

MCS Mission Statement & Philosophy

The MCS community values a tradition of educational excellence and is committed to nurturing the whole child in a climate of respect.

Educational Excellence

We promote excellence and encourage a love of learning.



Educational Excellence means:

- communicating high expectations for the learning and behavior of students, faculty, and parents that are clearly understood
- providing a solid foundation in basic skills and knowledge through a strong curriculum taught creatively and consistently across classrooms and disciplines
- establishing a climate that fosters the love of learning, continual growth, and good work habits
- valuing experiential, creative, and multidisciplinary learning as essential parts of a well-rounded education
- recognizing the different ways in which children learn
- addressing the emotional and social development of students so that successful learning can occur
- ensuring each student comes to school ready to learn, and to work at his/her highest level
- supporting class sizes that appropriately address the needs of our children (see Regulation IIB: MCS Class Size Guideline)

Respect

We demonstrate and encourage mutual respect among students, parents, faculty, and community members.

Respect means:

- having students engage with classmates as individuals in cooperative partnership
- sharing a bond with and responsibility for the school community
- communicating ideas and feedback freely and respectfully among students, faculty, and parents
- recognizing the professional expertise of the faculty and administration of the school
- modeling and teaching tolerance

Nurturing the Whole Child

We provide opportunities for every child to develop to his/her fullest potential.



Nurturing the Whole Child means:

- celebrating the uniqueness and strengths of each child
- cultivating self esteem by making school a place where individuals feel confident to take the risks inherent in learning
- fostering positive social interactions and teaching specific social skills to students
- promoting a healthy lifestyle and physical well-being
- fostering a partnership between home and school that encourages open communication, homework support, and participation in school functions

Traditions and Community

We cherish our traditions and our school's place in the community.



Traditions and Community means:

- fostering evolving traditions and celebrations to provide a sense of belonging to the whole school community
- incorporating into the learning experience the rich community in which we live and the unique opportunities for learning it provides and welcoming the wider community into the life of the school
- balancing budget considerations with strong school programs, and sound facilities recognizing the varied needs of our citizens
- communicating effectively across constituencies, providing ongoing forums for feedback and town-wide dialogue about the needs and direction of our school
- giving back to the community in the form of service projects and good citizenship