our Space

Our dream to combine the toddler and nursery school locations has become our reality. We are thankful to have our teachers, families, and friends all under the same roof.

We created new classrooms and transformed existing classrooms from ceilings and lights down to cabinetry and flooring. We added a multipurpose room, revamped our entry, upgraded our bathrooms, created a new pantry space, and gave our directors and bookkeeper proper offices. We also added a designated playspace outside for our youngest children.

Please visit our school website to view photos of our new space at [www.mcnschool.org](http://www.mcnschool.org)

The MCNS Board of Directors—made up of parent volunteers—works on various projects to enhance both the school and your family's experience with the school. This newsletter was created to inform the MCNS community of school happenings, projects, improvements, and events.

MCNS is a parent co-op program, and it is especially important to us that you feel a strong sense of community and connection with our school. If you are interested in joining the board or looking for ways to get involved or simply have a question or comment, please reach out to [copres@mcnschool.org](mailto:copres@mcnschool.org). We'd love to hear from you!



## Our Teachers

We are thrilled to be welcoming back so many of our wonderful teachers this year—being apart from them last spring really hit home how lucky we are to have them.

Our 19 teachers at the school have a combined 192 years of MCNS teaching experience. Two of our teachers attended the school as children and eight have sent their own children to MCNS (one of them was even on the board!).

We wanted to take a moment to welcome our newest teacher, Jennifer Trucchio, who is an Assistant Teacher in the Bumblebees. All three of her sons also attended MCNS.

Our lovely teachers Olivia and Carol moved from their previous roles into the Yellow and Red Rooms, respectively.

## Our Fundraising

As a non-profit, fundraising is an integral part of ensuring the continuous advancement of our school. Take a look at this year's fundraising activities—

Square 1 Art – November & December

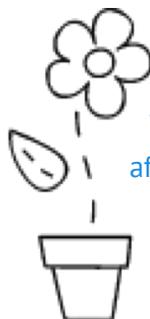
Wine Discount Day – November

Giving Tuesday – November

Annual Hop-a-thon – February

**If you shop through our MCNS Amazon SmilePage, 0.5% of each purchase will be donated to our school. Happy Shopping. :)**

We truly appreciate your participation and support in our fundraising efforts!



## Our Board of Directors

We are a group of parent volunteers who meet once a month –often with younger children at our meetings– and this year with tots on our zoom screens!

We are responsible for the overall functioning of our school. Our board carries out fundraising and social events, formulates school policy, and sets the school budget including tuition and salaries.

Some of the activities our board sponsors include the Back-to-School Picnic, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Holiday Singalong Breakfast, Artistree Event, and Parents' Night Out. While we do not know what this year will hold, we look forward to planning these fun events once we can safely host them again.

Volunteering on the board is a wonderful way to meet other parents, share ideas, and feel part of the MCNS community.

*Current Board Members—*

*Co-President: Maria Rust*

*Co-President: Elizabeth Good*

*Treasurer: Virginia Watts*

*Secretary: Katie Kooyers*

*Fundraiser: OPEN*

*Communications: Noreen Palwankar*

*Social Coordinator: Michele Sediqad*

*Class Parent Liaison: Laura Page*

*Facilities: Meghan Davidson*

*Member at Large: Lindsey Kosinski*

*Member at Large: Kristin Abanto*

*Member at Large: Mark Wachsberg*

*Member at Large: Lindsey Vanyo*

*Member at Large: Stephanie Connors*

## Did you know?

We still have openings in the toddler 2's program afternoons for the 2020–21 school year. If you know someone who is looking to enroll their toddler at MCNS, contact Charlie Abney at [toddler@mcnschool.org](mailto:toddler@mcnschool.org) | 914-381-2655.