

It's Time to CELEBRATE!

August 2022

Welcome to Island Families new and old!

This year FSA wants to **CELEBRATE** with you in as many ways as we can. We are honoring all the things that make us Island Montessori. We hope you'll enjoy exploring our monthly newsletters full of our many events and the ways in which we are supporting IMS through fundraising.

Whether you're new or seasoned, we hope that we can get to know you better this year. Thank you for letting us serve you!

Your Island Montessori FSA

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What Is FSA?

The Family School Association is here to create a sense of community between the school and our families. The idea is to celebrate and strengthen our involvement so that it can enhance the experience of our students, families, faculty, and staff at Island Montessori. We do this through two main initiatives:

Meaningful Events -

Traditionally FSA is known for the social events we put on. You will see us around at many school events as well.

Effective Fundraising - One of FSA's main goals is to help fund teacher grants and other necessities around campus. We do this through various fundraisers throughout the year.

How Can You Help?

ATTEND - FSA Events to get to know your Island community - Check out the calendar to the right!

VOLUNTEER - Keep your eyes out for our Newsletters with calls to help this year.

SHOP - See below for the many ways you regularly shop that can contribute back to the school.

RUN - The 8th Annual Tinted Turtle Trot will be held in April; more info to come.

FOLLOW US - On Facebook to keep up with our events!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 24&25 - Open House

August 27 - IMS Birthday Bash
at Arrowhead Park 9-11a

August 29 - FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL!!!!

September 1-30 - Alternative
Fundraiser

September 9 - Parent's Only
Mix & Mingle at Good Hops
6-8p

September 15 - Spirit Gear
Orders Due

September 21 - Take Out
Night at Papa Murphy's Pizza

October 03 - T3 Design
Contest Submissions Due

October 13 - International
Fall Festival

October 24-27 - Spirit Week

November 10 - Cocoa Glow

November 14-18 - Book Fair
and Special Luncheons

December 4 - Holiday
Bazaar at Courtyard Marriott
10a-3p

December 7 - Teacher
Appreciation Luncheon



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

10th YEAR CELEBRATION BRUNCH PICNIC




FLAMINGO FOAM TRUCK & DONUT BUS

AUGUST 27TH 9:00AM-11:00AM ARROWHEAD PARK

COME CELEBRATE 10 YEARS WITH US!

CELEBRATE WITH US

Our first event of the year is the IMS Birthday Bash at Arrowhead Park. All families are invited to come and celebrate with a picnic brunch.

The Donut Bus will be there serving up hot mini donuts if you choose to purchase them.

Flamingo Foam Truck will be set up from 930-1030a for some good clean fun. Please be sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting wet!

FSA will also be there with temporary tattoos, popsicles, and some spirit gear at our info table.

New to IMS or just want to meet more parents? Want to get involved in our FSA? Come out to the Parents' ONLY Mix & Mingle event at Good Hops Brewery. We will have a food truck, games, prizes, and a chance to find out more about what being an IMS parent is all about.

Island Time is providing us with half off childcare for the night! (Regularly \$12/hr/1 child, \$18/hr/2 children, and \$22/hr/3 children)

PARENT

Mix-n-Mingle

GOOD HOPS BREWING

SEPTEMBER 9TH
6 PM - 8 PM



FSA FUNDRAISING



FSA's 5th Annual Alternative Fundraiser CELEBRATES 10 years of Island Montessori with a goal to raise over \$10,000 to support teacher grants and other school improvements.

An alternative fundraiser allows us to reap the benefits of traditional fundraising without having to sell various merchandise to family, friends, neighbors, coworkers etc. It's a safe, easy, and effective way for your family to do a once yearly contribution.

Alternative Fundraiser envelopes will be handed out in the carline starting September 1st with more information. Ready to donate now? You can access our online campaign through the QR code or [this link](#). This year we have the option to do recurring donations if you'd like to up your contribution, but not all at once. Recurring donations will be available via our website sent in September.



GIFT MATCHING

Did you know that many employers in Wilmington do matching gifts? FSA is currently working to secure a matching donor for our full Alternative Fundraiser, but if you work for one of the companies below, please reach out to your HR department for information on how to get your contribution matched!

- ** Duke Energy Foundation
- ** GE
- ** Verizon
- ** Thermo Fisher Scientific
- ** Corning

LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

Money Raised 2021-2022	
Spirit Gear Sales	\$2,130
Alternative Fundraiser	\$4,921
Social Events	\$167
Take Out Nites	\$572
Book Fair	\$1,330
Holiday Bazaar	\$1,079
Turtle Trot	\$5,587
Box Tops	\$31
TOTAL	\$15,817

Funds Used 2021-2022	
Staff Appreciation	\$1,334
Children's School	\$1,572
FSA Operating Expenses	\$373
Bridging Gifts	\$220
Middle School Celebration	\$216
Teacher Grants	\$1,064
Service Learning	\$280
Multipurpose Room Donation	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$20,059

FSA was privileged to have additional funds from 2020-21 to use toward funding our projects this past year.

HELP US START EARNING FOR 2022-23!

Projects we hope to fund this year include larger Teacher Grants, filling our Multipurpose Building/Music Room, and contributing to other school improvement projects as needed.

Here are three easy ways to help us earn funds without any extra \$\$\$ spent.



Box Tops For Education

Download the Box Tops for Education app and scan your receipts or submit digital receipts to receipts@boxtops4education.com for credit to our school. BTFE regularly has specials where we can earn extra box tops on items you may already be purchasing. We often highlight those specials on our Facebook page. It's so easy! [Find out more and get the app here!](#)



Harris Teeter VIC Card

August 1st was the day to start linking your VIC card to Island Montessori (1967). Harris Teeter provides money back to schools for purchases on so many items. [You can look at the list and learn more about how to link your card here.](#)



Amazon Smile

If you haven't already transitioned to using Amazon Smile, please consider doing so. Amazon Smile is the same thing as Amazon, but donates a portion of some of your purchases back to our school. It even works in the Amazon app by selecting Smile to your account. [Find out more here!](#)