

THEY GIVE FROM THE ... and They Give of Their Time Too

Introducing the 2015-2016 Annual Fund Committee:



From left to right: Jing Wang (Aaron 4W, Dillon 1W); Rielly Vlassis (Mira 2W, Rory 1W); Natasha Kazmi (Rumi Hasan 4Eam, Laila Hasan 3Wam); Kerryann Benjamin (Sydney 4Eam); Wendy Heilbut (Jackson 4W, Leighton Garden); Caroline Russo (Graydon Visceglia 4W); Yi Zhang (Aaron Wang 4W, Dillon Wang 1W). Not pictured: Myles Amend (Ashley Amend-Thomas '11).

The Annual Fund Committee is formed of current and alumni parents and has the following objectives:

TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ANNUAL FUND:

- Is there a minimum contribution amount required for the Annual Fund? (*Of course not – anything is welcome!*)
- What about my contribution at the WSMS Auction or the Fall Festival last year? Doesn't that count toward the Annual Fund? (*Unfortunately, no. The Auction is held each year to exclusively benefit the school's Financial Aid program. The Fall Festival is a community-building endeavor—we are proud to call it a friend-raiser and not a fund-raiser—and barely breaks even after costs.*)
- Answers to other commonly asked questions can be found at wsmsnyc.org/giving/annualfund. You may also send a query privately to annualfund@wsmsnyc.org.

TO TELL THE COMMUNITY HOW ANNUAL FUND PROCEEDS ARE USED:

- Professional development opportunities for faculty through our Visiting Scholar Program and attendance at professional meetings
- \$10,000 of books purchased annually
- See timeline (at right) for other projects supported by the Annual Fund

TO ENCOURAGE EVERY WSMS CURRENT (AND ALUMNI) PARENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAUSE:

- As you know, 100% participation by the entire WSMS community is a key goal of the Annual Fund. We have often been asked why that is. The answer is simple: **the sum is bigger than the parts**. WSMS trustees and faculty are unanimous in their support!
- Our hope is that every family in the WSMS community will **"GIVE WHAT YOU CAN, GIVE FROM THE ♥."** Help WSMS continue to provide an exceptional beginning for its current and future students!



Parents' Room/
Library Renovation

New
Rooftop
Snug-Play
Equipment



Visual Thinking Strategies
to develop thinking skills
by discussing artworks

2011

2012



Collaboration with a nutritionist to create healthy snack and meal options

State of the art gym equipment installed

Partnership with the Center for Emotionally Responsive Practice at Bank Street College of Education



Comprehensive gym renovation!



Launched Kindness Curriculum



Guitar lessons for faculty to enhance music in the curriculum

Great Beginnings

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