



December 22, 2014

Dear Families and Friends of SVMS,

We would like to thank you for the tremendous support and spirit of volunteerism that you have shown over the course of the school year. As a non-profit, we rely heavily on the involvement of parents and friends of the school to help us meet our annual budgetary goals.

For a second year, we are holding our *Roots and Shoots* Annual Fund Drive. Among other things, this year's *Roots and Shoots* campaign has, as a goal keeping our tuition at a modest rate and providing for a range of discretionary needs over the course of the school year.

We also wanted to take a moment to update you on some of the activities in which the Board is currently engaged. One of our chief agenda items of late has been making sure that the broad benefit of our Montessori curriculum is understood by and communicated to parents as well as the community at large. We have adopted assessment measures to monitor each student's academic growth and achievement, ensuring that each is progressing well at his or her own pace. Our goal is to not only meet all NC state standards but to exceed them by nurturing the spirit of each child.

We wanted to further inform our friends and families that the Board, by unanimous vote, has committed SVMS to growing the Elementary School program and is working with the town of Black Mountain to upgrade the facilities at the Carver Center, which we have set as our school home for the foreseeable future. On the preschool front we are running at full enrollment and parents report being very pleased with their children's development.

Your tax-deductible donation to the Annual Fund this year will help us meet our goals of providing tuition assistance to families who need a little help, along with providing funding for academic assessment materials, Montessori materials and support for our dedicated team of Montessori Certified teachers. Please help us reach our goal of 100% participation this year. You can use the attached cards or visit our website at swanmont.org/contact/support-svms to make a donation on-line.

With warm regards,

Erin Van Note & Archie Pertiller
SVMS Board of Directors, Co-Chairs

We are building a sustainable and vital environment for children to actualize their Full Human Potential
and to bring about Peace in the World.