DEAR FRIENDS,

It has been wonderful greeting our Miquon children back to school this fall, and seeing them all settle into a space they truly know as their own, exploring the unique passions they bring to us. We have welcomed new students and families alike, and we are so glad that our community is growing together again.

One School, One Program
We’ve made several updates to our buildings recently, and we’ll continue to make more throughout the fall. These efforts, part of developing a 10-year facilities maintenance plan, coincide with our programmatic focus for the next several years: One School, One Program. Not only are we updating our spaces to create the most ideal learning environments, we are reviewing our program to ensure our academic curriculum is interconnected and consistent across classrooms and grade bands.

With our published Language Arts, Mathematics, and Social Studies scope and sequences as our backbone, our teachers make space for students to explore their curiosities across subjects.

Thank You
Our community’s strength is in the ways we are all connected; we could not make these campus improvements and achieve our learning goals without the generosity of our parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends. Your financial contributions have made—and will continue to make—so much of what we do possible. Your heart and your dedication to continuing our Progressive program gives us the momentum to move forward together.

Thank you for your generosity and all of your efforts on behalf of Miquon. Your support of teaching and learning in this magical place we all love is so vital this year, and will continue to be vital in the years to come. Please come visit us at any point—we would love to see you in person.

Warmly,

Susannah Wolf ’81, Principal
At Miquon, establishing connections is a major part of our community-building time at the start of every school year. It creates a supportive environment where students can feel confident acquiring new skills and taking academic risks in the classroom later on.

During the first week, some of the work in Marea and Sara’s first and second grade group involved asking children to write their name and illustrate who they are as a person on an oddly shaped piece of paper.

Next, Group Teacher Marea Palmer-Loh explained that each piece of paper was really a giant puzzle piece—and that when their artwork was completed, children would work together to determine how their individual piece fit into the larger whole to complete the classroom puzzle. “It was fun to wonder who we connected with,” explained first grader Evan Mohr.

The challenge was an exciting and engaging opportunity for students to interact, to get to know each other better, and to achieve a common goal. It was also a chance for some of our youngest Miquon students to practice important first and second grade skills, including:

- Forming letters
- Reading
- Recognizing shapes
- Spatial and sequential reasoning
- Memory and recall
- Communication and self expression
- Problem solving

“This project made space for all of the learners in our classroom—while certain students really loved the artistic part, others were more interested in how the pieces fit together,” Marea shared.

Following the activity—as with many classroom projects at Miquon—teachers encouraged children to reflect on how things went. Not only did students see how we can work together and support one another, several noticed they had to be careful of the pieces and take their time with the process, respecting others’ work.

As the children continue to build their classroom community and work on projects together this year, our goal is for children to remember their connectedness. “We fit together in surprising ways,” Marea explained, “but sometimes, just like with the puzzle, we have to work at it.” 🎨
CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2018!

REMEMBERING PENNY COLGAN-DAVIS

Many readers will fondly remember former principal Penny Colgan-Davis, who sadly passed away on June 19, 2018. Penny served as principal at Miquon for nine years, from 1993-2002, and was a beloved and much admired figure in the Philadelphia educational community. She worked at Friends Select School and the Russell Byers Charter School, and ended her career as a teacher/administrator as head of The Frankford Friends School before retiring in 2015. Even in retirement, however, she was busy leading volunteers to reopen the library at Kelly Elementary School in Germantown.

At Miquon, we will continue to remember Penny as a dynamic leader who was fully committed to our mission of celebrating childhood—she loved the Halloween parade, and all the ways our students were able to be themselves in our classrooms, woods, and creek. Penny organized several Miquon Institutes on Teaching and Learning—workshops with leading Progressive educators that brought independent and public school teachers and administrators together to share ideas and resources.

Penny’s friendship and work enriched all those she met—through her wisdom, kindness, and commitment to children she made an enormous impact on everyone in her orbit. Without a doubt, Penny will be missed.
2017–2018 GIVING:  
A COMMITMENT TO MIQUON

Last year Miquon supporters made a commitment to helping students learn in creative, independent, joyful ways.

368 Donors  
made gifts to Miquon this year

48 Donors  
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123 Donors  
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- 100 Alumni
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ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Gifts to the Annual Giving Campaign make everything Miquon does possible, from supporting our talented teachers to providing financial aid to our families and caring for our woodlands. During the 2017–18 school year, the Annual Giving Campaign raised $130,780, and the average gift was $263. Meeting our Annual Giving goal makes it possible for us to operate with a balanced budget. Thank you to everyone who made a gift last year—we rely on your generous support!

$130,780 total raised!

GIFTS TO SPECIAL FUNDS

Heart of Miquon Campaign
Miquon is embarking on a capital campaign to build a new library and two new classrooms, as well as to grow our endowment and revitalize our buildings and grounds. We look forward to providing more information about these plans in the coming year. Early gifts to the campaign from longtime Miquon supporters have helped to provide a vision and a strong foundation for this project. Thank you to all our early campaign donors! To learn more about the Heart of Miquon Campaign, please contact Deborah Crocker, Campaign Director, at deborahc@miquon.org.

Lynn Hughes Folk Music Fund
Thank you to all who have made and who continue to make gifts to the Lynn Hughes Folk Music Fund, which supports ongoing folk music activities at Miquon. Through musicians and storytellers at assemblies, special musical guests in the classrooms, and new instruments for students, this fund will ensure that Lynn’s legacy and love of folk music will continue at Miquon.

Justin Leevy ’82 Scholarship Fund
We also are grateful for continued support from friends near and far for the Justin Leevy ’82 Scholarship Fund. This fund assists Nursery and Kindergarten families by providing transportation to and from school using Miquon vans. As last year’s recipient family described: “I cannot stress how much we are grateful for this gift and how it made the last school year a breeze in regards to our family being able to have more quality time: dinner together, reading, and getting ready for the next day without missing each other.”
The Miquon School is approved to receive funding through Pennsylvania’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) Programs. These gifts, totaling $105,527, directly support financial aid. Thank you to the following organizations that made a gift through these programs this year:

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In 2018, the PA EITC program approved Miquon to accept funding from individuals through a new special project entity we created, the Small Schools Scholarship Alliance. Many thanks to the following donors whose generosity in giving through this fund directly supports financial aid:

- Anonymous
- The Robinson-Zahren Family
- Abigail Wolf & Jonathan Weiss
- Susannah Wolf & Douglas Gauck

To learn more about corporate and individual giving options through the EITC and OSTC programs, which provide significant tax benefits for donors, contact Charlotte Boulay, Director of Development, at charlotteb@miquon.org or 610.828.1231.

A planned gift is the perfect opportunity to make an investment in Miquon that will help us continue to serve students for years to come. There are many planned gift options, such as a bequest from your estate, or naming Miquon as a beneficiary on your retirement or life insurance plans. Investment income from our endowment contributes to our operating budget each year—and a larger endowment means more income for essential expenses like financial aid, teacher salaries, and upkeep of our buildings and grounds. Join others in the Miquon Legacy Society who have made planned gifts each year for a special gathering.

If you are 70½ or older, you can also make a gift through your IRA fund. Please contact the Development Office to learn more about this and all planned giving options.
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FRIDAY, MAY 17

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All alumni, please join us the next day for Spring Fair on Saturday, May 18!