KINGSLEY MONTESSORI SCHOOL ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2023-24



Celebrating 85 Years

Families gathered at a number of events throughout the year to celebrate Kingsley's 85th anniversary.

Exeter Aquisition

Kingsley secured its permanent home with the purchase of 26 Exeter Street.

Alumni Spotlights

Celebrating our newest alumni from the Class of 2024 and features on alumni from the 80s, 90s, and 2000s. The Mission of Kingsley Montessori School is to engage the mind, hands, and heart of each child to nurture resilient explorers, confident learners, and empathetic citizens.



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Academic Excellence. Empowered Learners. Kindhearted Leaders.

A LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Dear Kingsley Families and Friends,

We opened this school year in high spirits, with the 85th Anniversary Block Party outside our newly-acquired home at 26 Exeter Street. The event, on a picture-perfect fall

afternoon, was an auspicious launch to another year of nurturing our students' natural inclinations toward academic excellence, empowered learning, and kindhearted leadership.

Our anniversary year and the purchase of Exeter dovetailed with the publication of our Strategic Plan, and with the early steps in implementing several of its key priorities. This Plan for advancing our School's program, people, place, and permanence provides a robust outline to ensure Kingsley's bright future, and is grounded in our vision to ensure academic excellence, empowered learning, and kindhearted leadership. The positivity and forward-momentum at Kingsley right now is palpable, and I find it deeply meaningful to know that our actions today build upon our School's rich history. They are the outgrowth of the seeds sown by many dedicated educators and supporters over almost nine decades, to whom I am deeply grateful.

Though much has changed since we opened our doors with two teachers and a single student in a rented space on Beacon Street in 1938, I believe that our School's founders, the visionary educators Edith Kingsley and Helen Loud, would be gratified to see today's Kingsley community living out their

legacy with enthusiasm and dedication. Then, as now, the School's essential values included, in Edith Kingsley's words, "graciousness and consideration for others," and the belief that "learning is an activity of the child and is not a teacher-to-child handout." These perspectives aligned with the Montessori philosophy that we adopted in the 1980s, and they remain the bedrock of our educational model. Even as we integrate contemporary, research-backed curricular enhancements to complement our Montessori practices, we remain true to our initial purpose, per Edith Kingsley, to "love and respect children as individuals" and to "encourage the love of learning."

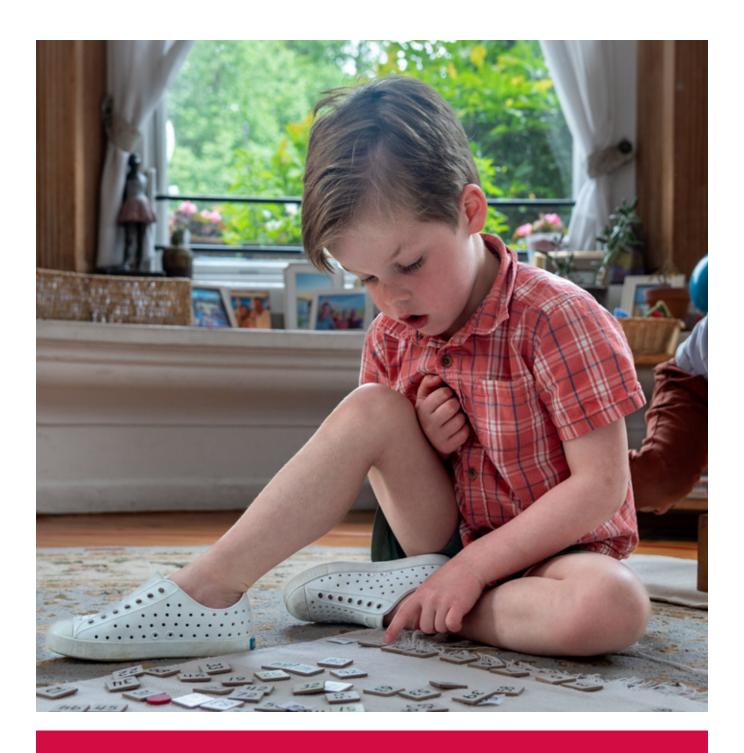
This Impact Report is a joyful glimpse into all that we accomplished together last year, which was truly one for the record books. It is an opportunity to applaud those who helped make Kingsley what it is today, and those who have joined in partnership to lead us towards ever greater fulfillment of our mission.

It is also an opportunity to applaud all those who have helped make Kingsley what it is today, and those who have joined in partnership to lead us towards ever greater fulfillment of our mission.

With heartfelt gratitude, I thank you, the Kingsley community, for your consistent demonstration of belief in our mission, vision, students, and teachers. Here's to all that is to come for us in the exciting days and years to come.

Much appreciation,

Steve Farley Head of School



KINGSLEY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Plans are implemented in stages. At Kingsley, there was a strong impetus to move forward in areas of opportunity as soon as they were identified. Even before its formal publication, and then more robustly in 2023–24, Kingsley began implementing initiatives that address key aspects of our four strategic priorities: Program, People, Place, and Permanence. Associate Head of School Tara Hofherr and strategy consultant Leah Goldman P'28 worked closely with School leaders to operationalize the Plan's most immediately actionable elements. In the years ahead, the Board of Trustees and School leaders will continue to use the Plan as their guide in pursuing an ever-greater fulfillment of Kingsley's mission and vision. You will see some of the plan's Strategic Priorities reflected in this report.

The Board joins me in acknowledging the energy, generosity, and belief shown by all members of the extended Kingsley family.

A LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Dear Kingsley Community,

On behalf of the Kingsley Board of Trustees, it is my privilege to celebrate this milestone moment in our school's history and to thank you for your collective

contributions to ensuring its strong future. The past year has been unlike any other, and the Board joins me in acknowledging the energy, generosity, and belief shown by all members of the extended Kingsley family.

When we first explored the possibility of securing 26 Exeter Street, it was greeted as both a wonderful opportunity for the School, and, candidly, something of a daunting proposition. The project required robust contributions of time, treasure, and talents from all corners of our community—and you outdid yourselves. Our volunteer leaders set the tone with their unflagging dedication. The real estate committee worked tirelessly to navigate the complexities of the purchase, and the fundraising committee's devoted outreach efforts resulted in a new record for Kingsley capital campaign contributions. There were 138 gifts of all sizes from parents, faculty, alumni, students, and friends that contributed to our cumulative totals of nearly \$4.9M in just 11 months. Truly incredible!

On February 1, 2024, the acquisition was completed, cementing our Back Bay campus and launching a new era for our School.

Meanwhile, our Development Chairs, Annual Fund Co-Chairs, and the Development Committee carried on with their vital work to fuel 2023–24 school programs through the Annual Fund. Philanthropy is a core Kingsley value, and high participation is a School tradition. Both were on full display yet again last year, as our community exceeded \$1M in the Annual Fund, with total Kingsley 2023–24 fundraising topping \$6M.

The Kingsley community's partnership with the School has a lifelong impact, which I have witnessed firsthand through my niece and nephew and their fellow Kingsley alumni friends, who are now in high school and college. They are, to a person, curious, self-motivated, articulate, and empathetic. In short, they continually demonstrate the qualities that characterize a Kingsley education, as do the speakers at the annual Kingsley Alumni Panel and Kingsley Alumni who are highlighted in this magazine. Seeing the longterm benefits of the Kingsley experience reinforces my belief that what we do together, today, to bolster Kingsley and elevate its mission delivery will be repaid tenfold in our children's capacity to rise to their full potential academically, personally, socially, and civically.

Thank you to all members of this community, to our volunteers, donors, families, faculty and staff, alumni, and friends, for helping make the Kingsley experience a lasting gift to all who pass through the doors of Fairfield and Exeter.

Sincerely,

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Nik Shah

Chair, Kingsley Board of Trustees



"I am one of those incredibly lucky people who gets to do what I love where I love to do it."

TARA HOFHERR ASSUMES NEW ROLE AS ASSOCIATE HEAD OF SCHOOL



In June 2024, Kingsley proudly announced the appointment of Tara Hofherr as Associate Head of School. During her nine-year tenure at Kingsley, Tara has proven herself exceptionally dedicated to the

institution. In celebration of her new position, we look back on a small slice of the ways in which she has made an impact on our community—and some of the ways she will do so in the future.

Since arriving at Kingsley in 2015 as the Technology Innovation Coordinator, Tara has made tangible contributions to nearly every aspect of school life. From 2018 to 2021, she served as Director of Upper Elementary Education. In that role, she oversaw the creation of the "Upper El" curriculum we know today—a dynamic, intentional, four-year scholastic cycle including cultural studies based on the Montessori Great Lessons that uniquely prepares our students to thrive in their Next Schools and beyond. She expanded her impact in 2021 by inaugurating the position of Director of Elementary Education, bringing a new level of collaboration and cohesion to our Elementary program.

In the Summer of 2023, Tara was asked to establish yet another new role—Director of Strategic Initiatives. In that capacity, she coauthored the new Strategic Plan with Head of School Steve Farley and Board Chair Nik Shah.

She proved an invaluable partner in successfully making the case for the purchase of 26 Exeter Street. She found new ways to support faculty professional growth; enhanced the academic program from Toddler through Grade 6; became the administrative liaison with the Parent Association; and served as the point person for Kingsley's diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging initiatives.

As Associate Head of School, Tara continues to support implementation of Kingsley's strategic priorities and is taking a larger role in guiding the educational leadership of the School. Through her collaboration with the Parent Association, Tara is building an ever-stronger community at Kingsley and enhancing family-school partnership from Toddler to Sixth Grade. Tara treasures and is proud to maintain her role as Director of Kingsley's exceptional Next School Counseling Program, which she has held since 2019. She also continues to teach Upper Elementary math and to serve as a Sixth Grade advisor.

In these and many other ways, Tara has been instrumental in advancing Kingsley's mission. It is a privilege to have her in this new and exciting role. Please join us in congratulating Tara on her new position as Kingsley's Associate Head of School.

"I am one of those incredibly lucky people who gets to do what I love where I love to do it. I am honored to be a part of this special community, proud of all we've accomplished together, and grateful for this opportunity to continue serving our families, students, and faculty and staff." -Tara Hofherr, Associate Head of School

KINGSLEY REACCREDITED BY AISNE

In spring 2024, Kingsley was formally reaccredited by the Association of Independent Schools in New England (AISNE). AISNE is a voluntary association and the accrediting body for independent schools like Kingsley throughout Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Every ten years, Kingsley undergoes an AISNE reaccreditation process, which includes a self-study based on fourteen AISNE standards. This eighteen-month endeavor examined all parts of the school, from teaching to business operations to the work of the Board of Trustees. The self-study involved all members of the community as respondents, contributors, writers, and editors. Additionally, Kingsley prepared Curriculum Maps detailing our thematic units, lessons, and educational outcomes at each grade level.

In October 2023, a visiting team of seven educational professionals from peer schools reviewed Kingsley's self-study document and Curriculum Maps, and spent four days on campus observing classes and interviewing community members. The team assessed Kingsley's success across the fourteen AISNE standards and documented their findings, commendations, and recommendations.

We are proud to share that Kingsley has been reaccredited by AISNE for the next ten years. Thank you to the administrators, faculty, staff, and board members who offered their time, efforts, and thoughtful insights throughout the reaccreditation process.



Major Commendations from the AISNE Visiting Team

- 1. The Visiting Team commends the School's thoughtful integration of Montessori and progressive pedagogical approaches, which powerfully reflect and honor its stated mission and philosophy.
- 2. The Visiting Team commends Kingsley's instructional staffing, and in particular notes Kingsley's robust team-teaching model and its exceptional and dedicated faculty.
- 3. The Visiting Team commends Kingsley's purposeful attention to the learning environments in which students and teachers learn joyfully together.
- 4. The Visiting Team commends Kingsley's ability to forge bonds with families in the 3-year classroom model that are authentic and allow a degree of understanding and partnership that are exceptional.
- 5. The Visiting Team commends the School's administration for having identified clear and shared strategic priorities related to mission-aligned programmatic evolution and understanding of the levers that will most impact long-term financial and enrollment planning.
- 6. The Visiting Team commends the School for how student well-being is integrated through several key program areas including athletics, social emotional learning, health education, and core curriculum and classroom experiences.

- 7. The Visiting Team commends Kingsley's comprehensive Next School Counseling program, led by its Director of Strategic Initiatives and Next School Counseling. All constituencies consistently pointed to the support and insight this program offers as a defining strength of the school.
- 8. The Visiting Team commends the School for building a mission-aligned and highly effective institutional advancement operation highlighted by an exceptionally strong annual fund program.
- 9. The Visiting Team commends the collaboration between Admissions, Marketing and Communications, and external marketing companies which helps the School recruit prospective students and families, monitor market trends, and project enrollment forecasts.
- 10. The Visiting Team commends the Board for its support and development of the Head of School, both through their annual review process and through the active work of the Head of School support committee.
- 11. The Visiting Team commends the Board for its demonstrated commitment to ongoing training, growth, and development as a governing body.

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CELEBRATING 85 YEARS!



SAVE THE DATE Kingsley Shindig 2.0 February 12, 2025



Spring Shindig

Kingsley parents, teachers, staff, alumni, and friends launched our 85th Anniversary Event Series at the Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center last April for throughthe-decades live music with the Muse Band. With drinks, light-bites, and rockin' dance moves, Kingsley grown-ups kicked off the 85th Anniversary celebration series. Thanks to Event Chair and Host, Liz Scholder, for a night to remember.





Summer Events

Over the summer, Kingsley families hosted two kid-friendly 85th Anniversary parties. On the playground and at the pool, alumni, current families, and new, incoming lions enjoyed celebrating and socializing in the sunshine.



Block Party

Over 500 Kingsley friends came together on Saturday, September 28 for the grand finale celebration of Kingsley's 85th Anniversary. Kingsley's first-ever Block Party opened with a 26 Exeter Street ribbon cutting, followed by fun and frivolity for all ages, including balloon animals, face-painting, and a DJ dance party. Thank you to all our volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and Kingsley party-goers!



THE EXETER ACQUISITION:

SECURING OUR PERMANENT HOME IN THE BACK BAY

Exeter Launch: "A Toast to Kingsley"

In late November, the full Kingsley community was invited to campus for a surprise announcement of the campaign to purchase 26 Exeter Street. With archival photos lining the walls, and alumni families and former faculty and administrators joining current parents and staff, school leaders and Board members laid out the exciting vision for a pathway to Exeter ownership. Making the dream a reality would rely on extraordinary and unprecedented community generosity—spoiler alert: you made it happen, Kingsley!



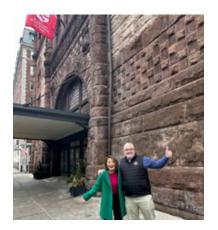
On February 1, 2024, Kingsley officially secured a permanent home at 26 Exeter Street! In a mere 11 months, spurred by the unique urgency of this project and anchored by two generous challenge matches, our community set a new record for philanthropic partnership. In pursuit of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, 138 parents, students, alumni families, staff, and friends of the School contributed a cumulative total of \$4,969,888. Our immense gratitude goes out to all who helped make this triumph possible.

Exeter Spirit Day

On March 7, wearing their Kingsley colors with pride, students and teachers celebrated the Exeter purchase and this exciting moment in our school's history. Elementary students had a special Community Meeting with Kingsley trivia, an appearance by Kingsley the Lion, and a rousing round of cheers and applause for Kingsley.

Exeter Donor Thank You

In March, Exeter campaign donors gathered on Kingsley's Sixth Floor to toast to the acquisition and celebrate Kingsley's permanence in the Back Bay. It was a full-circle moment to see our community's shared dream become a reality for our alumni, students, and students-to-come. Kingsley Community—we did it!!































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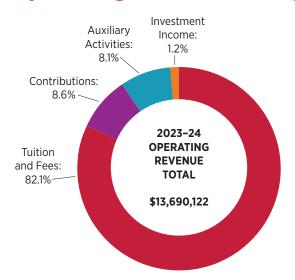
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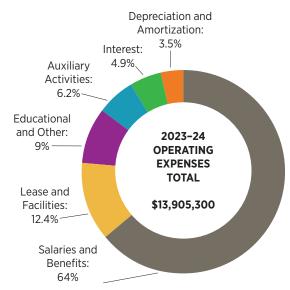
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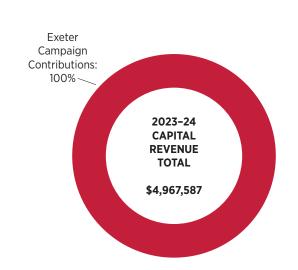
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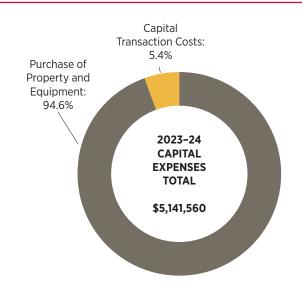
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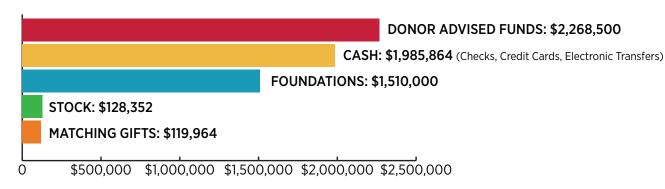


Capital Revenue & Expenses





Gifts by Type



LOOKING BACK: 2023-24 ANNUAL FUND FESTIVITIES

Annual Fund Kickoff

Cider, popcorn, and donuts, oh my! The Kingsley Community kicked off the 2023–24 Annual Fund in style in the Exeter Atrium, with pumpkins and fall flowers adorning both the Third and Fourth floors. Thanks to our hosts, Amy and Andrew Szczurowski for envisioning and bringing to life this Fall Fête!

















Donor Drinks

In December, Annual Fund donors were invited to cap the fall campaign at Donor Drinks—three festive house parties hosted by Kingsley families. Each unique celebration raised a toast to our community's generosity and our mutual commitment to a Kingsley education. Thanks to our hosts, Laura and Tait Nielsen, Kati and Richmond Holden, and Sara Schlegel and Roy Schoenberg.

KINGSLEY THURSDAY, GIVING DAY APRIL 4

1.2M \$

RACE TO THE FINISH

Giving Day: Race to the Finish!

Students sported temporary tattoos and red racing wristbands to celebrate Kingsley Giving Day, where the entire community came together to close out the Annual Fund. Gifts throughout the day entered families into fun challenges to win prizes, gift cards, and student experiences. We raised over \$200k for Kingsley and exceeded our goal of 200 gifts, including 30+ grandfriend gifts and 30+ gifts from alumni and students. It was a Giving Day for the record books!





Leadership Circles Celebration

Thank you, Leadership Circle members, for your 2023–24 contributions to the Annual Fund, Exeter, and other vital priorities! In appreciation for this generous investment, Head of School Steve Farley and the Kingsley Board of Trustees welcomed these friends for drinks and light bites overlooking Newbury Street. Special thanks to Ms. Shawnta, Comm 4 Lead Teacher and Faculty Advancement Advisor, for sharing how giving impacts the teacher experience, and to our hosts, Daisy Penney P'30 and The Penney + Gould Team for hosting us in Compass' refined, modern, light-filled setting, mere steps from Kingsley.







GOOD TO GREAT: PHILANTHROPY FUELS ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS INNOVATION

Thanks to ongoing philanthropic support, Kingsley's four-year partnership with Lesley University's Center for Mathematics Achievement is going strong, helping students and teachers become ever more confident, collaborative, and deeply engaged in mathematical thought and application.

Year One (2022–23): Setting the Stage

Lesley University partners came to campus to observe classes, interview teachers, and work with faculty to articulate our priorities and identify a new mathematics curriculum. We developed the mathematics scope and sequence for Grades 3–5 and produced Kingsley's first schoolwide Math Charter. We revised the mathematics benchmarks for Kindergarten through Grade 6 to set clear learning goals and ensure meaningful and consistent assessments. New benchmarks will aid smooth transitions between Kingsley divisions and, finally, into middle school.

Year Two (2023–24): New Methods and Practices

Grades 3–6 saw the rollout of Illustrative Mathematics (IM), a rigorous and inquiry-based curriculum that supports students in developing a deep conceptual understanding of math. For Grades 1–2, we outlined a plan for our faculty and coaches to develop Kingsley Math Albums and other tailored curriculum materials over the summer.

"We appreciate the enduring value of Dr. Montessori's approach, while recognizing that some elements of a comprehensive mathematics education fall outside of traditional Montessori math. Illustrative Mathematics is an ideal bridge between our foundational Montessori approach and the robust benchmarks we have affirmed for Kingsley students." –Shelby Strong, Elementary and Secondary Math Consultant at the Center for Mathematics Achievement

Year Three (2024–25): Program Expansion and Deepening

Grades 3–6 are in their second year of using the Illustrative Mathematics (IM) curriculum to great success. The impact of the new program is being assessed along the "Four C's" framework:

Communicate: Encouraging students to openly share ideas, questions, and solutions helps deepen their mathematical understanding.

Collaborate: Problem-solving together builds teamwork skills essential for real-world applications beyond the classroom.

Critical Thinking: Tackling challenging tasks fosters independence and hones problem-solving abilities.

Creativity: Exploring unique approaches and prioritizing sense-making over rote procedures develops adaptable thinkers.





- Everyone can learn math.
- . Struggling and making mistakes helps us grow.
- Asking questions, testing our ideas, and learning from others helps us understand math.
- We have different math ideas and can show them in different ways.
- We share our thinking so others can understand our work.
- . Understanding is more important than how fast you are.

"By integrating Montessori materials with the rigor and research of the Illustrative Mathematics curriculum, we support students in mastering both concrete mathematical concepts and advanced problem-solving skills. Tracking student progress in these areas allows us to refine our approach continually, ensuring that our students grow as confident, capable mathematicians prepared for future success."—Claire Harris, Director of Elementary Education

Year Three (continued):

New Grades 1-2 Kingsley Math Albums include information about child development, work samples, and detailed material and presentation instructions. Over the summer, two of Kingsley's Montessori-credentialed educators, Robbie Walton and Caelainn Costello, worked closely with Lesley University consultants to create a robust Grade 1 mathematics curriculum. The new curriculum integrates Montessori math, elements of IM, and other best practices in education. The current Grade 1 curriculum will be organically expanded upon in Grade 2 lessons. This natural melding will illuminate an authentic and robust Grade 2 curriculum, to be made explicit next year.

This school year, Kingsley Lower Elementary teachers and consultant Shelby Strong have worked together in coaching cycles. These dedicated times for co-planning and co-teaching allow teams to practice and assess a variety of teaching strategies and material uses. The Leslie coaches also provide invaluable professional development for teachers to further hone their skills and practices as math educators.

Looking Ahead

The four-year mathematics partnership will culminate in 2025-2026, with the full implementation of Illustrative Mathematics, and solidification of the Kingsley Math Program curricula and Grades K-6 math benchmarks. With three full years of coaching and teamwork under their belts, teachers will have gained expertise with the program, and the Class of 2026 will be the first Kingsley students to have used Illustrative Mathematics throughout their Upper Elementary cycle. Each successive grade will benefit from this four-year-long investment in a vibrant, engaging Kingsley Math Program that ignites our students' inherent love of learning and builds lifelong confidence in their ability to reason mathematically and solve complex problems.

Thank You, Partners and Collaborators

Generous support from Chris Olsen and Rob Small makes this project possible and we are truly grateful. Thank you to CMA consultant Shelby Strong and the many Kingsley educators who are designing and implementing this exciting work.







"The IM curriculum encourages students to find answers in a variety of ways and explore the methods of their peers. It encourages them to explain their reasoning and strategy in problem-solving, rather than simply producing an answer." –Caelainn Costello, Lower Elementary Teacher & Coaching Cycle Partner

2023-24 GIFTS OF TIME

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Grandfriends Day

On Friday, May 10, Kingsley once again opened its doors to grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, caregivers, and family friends, who visited students in their classrooms and got a peek into the Kingsley experience. This beloved annual tradition creates lasting family memories and gives grandfriends insight into our Montessori curriculum and environment.





Kindergarten Marathon

After Grandfriends Day, the entire community gathered along the Esplanade to cheer Kindergarteners in their symbolic "Marathon" dash towards First Grade and the joys of Kingsley's Elementary program.





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Elizabeth Sheffer-Winig and Anthony Winig In Honor of Alora Allard-Walsh '27 and Freya Allard-Walsh '31



DEPARTING TRUSTEES

All four departing trustees were motivated by a deep belief in Kingsley and a strong desire to be of service to the school. They helped lead the School during a dynamic era that included some of the most significant moments of the School's recent history. They guided us through the COVID-19 pandemic, our AISNE reaccreditation, the Exeter acquisition, our self-study, and the creation of the latest Strategic Plan. Their cumulative positive impact on Kingsley is tremendous, as is our appreciation for their courage, devotion, and constancy. We thank and celebrate these leaders and friends of the School.

Heather Carrillo

July 2014-June 2024, Treasurer July 2017-June 2024



As Board Treasurer, Heather was a key partner for our Chief Financial Officer and Head of School, asking vital questions and making sure we reviewed important practical considerations surrounding school finances. During the pandemic, she collaborated closely with the Chief Financial Officer to make sure that Kingsley went above and beyond to keep our community safe and healthy without sacrificing on academic and programmatic programs. She worked to ensure that Kingsley could establish a third campus and take every appropriate COVID precaution, while maintaining a strong financial foundation. As we explored the purchase of Exeter, she rigorously interrogated the underlying assumptions of the projections, and her approach helped make sure our plans were feasible and that we had a solid fiscal foundation.

Tara Jordan

July 2016-June 2024, Board Chair July 2020-June 2024



It is hard to overstate the impact of Tara Jordan's leadership at Kingsley. As an experienced educator, she brought to the Board a deep understanding of the nuances, complexities, and joys of delivering on our School's mission. Her insights and guidance proved invaluable to the Head of School, the Chief Advancement Officer, and other administrators. She was instrumental in the creation of the Strategic Plan and the early implementation of key elements thereof. As Board Chair during our initial exploration of the Exeter purchase and through the first phase of that fundraising campaign, Tara showed grit, determination, and unshakable faith in the Kingsley mission and purpose. Her optimism, always paired with realism, and her role as a tireless ambassador for Kingsley were pivotal factors in the ultimate success of the project. She was a highly collaborative Board Chair, who centered her leadership in our shared values and leaves a legacy of heart, humor, humility, and humanity.

Maria Pantazis

July 2015-June 2024



Maria, pictured with her family in an archival Kindergarten Graduation photo, brought an analytical, strategic, and forward-thinking approach to her work on the Board. As a member of the Committee on Trustees, Maria helped ensure that our governing body was populated by individuals with a broad range of skills, capacities, and perspectives. She is well known for hosting newly-admitted families and guiding their entrance to our school and, indeed, myriad Kingsley families credit Maria with helping them feel welcomed at Kingsley. As a Development Committee Co-Chair during a leadership transition in the Advancement office, Maria not only led strategy, but rolled up her sleeves to facilitate program implementation and volunteer oversight. She jointly led the development efforts during the record-setting 2020–21 Annual Fund campaign, using a highly personal approach that was her signature. Thanks to her efforts, we are a more stable, strong, and secure School.

Tedd Saunders

July 2014-June 2024



Tedd brought heart and sincerity to his work on the Board. He regularly hosted the Board in meeting spaces at the Lenox Hotel, and much important progress was made in those rooms. Tedd took the long view, leading with compassion and humanity as core drivers of progress. Tedd's guidance was informed by his deep understanding of the Back Bay neighborhood and community culture. Tedd's kindness, insights, and empathy aligned his Board work with core Kingsley values and made him a beloved ambassador for the School.

Pete Zetlan

21 Years at Kingsley



After a 21-year career at Kingsley, Pete Zetlan, Director of Early Childhood and Montessori Education, departed Kingsley to become Head of School at Cornerstone Montessori School in New Hampshire. During his 16 years as a Lead Teacher in the Lower Elementary classroom, three years as a Curriculum Coordinator, and six years as an Education Director in both the Lower Elementary and Early Childhood divisions, Pete's service to Kingsley was anchored by an unwavering dedication to centering children in his work, supporting and mentoring colleagues, and partnering with families through celebrations and challenges. While Pete's steady, warm, and kind presence will be deeply missed, his impact will always be felt at Kingsley, and our gratitude is likewise lasting.

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GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024

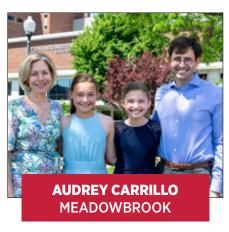
Congratulations to the Kingsley Class of 2024. We wish you all the best at your Next Schools and in your future endeavors. Once a Lion, always a Lion—so, stay in touch!

Thank you to our graduation ceremony musicians: alumni Alex Magadan '16, violin, and Akira Lonske '17, piano, and student Bryn O'Rourke '26, piano.















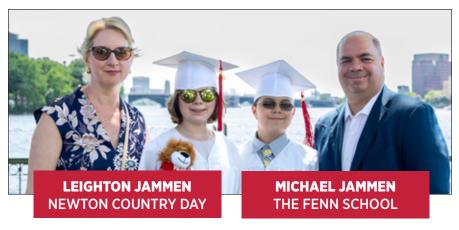










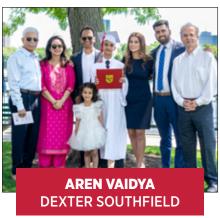














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ALUMNI PANEL: THE KINGSLEY EFFECT

In November 2023, Kingsley students and families gathered in the Exeter Community Space to hear from a panel of recent graduates about the effect Kingsley has had on their lives. Alumni from the Classes of 2019–2023 shared highlights of their Upper Elementary experience and how Kingsley uniquely prepared them to thrive academically, personally, and socially in their next schools and beyond. It was especially meaningful for our Sixth Grade students to glean insights about the application process and the transition to middle school life. Thank you to our alumni panelists Maddy Blatt, Ryan Chang-Wu, Lincoln Hyatt, and Vera Zatlyn-Weiner.



















ALUMNI REUNION

In May, Sixth Grade students and Kingsley alumni in middle and high school returned to campus for another high-energy Alumni Reunion. Attendees played ping pong and foosball in the Community Space, pored over old Kingsley Red Books, and enjoyed pizza with friends and former teachers. They were thrilled to tour their Fairfield and Exeter classrooms, where they gasped over the "tiny" student chairs, left notes for teachers and younger friends, and reminisced about their Kingsley years.



















KINGSLEY ALUMNI

ALUMNI FEATURE

Coming Full Circle: Caroline Humphrey Clifford '99, P'34

For Kingsley alumna Caroline Humphrey Clifford '99, enrolling her older daughter, Charlotte, in Kingsley's Toddler program this fall was a full circle experience. Her time at Kingsley "was integral to the magic of being a child," and she sees the School's impact in all areas of her life—personally, academically, socially, and in her family ties. When it came time to consider preschools for Charlotte, "I didn't look anywhere else."

Caroline was a member of the first graduating class to experience the full Kingsley Montessori School journey from Preschool through Sixth Grade.* She says, "The freedom to approach my education, and the trust that I and all students received from the teachers, was hugely impactful in my development." After Kingsley, Caroline attended the Brimmer and



Caroline with her husband, Christian, daughter Charlotte '34, and the newest member of the family, Camille. Photo by Samantha Yanofsky

May School for middle and high school. She earned her B.A. in Philosophy and English from Georgetown University, and her J.D. at Suffolk University Law School with a concentration in trial and appellate advocacy. After nearly six years as an Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, today she is Vice-President & Counsel at Zakim Strategies, where she leads the internal investigations, criminal justice, and security practice.

As an alumna, Caroline stayed involved with the School, even returning to give the Kingsley graduation speech before leaving Boston for college. More recently, during the School's 85th anniversary year, Caroline, along with her brotherin-law, Bryan Flynn P'31, helped launch a new and growing effort to reconnect with and re-engage Kinglsey alumni, aimed at better understanding the many paths our former students take, and celebrating their unique post-Kingsley journeys. This is a fitting role for Caroline, who is still in touch with multiple Kingsley classmates, especially her lifelong best friend, AlexaRae Wright, with whom she attended Kingsley from start to finish. They attended law school together and worked side by side in the DA's office, AlexaRae, too, has prioritized a Montessori education for her own children.

Caroline's transformative Kingsley experience inspired her family's efforts to sustain and strengthen the School. For many years after she had graduated, her late father—education entrepreneur, business leader, and nonprofit champion John Humphrey—provided significant strategic support for Kingsley leaders. Long before Caroline's sister, Joanna Humphrey Flynn P '31, enrolled her own two children at Kingsley, Joanna volunteered her marketing and PR skills to help articulate the School's unique educational model following its transition to Montessori.



Caroline (front row, second from the left), in an undated photo from her Kingsley days

More recently, Caroline and Joanna's mother, Pamela Humphrey, played a key role in encouraging, shaping, and completing the School's philanthropic campaign to purchase 26 Exeter Street.

Coincidentally, or perhaps not so coincidentally, Caroline's husband, Christian, whom she met in law school, also attended a Montessori school and shares her belief in its principles and practices. For Caroline, "My curiosity for learning was created in Montessori," and, thus far, the same has been true for her daughter, Charlotte. Caroline observes that, "Her independent personality is the right match for a Montessori education. I have noticed a huge difference in her ability to listen and follow directions at home. It has been wonderful for her social and emotional development."

For more than three decades, the Humphrey family has witnessed the power of a Kingsley education, and has been moved to be involved in supporting and sustaining the School. Indeed, touring Fairfield last year during Charlotte's application process was a poignant experience for Caroline, reinforcing the unique role that Kingsley has played in her life and the lives of family and friends, and affirming her decision to enroll her own daughter here. "When I walked down the stairs to the Toddler classrooms, touching the turtle and the owl on the stairs brought back a rush of happy memories of my time there."

^{*}Founded as The Kingsley School in 1938, Kingsley began implementing the Montessori model in the mid-1980s and, in 1989, fully embraced the method and changed its formal name accordingly.

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ALUMNI FEATURE

A Foundation of Creativity and Care: Libby Cobb O'Regan (1986–1989)

"Kingsley Montessori provided me with the foundational skills that I needed to be successful in my later academics and in my professional career, most notably the ability to plan, organize, and be a creative thinker and problem solver. I vividly remember the classrooms as a warm environment where we were encouraged to express ourselves freely. I can recall my teachers' names with ease and know the impact they had on my writing, specifically. I truly feel grateful to have had this educational experience during my early years."

Libby Cobb O'Regan is the founder of a marketing and public relations firm in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina where she focuses on nonprofit event



Libby Cobb O'Regan and her family today

marketing and fundraising. She is also the founder of The Celebration Projects, a nonprofit organization which provides birthday parties for children whose families are experiencing financial, physical, or mental hardship. She was previously Vice President of Brand Strategy & Creative for HC Brands, a Jacksonville, Florida-based e-commerce company. Libby is a graduate of the University of Michigan and earned a B.A. in Communication Studies and a B.F.A. in Printmaking, Fine Arts. She lives in Hilton Head Island with her husband, Mick, and their four children, ages 15, 14, 12, and 12.



c. 1987: Libby Cobb O'Regan (back row, far right) with classmates, including Elizabeth Fitzpatrick and Nicole Ciccone, next to Libby, and Chris Bennett, directly in front of her)

Libby's mother, Cynthia "Cynny" Evanisko played an important role in supporting the integration of Montessori into the Kingsley School. In his written reflections on the first 50 years of the Kingsley School, Lowell Kingsley recognized Cynny's contributions as a member of the Mission Committee, whose work "to further the integration of Montessori Preschool and Kingsley elementary grades" was essential to the establishment of Kingsley Montessori School.

ALUMNI FEATURE

From Kingsley to the Corporate World: Adam Vartikar '03

"For me, Kingsley was not simply a supportive environment to learn and grow, it was a repositioning of my relationship to education and social interactions. I came to Kingsley in the Fifth Grade from a "normal" school where teachers were disciplinarians and students were left to create their own hierarchies. In that environment, I gradually lost my sense of agency and resigned myself to a survival mindset.

At Kingsley, the respectful and loving posture of teachers and administrators to students, the beautiful learning spaces, and the self-directed approach to achievement gave me a new lease on childhood and, in turn, my life. Kingsley changed the way I saw my classmates and, over time, I came out of my cave and began to see every day as a new opportunity, rather than a slog.

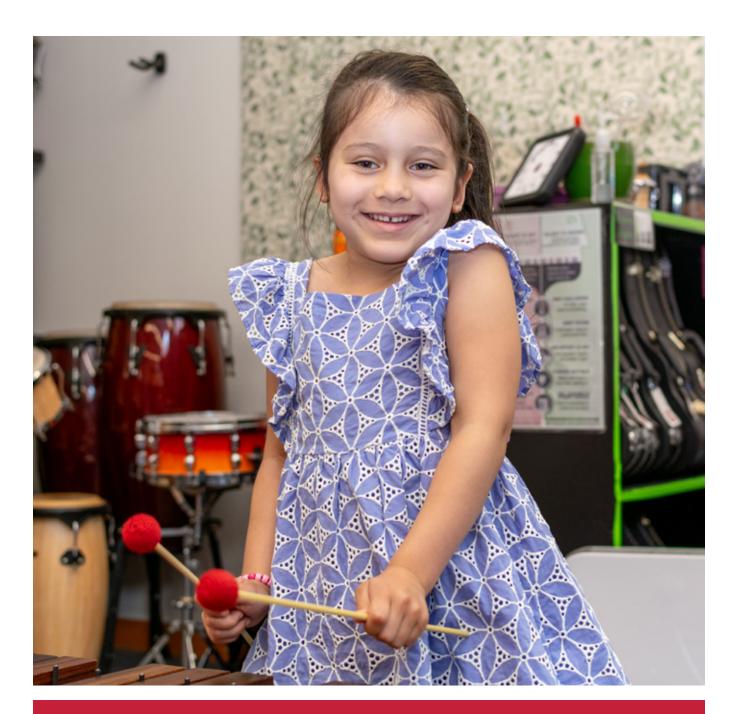
From the archives: Adam and his dad in the former Upper Elementary classroom in Fairfield—now known as the Movement Room!

After college I committed to a life as an entrepreneur, where, once again, I get to see every day as an opportunity—and, once again, I feel the impact of my time at Kingsley. A friend summed up my approach to leadership by saying, 'It seems like you try to make every company you run as much like a Montessori school as possible.' Indeed, I've found that the closer I can keep my team's culture tracking to my experience at Kingsley, the more successful we become. It turns out that the educational and social values that make Kingsley special are the same principles that drive camaraderie and innovation in all walks of life, especially the corporate world."



Adam Vartikar today

Adam Vartikar is the Vice President of Patient Access at Med-Metrix, where he manages patient-facing, financial clearance, and pre-visit services. Previously, Adam co-founded and served as the CEO of PatientPal, founded and chaired the advocacy group Working Wealth, and was vice president of operations and patient experience at Longwood MRI Specialists, PC. After graduating from Kingsley, Adam attended the Buckingham Browne & Nichols School before earning his Bachelor of the Arts degree in Government from Harvard University.





A Kingsley Anthem

Throughout our 85th Anniversary school year, Kingsley Sixth Grade students Maya and Lucy worked with Diana (Gamet) Galanakis to write our new school song, "At Kingsley." In April, Kingsley alumni parent Perry Geyer (Kyla '16 and Sienna '19) welcomed Maya, Lucy, and members of the Kingsley Band to his Cybersound Recording Studios for a professional recording of the song. We are delighted that "At Kingsley" will ring through our hallways for generations to come. Thank you, Maya, Lucy, and Ms. Galanakis! "It was a pretty amazing experience to share with my best friend, and an awesome opportunity to work with one of my favorite teachers. It was also an eye-opening experience, because I learned how much hard work and creativity it takes to make a song!" –Maya

GIVING BY THE NUMBERS

100%

All of Kingsley's students benefit from philanthropic giving \$6,012,680

Total philanthropy in 2023–24

2023-24 ANNUAL FUND

397

Total number of donors

\$1,090,293

Total contributions to the Annual Fund

\$5,304

Average family gift

100%

Board of Trustees participation

100%

Development Committee participation

97%

Faculty & Staff participation

93%

Parent participation

EXETER CAMPAIGN

March 2023-January 2024*

138

Total number of gifts to the Exeter Campaign \$4,969,888

Total contributions to the Exeter Campaign

^{*}This campaign spanned two fiscal years, 2022-23 and 2023-24.

