



Dear Friend,

Can a 7th grader make a difference in the world? Thanks to a unique science project focusing on an urgent environmental problem, Tara discovered that even at a young age she had the power to effect positive change. Over the course of her education at MFS, Tara's small classes and dedicated teachers introduced her to all sorts of pressing issues, taught her to think critically about how to solve them, and showed her that she could make a difference.

"We learn not just content," says Tara, "we learn how to think for ourselves."

The most effective way to make a difference, she decided, would be to advocate for those without a voice. So Tara found a program at the University of Cambridge for high school students considering law, came up with creative ways to raise funds, and this summer—her last before she graduates in May—went to England to follow her passion. She returned home more determined than ever. Tara is now finishing high school through our alternative 12th grade program and applying to top universities in the U.S. and the U.K., where she plans to study human rights law.



Tara's dream of changing the world embodies the values and spirit the Monteverde Friends School has been imparting to its students for 67 years, values like respect, stewardship, and integrity. Students, teachers, and the community work together to prepare each student to reach his or her full personal, academic, and spiritual potential and to contribute to a more just, peace-filled, and hopeful world.

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In gratitude,

Sue Gabrielson
Head of School

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