

Bay Farm Montessori Academy Parents Association

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the MPA?

The Bay Farm Montessori Academy Parents Association (MPA) is a group of parents, guardians, and teachers/staff at Bay Farm who work together to provide enrichment activities for all of our students. MPA events create opportunities for parent/guardian enrichment and promote the financial strength of the school. Additionally, the MPA provides support for social events. Some examples of what we fiscally support and for which we volunteer time to organize are: The Fall BBQ, the Halloween Party, The Royce Whitaker 5K Run by the Bay, Special Persons' Day, the school dance, and teacher appreciation days.

The MPA holds regular meetings and all parents/guardians are encouraged to attend and participate in idea generation, discussions, and decision-making. In addition, The MPA President provides formal means of communication between the MPA and the Board of Trustees.

Who is a member of the MPA?

EVERY parent and/or guardian of a Bay Farm student is a member of the Montessori Parents Association (MPA). The MPA provides opportunities for parents to connect, communicate, support, and participate in the life of the school by contributing their time and talents.

Being active in the MPA is also a fantastic way to get to know teachers, staff, and other parents.

Are there any dues to be a member?

Nope! Joining does not cost you ANYTHING. The MPA raises funds through programs like Pizza Wednesdays, Amazon Smile, Lands' End Spirit Wear, and the Scrip Program. Funds raised determine the number and scope of MPA events offered throughout the year, and they also help to support school events, such as the Royce Whitaker 5K Run By the Bay and the annual Bay Farm auction.

You are not required to donate, volunteer, or attend MPA meetings, but we'd love it if you did! You are welcome to join us at any time.

Do I need to be available during weekdays to participate in the MPA?

No! Our meeting times vary to accommodate different schedules, though most meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:45am after drop-off. However, there are so many ways to participate remotely or during off-business hours. Please see the MPA volunteer sign-up form, available on the parent portal of Bay Farm's website and also linked in your MPA welcome email, for detailed information on these opportunities.

Who is on the 2017/2018 MPA Leadership Team?

Amy Bennett, MPA President (Mother of Charlotte in EL I)

Heather Barry, MPA Vice President (Mother of Finn in EL II and Sophia in MS)

MPA Secretary (Open)

Kyra Mercer, MPA Treasurer (Mother of Connor in MS)

More questions? Ask away! Please contact the MPA at mpa@bfarm.org. We're here to support you and answer any questions you may have.