



We are off to an exciting start at St. Augustine Public Montessori School (SAPMS). Along with reading, writing and arithmetic, our students are learning history, geography, art, sign language, marine biology, German and ornithology with upcoming lessons planned for horticulture, maritime history and yoga. Please join us in celebrating our first year of success at the *St. Augustine Public Montessori School's 2nd Annual Fundraising Gala and Auction:*

Nurturing Seeds for Success
Sunday, April, 21st, 2013, 5pm – 8pm
St. Johns Golf & Country Club

SAPMS opened in August to provide elementary-aged students with a learning culture grounded in the Montessori philosophy. This historically proven educational model supports the whole child, creates lifelong learners and encourages collaborative approaches to community leadership. The foundation of this academic excellence is a prepared classroom environment that inspires self-paced, individualized discovery; a love of learning; and respect for self, others and the environment. Montessori education is unique in that it is truly a community endeavor with fully involved parents who work in tandem with teachers and the Board of Directors to ensure the best possible education for the children.

Many great leaders and thinkers are supporters and/or products of Montessori education including the founders of Google, the founders of Amazon, Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, Helen Keller, Mahatma Gandhi, Leo Tolstoy, Anne Frank, the Dalai Lama, Jacqueline Kennedy, Woodrow Wilson, Prince William and Prince Harry – just to name a few.

Typically, Montessori education is available to only those who can afford the costly private tuition. The intent of SAPMS is to provide authentic Montessori education to a diverse community of students in a public charter school that will serve *any* St. John's County student, grades 1 through 6. The St. John's County School District approved SAPMS as a charter school after acknowledging the success of Montessori schools around the state, including those in Fort Lauderdale, Sarasota and the Florida Keys. The availability of Montessori education in St. John's County strengthens our position as one of the best school districts in Florida – perhaps even the country.

It is because of businesses like yours that we were able to launch SAPMS for the 2012-2013 school year. SAPMS has received such overwhelming support and interest, and the school's wait list continues to be extensive and grow. To meet the community's interest we plan to increase enrollment by almost 60% for the 2013-2014 school year. To accommodate our growing student population, we will need to move to a new location for the next school year. SAPMS will also continually need to purchase educational materials, as well as office supplies and playground equipment.

We respectfully request your support through a donation for our silent auction, designation as an event sponsor, or joining us for a night of fun at our upcoming Gala, “*Nurturing Seeds for Success*”! All donations are tax-deductible and will directly benefit SAPMS and its students. Please fill out the enclosed form and mail it back in the envelope provided. We greatly appreciate your support for this wonderful new educational opportunity in our community!

Sincerely,

SAPMS Parents & Gala Co-Chairs
Monika Bernthal & Keri Matthews
904-671-5030 904-315-2472

We cordially invite you to a night of delicious food, fun music and a live and silent auction
at the SAPMS 2nd Annual Fundraising Gala:



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St Augustine Public Montessori School is a registered 501(c)(3), non-profit corporation in the State of Florida
(Tax ID # 61-1651459). All contributions are tax deductible.

Company Name _____

Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email _____

Please check the appropriate box(es):

☐ Yes, I would love to attend (tickets are \$35 if purchased **before March 1st**, and \$45 after March 1st)
_____ Number of Tickets

☐ I would like to provide an in-kind donation for the silent auction.
(Please mail gift certificates in the enclosed envelope or contact Gala Chair Monika Bernthal at 671-5030 for pick-up).

Item and Value _____

☐ I would like to sponsor SAPMS with a tax-deductible donation (please check the appropriate level).

○ **Sea Turtle (\$5,000 +)**

- 8 complimentary tickets to Gala
- Full page ad in Gala program
- Recognition at the Gala as a primary sponsor for the Gala
- Logo with hyperlink on SAPMS Web-site for 12 mos.

○ **Manatee (\$2,500-\$4,999)**

- 6 complimentary tickets to Gala
- ½ page ad in Gala program
- Recognition at the Gala as event sponsor
- Logo with hyperlink on SAPMS Web-site for 12 mos.

○ **Dolphin (\$1,000-\$2,499)**

- 4 complimentary tickets to Gala
- ¼ page ad in Gala program
- Recognition at the Gala as event sponsor
- Logo in Gala program
- Name on SAPMS Web site for 12 mos.

○ **Pelican (\$500-\$999)**

- 2 complimentary tickets to Gala
- Name recognition in Gala program
- Name on SAPMS Web site for 12 mos.

○ **Sandpiper (\$250-\$499)**

- Name recognition in Gala program
- Name on SAPMS Web site for 12 mos.

Payment Method:

☐ Enclosed Check **or** ☐ Credit Card or PayPal @ www.StAugustineMontessori.com

For your convenience, we enclosed an addressed envelope for mailing gift certificates and checks for ticket purchases and sponsorships. If you are donating a gift certificate for the Silent Auction or making a sponsorship donation, please also include your brochures and/or business cards when you mail the gift certificate. Thank you for your support once again this year to help us grow this wonderful educational opportunity to benefit even more children in our community!