Dear Miquon Family,

It's been three years since we last issued an Annual Report, and I'm sure you know why: our community, like so many others, made a tectonic shift when the pandemic surfaced. Our work focused on ensuring we had the necessary teaching resources and health protocols in place for children and staff to remain on campus and receive the quintessential Miquon experience while staying safe and healthy.

Several years later, it continues to be a big lift for our entire community. Staff, families, alumni, and donors selflessly join together to ensure that Miquon doesn't just succeed through the pandemic, but flourishes! To accomplish that, we reconfigured classrooms, implemented more online tools, installed new HVAC systems, and provided COVID testing resources at school. We also asked the community to wear masks (at times, both indoor and out), screen for symptoms daily, vaccinate, and significantly limit their time on campus. We held assemblies and events like Spring Fair on Zoom, and reconfigured Choice Time so children could continue to play all over campus but in smaller groups.

Fortunately, we’ve been able to ease up on many of those precautions. Group restrictions for Choice Time have been lifted, and we are welcoming the community back on campus, as we just did when 140 Grandparents and friends joined us for a morning this fall.

Still, these were big changes for a community that loves its time together. Our students, staff, and families understood the importance of these steps and adapted so we could be in school together. The reward comes in the faces and gleeful shouts of our children when they arrive each morning, happy for another day at Miquon.

Beyond COVID, we are celebrating our 90th anniversary and are fast approaching our goal of $3 million for an exciting new building and landscape project! Read more about the plans for a library, several classrooms, and a beautiful outdoor amphitheater at page 6. We’re also celebrating three years of graduates, donors, and remembering Miquon legend Tony Hughes.

Thank you for being a part of the Miquon community, and I hope to see each and every one of you on campus soon. Come visit us any time!

Sincerely,

Susannah Wolf ’81, Principal
ENROLLMENT BY THE NUMBERS, 2020-2022

First day enrollment increased from

140 in 2020

152 in 2022.

That’s nearly a 10% increase.

32% of enrolled students are children of color

In each of the past three years, we gave out approximately

- 60 financial aid awards

- Totalling about $800,000 annually

- To 39% of our Miquon children

Over the last two years, we have given out

$43,483 in COVID aid

for families negatively impacted by the pandemic.
RESEARCHING & UNDERSTANDING THE LENAPE PEOPLE

Last year our third and fourth graders learned about early inhabitants of our valley and local area - the Lenape Nation. The work was centered around a village the children researched, mapped, and built in Miquon’s meadow. It included wigwams, a water source, and gathering space. And in science class, they used traditional recipes to gain a deeper understanding of how the Lenape used and understood native plants. Star ingredients included corn, maple syrup, blackberries, and marsh-mallow.

Students also created their own piece of historical fiction set in Miquon’s location 500 years ago, allowing them to develop research skills and hone the mechanics of creative writing. Each child started by creating a character with a specific role in the village and assigning them both internal and external personality traits to make them more complex. They then plotted a story arc by giving their character a goal and placing a “roadblock” in their way, using their arcs to guide the character’s tale, scene by scene and sentence by sentence.

The Miquon community acknowledges that the school is on the traditional land of the Lenape people.
LEARNING TO TALK ABOUT RACE AND RACISM

Miquon’s 10th Tenet states “we believe that children can be upstanders and agents of change. Our teachers actively work with students to foster respect for differences and develop the skills to challenge racism, hate, and bigotry so they are prepared to make positive contributions in the world.” An essential part of that work is to help children develop the language and understanding necessary to broach conversations about differences. In the first and second grades, teachers use the books Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race and The Colors of Us to help children think about race and identify words used to talk about it. The children then develop words to describe their own skin color, write poetry celebrating it, and mix red, yellow, white, and black tempera paint to match their own beautiful hues. Families are encouraged to continue the conversations at home as a way for each child to more deeply understand their individual racial identity and family history.

Children use tempera paint to understand and appreciate their varied and beautiful skin colors.

NOTES FROM THE CLASSROOM

¡NOSOTRAS ESTAMOS APRENDIENDO ESPAÑOL!

In the 2021-22 school year, we launched a new Spanish language curriculum for all grades, nursery through sixth. Our goal is to incorporate the Spanish language into classroom learning with a focus on developing a curiosity and growing awareness of the Spanish-speaking world. Our Spanish specialist works right alongside classroom teachers to help create lessons and physical spaces that help with immersion. Children are learning everything from basic greetings, numbers, and colors to how to talk about the weather, food, and their own likes and dislikes. To gauge understanding, teachers look for verbal responses and how children follow directions in Spanish through games, songs, and classroom organization. Some classes are even using Spanish during morning meetings and good-of-the-group sessions. As the program develops, instruction will be more integrated with general education classes, as opposed to isolated classes, so that children are practicing numbers in Spanish during math and learning about Latinx icons during Theme and Social Studies.

Spanish specialist Katie Pidot meets with groups of all ages, engaging them in conversational Spanish.
THANK YOU! CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FISCAL YEARS 2020-2022

The Annual Giving Campaign has exceeded its goal in each of the last three years, thanks to the generosity of donors from all parts of Miquon’s community. Because tuition does not fully cover the expenses of operating the school, annual giving is essential to helping Miquon serve families and students as well as maintain our beautiful campus. This year the Annual Giving Campaign goal is $160,000 and we hope to exceed that goal once again, with your help.

CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION GIVING

Gifts through Pennsylvania’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs support financial aid at Miquon and provide up to 90% tax credit for donors. In addition, we received generous contributions from corporations that provide matching gifts and foundation support for work on our campus grounds and for the Heart of Miquon capital campaign. We are grateful to the following organizations that made gifts during the last three years:

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GIVING BY FUND
Fiscal years 2019/2020 - 2021/2022

- Annual giving: $499,812
- Class gifts: $10,164
- COVID testing & supplies: $86,801
- Financial Aid - $255,070
- Tony Hughes Fund: $2,699
- Heart of Miquon Campaign: $918,866
- Mancall Book Fund: $15,560
- Special Projects: $16,533

GIVING BY RELATIONSHIP TO MIQUON
Fiscal years 2019/2020 - 2021/2022

- Alumni: 16%
- Alumni Parents: 46%
- Current parents: 12%
- Friends & Staff: 1%
- Current & past grandparents: 4%
- Organizations: 21%
Miquon to Construct New Library/Classroom Building and Outdoor Gathering Space

Last winter, Miquon announced the next phase in the Heart of Miquon capital campaign, a fundraising effort to make possible a complete redesign of the center of campus. A new building will house our library and two classrooms and will provide a larger gathering space for students and teachers to meet and collaborate. The indoor structure will be adjacent to an outdoor amphitheater for assemblies, plays, and concerts. This project will re-envision how we can use our spaces and grounds to learn together in joyful and creative ways.

We have been working to raise money for this project for several years; to date, the Heart of Miquon capital campaign has raised $2.3 million toward a $3 million goal. We hired two firms to co-lead the work: Ground Reconsidered landscape architects and SMP Architects and hosted a collaborative design session in April 2022. With the help of 40 community members and design professionals, we helped the architects understand how learning happens at Miquon and what aspects of the new buildings could facilitate togetherness, play, creativity, and literacy.

All Miquon students and many parents, grandparents, and friends will remember time spent in the Clisby Library building, either as a library or a classroom. You may have read books in the loft, had snack time with the goats on the roof, or danced on the stage. You may have made music or created art or spent after school hours in the smaller neighboring building. Both of these buildings were constructed in the early- to mid-1930s, and we have used them well. Now they are badly in need of replacement: the roofs leak, the recycled factory windows are thin and lose heat, and the underlying electrical and wastewater systems are outdated.

We hope to break ground on the new building project in summer/fall 2023, and as a small school, we know there will be problems to solve and hurdles along the way. After 90 years of success in Progressive education, we know we can tackle this new challenge as well, but we can’t do it without the help of our entire community. Can you help us meet our $3 million goal by making a gift to support this project? Contact Charlotte Boulay, director of development, at charlotteb@miquon.org or visit our website.
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On September 14, 2021 we lost our dear friend, Tony Hughes. Tony was a force of nature on the Miquon campus from 1966 - 2010. He spent most of those 44 years as a science teacher and a song leader, and along the way as a classroom teacher, woodshop teacher, camp director, and mentor within the staff.

In 1982, he wrote “Miquon in Our Hearts”, a song that aptly describes the magical experience that Tony was instrumental in fostering. We still sing it at every opportunity today, and it is one of the first things new Miquon kids and their families learn. You can hear it in the video linked below.

Principal Susannah Wolf ’81 says Tony was “a lover of nature who believed in letting kids learn through wonder and curiosity; a singer, songwriter, and jug band musician who saw the power of music to bring people together; and an inquisitive creator, who brewed root beer, made snow taffy, baked bread, and built fires with hundreds of students.”

At his retirement party in 2010, former Principal Julia Finney said that Tony was really still a kid, playing with music, tools, computers, language, and the natural world. “It is that innocence and curiosity that connects him in a very real and primal way with children.”

You can feel the love for Tony in this beautiful tribute video done at the time of his retirement, and through The Tony Hughes Fund where he required that all money raised go toward the tools, equipment, instruments, and materials children need for real life experiential learning. Our thoughts are with his wife Lynn, who taught at Miquon for 50 years.

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IN MEMORIAM:
TONY HUGHES

THESE TEN TENETS GUIDE OUR WORK AND RELATIONSHIPS EVERY DAY, EVERY YEAR:

1. Children learn by doing.

2. Helping children learn to think is as important as teaching any specific subject matter.

3. Learning occurs in ways unique to each child.

4. Children’s curiosity and initiative are integral to their education.

5. Independence is a vital part of every child’s development.

6. Working with others enhances children’s growth in every domain.

7. Every person is a thinker, creator, and contributor.

8. The natural world is a place to learn.

9. Childhood should be fun, and children should find joy in learning.

10. Children can be upstanders and agents of change.
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