



Damariscotta Montessori School Annual Report for 2022-2023



“Building a Foundation for Life” for over 30 years!

Letter from the Head of School

***“Montessori is an education for independence, preparing not just for school, but for life.”
~ Maria Montessori***

Dear Families, Friends, and Alumni,

When I first joined the DMS community, I was thrilled by the high-quality environment and amazing staff. Now, as I look out my office window, the smiling, running children and the first green of spring are stirring nostalgic emotions and memories. I remember when our program didn't yet include middle school students and there were no hoop houses, stage, or deck. I remember when the Lower and Upper Elementary rooms were finally finished and the classes could move into them. I remember when my own son, now a bearded college student, spent his days in the Loon's Nest Primary classroom.

The values and principles that existed when I arrived at DMS fifteen years ago are still the foundation and the light that guides the staff at DMS. We hold the value of each child as our focus and their development as our goal. Our students have the physical and emotional space to practice freedom, while experiencing how they exist within a community. They are independent and interdependent.

I feel so honored to help facilitate such an impactful environment for not only my own child, but all of the families that have passed through our doors.

Warmly,

Shawnaly Tabor

Shawnaly Tabor
Head of School



Kimberley Tolley
President,
Board of Directors

**“Education can not
be effective unless it
helps a child open
himself up to life.”**

-Maria Montessori



Letter from our Board President

Dear Members of the Damariscotta Montessori Community,

Another year is passing and I'm so grateful for this incredible school and its amazing community of students and families! This year we were able to take some time out of the school week and work with staff, board members, and parents to help define what the future of DMS looks like out the next 10 years. Such important and inspiring work that gives Shawnaly, as our Head of School, leadership direction and enables us to grow, improve, and allow us to serve our students even better year after year. Change is inevitable, so we want to be able to react, adapt, and enact change that serves our community in the best possible way.

If you are new to the school, please take some time and go to the parent education sessions and learn more about the spectacular Montessori curriculum. If you have feedback, speak up! Talk to your child's teacher, and more importantly, visit Shawnaly during office hours or just call or send an email. The more you get involved, the more you will fall in love with the school and what it can provide to your child(ren) and family. With three daughters (in college and out of college), who spent 11 years in Montessori from pre-K through Middle School, they will be the first to say that they are MOST thankful for their time in Montessori! So much so, that you might see them volunteering their time or substituting in the classroom when they are visiting Maine.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the staff and all the incredible community volunteers that help make the school what it is...an amazing educational institution! With the tireless work of our lead and assistant teachers, specialists, administration, Board, and all the amazing volunteers who work on all the committees to make sure things get done, we are poised for a bright future.

I look forward to seeing you at Graduation and some of the other year end events!

Warmly,

Kimberley Tolley

Kimberley Tolley
President, Board of Directors

Damariscotta Montessori School

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- **Strategic Advisory Group** ~ no chair
- **Inclusion & Belonging Committee Chairperson** ~ Alpha Williams, II



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Straight Edge Barber
The Sprocket Experience
Tiny Cabins of Maine
Trader Joe's

Financials

	2022-2023	
INCOME		
Tuition and Fees	\$	883,227.75
Annual Giving	\$	40,805.00
Grants Received	\$	44,209.90
TOTAL INCOME	\$	968,242.65

EXPENSES		
Salary & Benefits	\$	589,964.85
Program expenses	\$	105,325.51
Facility	\$	66,848.48
Utilities	\$	24,925.37
Debt Services	\$	80,175.49
Financial Aid	\$	101,488.46
Other Operational	\$	46,271.01
Savings Used (repairs)	\$	(46,756.52)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	968,242.65

