Dear,

We were excited to begin our 52nd school year! This year, our school-wide theme is *Bringing the CDS Curriculum Outside*, and we look forward to seeing the children learn, grow, and explore both inside the classroom and on our expansive grounds. CDS is rooted in the tradition of providing the highest quality education and to making each child’s experience a solid foundation for many years of school success and achievement. Our highly educated teachers nurture, encourage and inspire our students through rich curriculum including classes with specialists in music, science, library, Spanish and STEAM. Each child receives a personalized evaluation, individual attention, and each family benefits from our experienced educational specialists and dedicated administrators.

One imperative way that members of our community can support the mission of CDS is with a donation to our Annual Fund. These essential gifts supplement the operating costs of the school. Your altruism helps to enhance and enrich our children’s education, keep faculty salaries and benefits competitive, and provide our teachers with professional development opportunities. As we begin a new year, we give thanks to the families who have so generously contributed to our Annual Fund in previous years, and we ask all our families to please consider a tax-deductible gift to CDS before December 31. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or to donate to the Country Day School Annual Fund online go to [https://countryday.ejoinme.org/myevents/annualfund](https://countryday.ejoinme.org/myevents/annualfund).

Our donors will be recognized in our yearbook to thank them for their generous donation. Classes with 80 percent participation will earn a Popsicle party. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference. For instance, grant making institutions often look at applicants’ participation rates when deciding whether or not to support the institution. Please refer to the enclosure for more information about the levels and methods of giving. Some members of our community make gifts through foundations or an employer matching gift.

Together we can deepen the preschool and kindergarten experience for all of our children. If you have any questions about your support, please do not hesitate to contact me at dduinne@countryday.org or 703-356-4282. We are deeply grateful for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Dunne
Head of School

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