



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
OF MONTEREY  
FOUNDATION

# November 2011 Newsletter

## How To Give

The International School of Monterey is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As such 100% of your financial contributions may be tax deductible. 501(c)(3) Tax ID# 74-3062542.

Please make checks payable to ISM Foundation, and mail to 1720 Yosemite, Seaside, CA 93955. You may also leave contributions in the black box in the office at the school.

If you would prefer, we are now able to accept contributions online using Paypal at

[www.ismonterey.org](http://www.ismonterey.org). Make a one time payment, or if it's more convenient, you can now make a monthly contribution on your credit card.

Money orders and cash contributions are always welcome as well!

And don't forget, no amount is too small...or too big!

## BRING IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

Our ISM Holiday Fund Drive starts Monday, December 12 with a goal of reaching \$80,000 by Friday, December 16. Last year, ISM families generously contributed \$79,400 toward the ISM Family Share during this annual fundraising week. That support went a long, long way toward funding art, drama, music, PE, and Spanish-value-added programs that other public schools simply don't have. It's time to GIVE GENEROUSLY again!

### OUR GIVING MAKES ISM SPECIAL

One of the absolutely most important things that make ISM great is that we, as the families whose children benefit from the superb education provided, donate our time and money to make it THE VERY BEST SCHOOL POSSIBLE. We want to thank all of you who have already made gifts or pledges this year and hope that you will add a special holiday gift to your contributions. We also hope that those who have not yet begun their giving this year will contribute as much as possible of the \$1,800 per student Family Share target during the drive.

### THE MORE YOU GIVE, THE MORE WE GET

This year we have again been selected to participate in Monterey County Gives!, a challenge grant campaign that leverages your gifts to earn matching funds from the Monterey County Weekly Community Fund. Last year we received \$15,000 in matching funds because so many ISM families took advantage of this opportunity. While we won't know the exact match this year until we see how much we raise relative to the other participating nonprofits, we know it will be A HUGE BOOST TO OUR SCHOOL.

### PARTICIPATION IS A BIG PART OF THE GRADE

As an added bonus, The Monterey County Weekly will award two additional grants: \$1,000 to the organization with the largest number of donors and another \$1,000 to the organization with the most donors age 35 and under. So, please ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN to take advantage of the Holiday Fund Drive as an opportunity to support their own school. Last year we won the \$1,000 bonus for most donors but got edged out for most 35 and under. Let's get both bonuses this year!

### IT'S A TREAT TO GIVE...

Each person making a donation during the Holiday Fund Drive will receive a treat generously donated by Layers Bakery in Monterey. We will have VOLUNTEERS ON CAMPUS EVERY DAY during the Holiday Drive from 7:30-8:10am during dropoff and from 2:30-3:20pm during pickup. They will be available at the regular and alternate pickup/dropoff areas to hand out forms, accept your donations, and hand off the treats. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **...AND IT'S DEFINITELY NOT TAXING**

Don't forget your GIFTS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE. With 2011 drawing to a close, the timing could not be better. Why not support the special programs our kids love rather than pay more to Uncle Sam and his California kid brother? **TWO EASY OPTIONS, FIVE EASY STEPS...**

#### ***Donate Online***

Go to [MontereyCountyGives.com](http://MontereyCountyGives.com) and click the Donate Now button on the right.

Scroll down to the Education & Youth section on the right and enter your donation amount in the box to the right of International School of Monterey, then click Next.

Enter your contact information, then click Next.

Enter your credit card information, then click Submit. You will receive an email confirmation that serves as your receipt for tax purposes. The ISM Foundation will also receive an email notification of your donation, and will use that to ensure that your contribution gets credited toward your Family Share.

Repeat for additional family members. REMEMBER THOSE BONUSES FOR MOST DONORS!

#### ***Donate On Campus***

Download the form from the [MontereyCountyGives.com](http://MontereyCountyGives.com) website, or, easier yet, get a form from us during dropoff or pickup.

Enter your gift amount on line 60 for International School of Monterey (very important!).

Complete the donor information at the bottom of the form.

Write a check, enter credit card information on the form, or gather up your cash and put it in an envelope or baggy (perfect for kids raiding piggy banks). During this fund drive period only, make your check out to Monterey County Gives! rather than the ISM Foundation and put "donation to #60 ISM" on the memo line.

Hand the form and payment (cash, check, or credit card info) to one of our volunteers during the drive or drop them in the ISM Foundation box in the front office. PLEASE DON'T SEND YOUR FORM DIRECTLY to the Monterey County Weekly. Please give the form and payment to us to submit, so that the ISM Foundation can make sure that every cent contributed by you and your children gets credited toward your Family Share.

### ***...OH, AND THEN THERE'S STEP 6***

Spend the rest of the school year enjoying the fantastic education our children receive knowing that YOUR GIVING IS A HUGE PART OF WHAT THEY'RE GETTING as ISM pursues its mission to "educate all children toward becoming conscientious, compassionate, and responsible citizens of the world."

Thanks!

The ISM Foundation Team

P.S. If you are able to contribute more, please help support the education of another student at ISM whose family does not have the means by giving even more than the Family Share in THE SPIRIT OF HOLIDAY GIVING. After all, we're one big ISM family!

## **THANK YOU!**

We wanted to take a moment to recognize and thank all of the people who have donated to the ISM Foundation this year, so far.

We've noted, by asterisk, our newest donors; thank you for joining us. We are grateful for your continued generosity and on-going support.

Please note that names appear in alphabetical order of the students' names. We apologize in advance for any misspellings or inadvertent omissions. Do let us know so that we may correct our records.

Patrick Silva & Melissa Knight\*  
Jose & Maria Arellano\*  
David Awerbuck & Astrid Holberg\*  
Christopher & Cathy Bachl  
Ivan & Bonnie Barcinas  
William & Joselyn Bare\*  
Jim Barry & Carrie Bretz Barry  
Scott Bedell & Amy Ross\*  
Paul Bence & Gina Thoeni  
Timothy & Shuhui Berndt  
Ron and Karen Berry\*  
Rodney Smith & Jennifer Berry  
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Nicholaus & Lia Garcia Bourgeois  
Craig & Lisa Brinton  
Bob & Corynne Brown  
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Alex & Lindsay Cabanilla  
Cris & Shelley Cabanillas  
Wallace Chen & Yunping Huang  
Thomas Christensen & Tiina Kurvi  
Lani Co  
Lisa Wicha-el-Loomis  
Tom & Brigitte DeBiase  
Robert & Emily Deisroth\*  
Julius (JR) & Laurie deVera\*  
Keith Dodson & Catherine Broz\*  
Michael Downing & Jenny McAdams  
Robert Ellis & Debra Istenes  
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Gary & Paula Falkoff  
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Kim Huy Franknedy & Phuong Phung Nguyen  
Kristian Galiguís & Joan Iguban  
Paul & Ellen Gaucher  
Krishnamraju & Sujatha Gokaraju  
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Ramakrishnan & Manjusha Haridas\*  
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Mike How & Anne Chang\*  
Markus & Laura Hubrich\*  
Katherine McKenna  
Peter & Kathryn Johnston\*  
Michael & Alicia Jones\*  
Shannon & Seth Karm  
Zaheer & Patricia Kasad  
Hilda & Remy Kausin\*  
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Michael Kolpaczyk & Merilee Rockefeller-  
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Andrew & Angela Leavitt\*  
Philip Lin & Clara Wang  
Sean & Nikki Madden  
Jacob & Camilla Mann  
Steven Mann & Karen Kushel\*  
Andrew & Lauren Mauck  
Tony and Susan McFarlane\*  
Daniel & Larissa McShane  
Mauricio & Luz Mendoza  
Nicholas & Carolina Mesman  
Tate & Jesse Miller\*  
Mark & Myeongju (jay-hee) Miller\*  
Paxton & Marne Mobley  
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David & Ok Sun Moon\*  
Eric & Susan Morgan\*  
Paul & Leslie Muga  
David & Karen Nemiroff  
Thai & Huong Nguyen  
Khang Nguyen & Bach Vu  
Craig & Ulla Novak  
Andrea Olsen\*  
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Mariadasan & Aisha Pachhi\*  
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Chris & Leah Steinbruner  
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Hitoshi & Cynthia Tanabe\*  
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John Tilley & Jacqueline Rangel\*

Arthur & Emily Tionsong  
Niklaus & June Traschel\*  
Bernard & Melanie Trainor\*  
Cirilo Trinidad & Veronica Aragon  
Craig Vershaw & Lauren Cohen  
Reynaldo & Andrea Villegas  
Jorge Vizcaino & Leah Thomson\*  
Luyen & Ngoc-Sinh Vu\*  
Bob Walker & Robin McKee  
Natalie Webb\*  
Joseph Welsh & Mary Cunningham\*  
Randy & Plasha Will  
Daniel & Denise Wood  
Nathan & Yuko Wood  
Glenn & Karen Woodson  
Jane Wu & Geoffrey Xie\*  
Pamela & Jeffrey Yamashita  
Louis & Jennifer Zeidberg

## Donor Profile

*Every month we will feature comments from a family who has made contributing to the ISM Foundation a priority.*



Heather and Rick Satava are a new-to-ISM family this year. Their son, Cash, is a kindergartener in Mr. Rhoad's class. Heather is a massage therapist and wellness coach. Her husband Rick is a general contractor (RMS Construction). Their daughter, Samantha, who is two years old will be at ISM in a few years.

My son Cash came home from ISM the other week with a new eagerness to play the guitar. My father is a folksinger; my sisters and I grew up performing with him at theaters and coffee shops. Despite our encouragement, Cash has had limited interest in playing an instrument.

It took Elise Rotchford's music class to inspire Cash to chat about chords and to tell his grandfather that he was really ready now to play guitar.

Miss Elise's music class illustrates the value of a school that socializes our kids and inspires them.

I know from personal experience that sometimes it takes classes in new subjects to uncover passions we did not know we possessed. I was an artist, singer and performer during my childhood and twenties, but, when I took physiology classes as an adult, I discovered within me an interest in science that I did not previously know was there.

I want that opportunity for my son and for all students - the opportunity to discover hidden talents and to try new things that are challenging and mind-expanding.

Early in the year, the ISM staff provided parents with an introduction to the new International Baccalaureate Program Primary Years Program (PYP) now being implemented at ISM.

The PYP curriculum encourages our children to be educational risk takers- to feel comfortable experimenting and to rebound from setbacks. I decided that, if am going to encourage my child to take intellectual risks, I should encourage myself to do the same thing.

I decided my first "risk" as a new parent to the school would be to become the Family Connection representative for my son's kindergarten class.

Experienced ISM parents make volunteer leadership look easy, but when you are new to the whole ISM culture, figuring out your role can be intimidating.

My role as a Family Connection volunteer is to help my fellow kindergarten parents to jump in early to the ISM culture of involvement. There is a range of things needed, so everyone can find a niche.

We parents have so much going on in our lives, it is tempting to say "it's handled" when we think about our kids' public education. We are so lucky that competent people are educating our kids six and seven hours per day. But, it is our involvement that takes the school to a higher level. And, we are lucky our school values our involvement. It becomes easier to volunteer when everyone else does so as well.

Nobody needs to be a super person to volunteer. Nobody has to do everything if everyone does something.

As the year unfolds, we will all sort out how we can best fulfill our volunteer obligation to ISM and have a good time together. After all, an environment of involved supportive parents is what we signed up for when we enrolled our children.

I look forward to getting to know every kindergarten parent, because we are in this together for the long haul. We younger grade families are the future of ISM. When our little ones reach the upper grades, the experienced families will have moved on.

That is why I am reminding all of us kindergarten and first grade families especially that we need to step up now to our role as volunteers. In addition to giving our time, we should all be financial contributors to ISM as well.

Many of us kindergarten parents have just finished paying for pre-school that cost several hundred dollars a week.

The target ISM Family Share contribution of \$1,800 per year is so much less than that. \$1,800 per year wouldn't even pay for decent day care. Yet it is the Family Share contributions that finance art, music, drama and Spanish - the classes that add depth and dimension to reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Music, art, and foreign language are 'extras' in many schools during these difficult financial times, so we at ISM should give ourselves a pat on the back for our leadership in financing these classes through the Family Share Program. \$1,800 per child is the cost to provide the extras that the state funding doesn't cover.

If you really cannot afford \$1,800, then please look into your heart and budget and pay what you can afford.

Everyone at school can help ISM get match funding from the Monterey Weekly by making all or part of their Family Share donation during the upcoming Holiday Fund Drive. Please look for more information about that from the ISM Foundation and join me and Rick in supporting this fantastic school.

~Heather Satava