

Dear Amigos,

I will always remember the day I met Hazel Guindon. Still new to Monteverde, I instantly knew that any school that produces outstanding young graduates like Hazel is the place I want to work and raise my children. She reflects:



"MFS teaches you to trust what you can do. I often felt challenged, and as I overcame, I became more confident. I wouldn't have done all I accomplished after school if I didn't have those teachers."

Hazel's way of being is a testimony to the value of our Quaker education. She is completely fluent in English and Spanish, comfortable talking to people of all ages, and curious about the world. She has given back through service on the School Committee, created educational signage for the Cloud Forest Reserve, and is now in Canada applying her art and education degrees to environmental projects.

Every year **when you receive this appeal letter and make a donation, you are creating a success story.** But what does that mean? When I asked Hazel, she answered:

"Everyone has their own way of becoming successful. When I reunite with my classmates, I see that in some way or another everyone is getting there, doing more than standard. Helen got accepted to medical school.

Alissa's an architect. Clara is doing environmental science now, and has done projects in the jails and in Africa. Silvio has a PhD."



Like almost half our students, Hazel received financial aid for all her years at MFS. Your annual contributions create opportunities for young people like Hazel to share their gifts with the world.

Thank you for your generosity.

Rick Juliusson - Co-Director
Wendy Rockwell - Clerk, School Committee

What's New at Monteverde Friends School?

65th REUNION

Yes, the school turns 65 this year! We are planning a big summer reunion here in Monteverde, and celebrations throughout the U.S. and Canada. If you know a graduate, teacher or friend who should be on the invitation list, please email us at info@mfschool.org with their contact info.

COMMITMENT TO HOLISTIC EDUCATION

True to our Vision Statement, we are "nurturing each student's spiritual, intellectual, physical and creative potential:"

- ❖ Once again, **100% pass rate** on the national "Bachi" exams
- ❖ Implementing a new curriculum to explore [Quaker values](#), history and practice during 1-hour weekly "pre-meeting"
- ❖ Welcome to Hugh Gray, who brings back our dynamic **music** program, and to PiLi, keeping our **arts** program exciting
- ❖ New academic programs including **Advanced Placement (AP)** Environmental Science, Honors and "Challenge" Programs
- ❖ Expanded lunch-time and after-school **clubs** offered, including art, running, yearbook, ping-pong, chess...



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Thank you for helping us nurture our connection with our worldwide community. If you've enjoyed hearing school news and stories, please help us grow by sharing with a friend:

- ❖ Facebook updates (photos, quotes, inspirations)
- ❖ Seasonal newsletter: mfschool.org/newsletter/
- ❖ Weekly blog posts: mfschool.org/blog/