



## ENFIELD MONTESSORI SCHOOL SINCE 1965

November 28, 2011

Dear Friends,

Planning for the 2012 EMS Auction is well under way, and we anticipate a highly successful and entertaining evening. As you may know, this auction has served a critical role in the life of EMS by bringing committed, generous people together to raise funds for our very special school. **Through the generosity and tireless efforts of so many EMS parents of the last five years, the spring auction has raised nearly \$200,000, a crucial sum which has helped to bridge the gap between tuition revenue and actual operating costs.** Furthermore, the auction has also raised funds for very specific projects which have included furniture upgrades, classroom computers, a children's garden, and most recently, playground enhancements.

The auction is always an exciting event, and I invite you to join me in full support of and attendance at this terrific party. **On Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the doors to the silent auction will open at 6 PM, followed shortly by dinner, the raffle, and the live auction.** Please bring family and friends for what will be a great night of food, bidding, and fun.

Enclosed is what I hope you will find helpful information as you plan your contributions to and participation in the auction. **The four important attachments include:**

1. a list of family expectations, volunteering opportunities, and auction gift ideas
2. a donation form which all EMS families must complete and return by January 10, 2011
3. a program advertising form for those interested in purchasing a printed ad in the back of the auction program
4. the outside solicitation form for those people soliciting goods and/or services from local businesses.

Please take a look at the information provided here and let me know how you would like to help. You can reach me at 860-712-1906 or [eriegel@me.com](mailto:eriegel@me.com). We are still welcoming parent volunteers in a number of areas. I look forward to working with you in the coming months!

Sincerely,

Elise Riegel  
*Parent of Vivian (Junior 2), Charlie(K)*