



1800 S. 2nd Street West
Missoula, MT 59801



CLASS OF 2021

Our Mission is to provide a challenging, progressive curriculum in a nurturing environment, so that students can become confident, enthusiastic learners and caring participants in their local and global communities.

OUR VALUES:

Critical Thinking: At Sussex we develop good judgement by asking questions.

Creativity: At Sussex we incubate fresh thinking.

Courage: At Sussex we encourage students to discover their best selves by taking risks.

Citizenship: At Sussex we build leaders and changemakers.



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

121
STUDENTS

\$142K
RAISED FOR THE ANNUAL FUND

\$113K
GIVEN IN DESIGNATED GIFTS

\$194K
AWARDED IN ASSISTANCE
AND SCHOLARSHIPS

30%
OF FAMILIES RECEIVED
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



Jordie Bornstein
Boyce Lumber Co., Inc.
Boyle, Deveny & Meyer, PC.
John Brady
Daphne and Michael Braun
Valerie and Robert Brindley
Nancy Brockman
MaryEllen Campbell
and Dennis O'Donnell
Jill and Tim Carmody
Jeffrey Chandor
Suzanne and William Chapman
Robin and Nick Checota
Nic Cole, NC Design
Anna Conley and Scott Shefflo
Minde Connelly
Ira Coulston
Marsha Crowell
D A Davidson & Co
Nathan Davidson
Bethany Davidson-Widby
and William Widby
Michael and Joyce Dege
Steven Dente
Michelle Dietrich
Neal DuBois
Chris Edgar
Jeanne Ensign
Jerry Fetz
Mary Joe Finke
First Security Bank
Jonathan Franchell
Laura and Chuck Fricke
Robyn and Will Gaddy
Goodrich & Reely, PLLC
Weber Greiser
and Mary Langenderfer
Carol and Glenn Hall
Linda and Steve Hampton
Gloria Handel
Julie Healy
Rosemary and Ron Henderson
Lisa and Paul Hendricks
David Hubbard
Mary Ann and John Hurley

Melanie and Robert Jeffs
Ben Jimenez
and Kelsey Stamm-Jimenez
Clara and Ryan Johnson
Tracy Jones
Tina Karlsson and Peter Benson
Finn Kelly
Kenworthy Orthodontics
Shane Kesterke, Powder Hounds
Georgia Kightlinger
Margaret Kingsland and John Fletcher
Ron Liszak and Martha Kimmich
Beth and Paul Loehnen
Helena Maclay and John Larson
Ann Makich
Eloisa Marques
Cale and Katie Marthens
MaryAnn and Leonard Masiowski
Dolan McDonald
Emily and David McMeekin
John Menson
Montana Snowbowl
Paula and Peter Mulbarger
Oasis Hotspring Spa & Sauna
Office Solutions & Services
Sam and Lili Panarella
Jayme and Brandon Parker
Denise Parker
Merion and Susan Pelham
Sarah Pohl and Ethan Smith
Richard Pohl
Marcelo and Susana Puiggari
Michelle and David Rechtman
Chloe Redmond Warner
Michael Reid
Iberdrola Renewables
J. Anne and Joe Roberts
Lisa Sun and Tiff Roberts
Martha Roberts
Roemer's point S
Catherine and Robert Ross
Janet and Jerry Schoendorf
Scotty's Table
Dr. Seldin and Ms. Witham
Nancy Seldin

Selman Property Management
Marc and Madelyn Semanoff
Amy Sennett Starner
Joellen Shannon and Bobby Grillo
James and Sarah Shannon
Shelter Designs, LLC
Gene Simon
Theresa Smith
Joni Stormo
DeeDee and John Sund
Sandi Tarr
Callum Taylor
Cassie Taylor
Thomas Plumbing & Heating
Gray and Eloise Thompson
Holly Truitt and Reed Mandelko
Sam Wallace
Jessica Weltman and Matt Semanoff
Leslie Wetherbee
WGM Group
Dorothy and John Whiston
Frank Wiley
Charley Wilkerson and Greg Hume
Elizabeth and Jason Williams
Hilary Wood and Joe Jensen
Worden Thane Attorneys at Law
Robert Young
Laurie Yung and John Adams

"My children would attend school on the weekends if they had a choice. Phenomenal teachers, leadership, and administration; a challenging classroom curriculum; incredible arts and outdoor programs; this progressive school is complete with a mission and core values that we should ALL abide by."

- Emily McMeekin,
Parent of 1st and 4th grade students

THE ANNUAL FUND & DESIGNATED GIFTS

HALLMARK
MILESTONE: 50

Generosity creates the capacity for an
incredible educational experience.

\$5,000 AND UP

Tracy McDonald
Merlin Foundation
Joni and Loren Stormo
Diane and John Vidalakis
Sarah Virello and Eric Boisvert
Jessica and Brandt Welborn
Lisa and Dave Whitcomb
Bente and Don Winston

\$1,000-\$4,999

Ange and Matt Anderson
Confluence Construction LLC
Marcia and Ron Conway
Nicole and Matthew Dente
Amy Duerk
Edward Jones
Gayle Gellerstedt & William Funk
Good Food Store
Brittany and Cody Harris
Sharon and William Harris
Schuyler Heath
Shannon Hilliard and Dave Craig
Jen Hurley and Nick Kujawa
Ink Realty Group
Katie James and Mark Lucas
Meri and Tom Kulina
Barbara and Larry Leffingwell
Diana and Rick Nash
Nathan P. Jacobs Foundation
Lennie and Jim Shannon
Julie and Andrew Tegeder
Uncle Larry's Fund
Leigha and Eli Weinberg
Esther and Joel Weltman
Whitewater Rescue Institute Inc
Francisca Winston and Karlton Gross
Frederick and Eleanor Winston
Tor and Linda Winston
Winterer Family Foundation

\$500-\$999

Alpine Veterinary Care PC
Anderson Integrated Medicine
Anonymous
Jen and Matt Baldassin
Hallie and Walter Banziger
Sabine and David Bauer
Marcy and Phil Bornstein
Lana Chmeleva and Stephen Parnell
Christy and Morgan Deskins
Nicole Finke and Matt Lubaroff
John Griffing
Barbara Grillo
Stephen Guerreri
Sarah Schram
Uma and Marshall Healy
Liz and Greg Henderson
Nancy and Kempton Hicks
Martha and David Lubaroff
Becky and Charlie McMeekin
Andy and Amanda Miller
Charles Miller
Original Works
PayneWest
Molly Shannon
Kimley Cox Svendsen

\$100-\$499

Roula Agne
AmazonSmile Foundation
Judy and Clarence Anderson
Dr. R. Clifton Bailey
Linda Bailey and David Bixby
Bank of America
Rochelle and William Baldassin
Coco and Will Ballew
Betty and Bruce Bell
Mary Bergstrom and Jonathan Chajet
Kelsyn Bevins
Susan and Bill Boehner

Dear Sussex School Supporter,

As we reflect on 50 years of progressive education in Missoula MT, we have supporters like you to thank for our numerous successes and accomplishments. Most recently your contributions have helped us face a global pandemic as well as numerous other challenges and opportunities.

We have learned so much in five decades of educating students, including the power of community; the importance of in-person, relationship-based education; and the significance of a strong, unified staff to meet the challenges of our school—to name a few. Although much has changed since 1971, we have remained true to our progressive roots of honoring student voice and choice, integrating the arts and outdoors into our curriculum, and providing whole-child education to our students so they may become strong learners and good people. Our unique, homegrown, cooperative school, where parents used to teach, clean classrooms, and write policy, has grown into a successful K-8th grade independent school with 121 students, 21 staff, a 3.5 acre campus, and over 400 graduates. For this we are grateful.

At Sussex, we believe that in a nurturing school environment—one that is rooted in trust and compassion—students can become engaged, thoughtful citizens who are conduits for positive change. To this end, we foster an educational community that encourages open discourse, embraces authenticity, and promotes active citizenship, critical thinking, courage, and creativity. Our aim is for students to take these traits into their communities both near and far. Thank you for your support in realizing this vision. Because of your contributions, we are poised for another successful 50 years.

With gratitude,



Joellen Shannon
Interim Head of School

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020-2021

Leigh Griffing: *President*
Sheena Winterer: *Vice President*
Tracy McDonald: *Treasurer*
Ange Anderson: *Secretary*
Ben Jimenez: *Alumni Liaison*
Bente Winston: *Founder of Sussex School*

Jodi Kulina: *Teacher Representative*
Kris Laroche: *Teacher Representative*

Matt Dente: *Member-at-Large*
Ali Kelly: *Member-at-Large*
Matt Semanoff: *Member-at-Large*
Nick Kujawa: *Member-at-Large*
George Laufenberg: *Member-at-Large*
Matt Semanoff: *Member-at-Large*
Coby Stone: *Member-at-Large*

Jayne Kulina: *Student Representative*
Lovis Tegeder: *Student Representative*

SUSSEX FINANCIALS

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

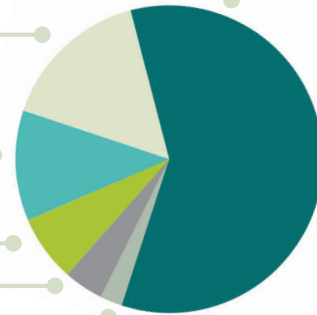


INCOME

- 69% Tuition and Fees
- 12% Other Income
- 7.5% Donations Unrestricted
- 6.5% Donations Restricted
- 3% Investment Income
- 2% In-Kind Donations

EXPENSES

- 62.5% Educational Programming
- 17% Administration and Development
- 12.5% Facilities
- 4.5% Investment and Bank Expenses
- 2.5% In-Kind Donations
- 1% Other Expenses



ASSETS

Cash Accounts	\$ 686,585
Endowments	\$ 1,018,833
Property & Equipment	\$ 2,391,170

Total \$ 4,096,588

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Payables	\$ 13,090
Temp Restricted Donations	\$ 55,435
Enrollment Deposits	\$ 97,649
Long Term Debt	\$ 252,522
Equity/Net Assets	\$ 3,677,892

Total \$ 4,096,588

Gifts to the Sussex endowment have far reaching impacts on the financial health of the school. A percentage of the income generated from these investments is awarded in the form of educational grants to our staff and parents every year. The 2020-2021 awards are indicated below:

Bente Winston Alumni Scholarship Fund

Provided tuition assistance to three alumni families.

Don and Bente Winston Endowment for Mathematics Education

Funded a set of sixteen graphing calculators for the middle school math program.

Elizabeth Winston Endowment Fund for Music Education

Funded equipment, assistance, production rights, costumes, set design, and instrument repair for the music and drama programs.

Elizabeth Winston Memorial Endowment Fund for Art Education

Funded art materials and equipment to support art education.

Hank and Nancy Harrington Memorial Endowment Fund

Funded Fountas and Pinnell Curriculum, Kindergarten Collection.

Lauranita Hill Memorial Fund for Language Arts Education

Funded participation in Battle of the Books.

Sussex Endowment for Professional Development

- Funded Janaina Vieira-Marques to attend a Visual Thinking Strategy Certification training in Tacoma, Washington.
- Partially funded Betsy Craske to participate in a Montana Wilderness School partnership in Bozeman, Montana.
- Funded Betsy Craske and Josh Davis to develop curriculum for a Virtual Jr High program.
- Provided funding for Daniel Fleming to attend the American Mountain Guides Association Single Pitch Instructor Certification.

Theodora Melone Fund for Natural Science and Outdoor Education

- Partially funded a regional Science Fair entry fee for 15 students.
- Funded Outdoor Program gear.

Jeremiah K. Thompson Memorial Fund

Funded the purchase of Outdoor Program gear.

