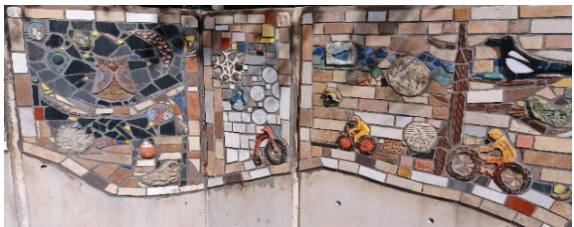


MaLaren life is *engaged* life — mind and body, hands and heart, time, and talent — fully awake and alive to truth, beauty and goodness.

Encouraging Engagement with Communication

Check out our updated website at www.MaLarenschool.org It has a clean new look, and it's filled with information that will help you engage with the school and your grandchild(ren). We suggest browsing through the following sections in particular:

- Under the Community tab, you will find a special GrandPartners page where you can learn about events and volunteer opportunities and find back issues of the *GrandPartners Gazette*.
- On the About Us tab under FAQ, you'll find new videos telling the MaLaren story. These will help you learn more about what makes MaLaren such a special place, and you can share them with family and friends or just enjoy trying to catch a glimpse of your grandchild.
- Navigate to Community and then MaLaren Life, where you will find archived articles about unique aspects of MaLaren culture. These might provide a great starting point for a conversation about what your grandchild loves about school.
- Click on Calendar for information on dates and times for school events, athletic games, and more.
- Finally, scroll to the very bottom of the home page and click on The MaLaren Library. This new feature contains posts written by Thomas MaLaren faculty and staff. If there are babies or toddlers or beginning readers in your life, you might start with The Great Conversation: Mother Goose, which extols the value of nursery rhymes.



Engaging all the Senses This bare concrete wall, pictured top left, is going to be transformed into a work of art. The MaLaren Sustainability Committee, together with Concrete Couch, is planning a mural mosaic to delight students, teachers, parents, and friends of the school. The background will be upcycled tile. Adorning it will be 101 storytiles, each one based on an element of the MaLaren curriculum — a snail, a medieval castle, a pendulum, to name three — and each one crafted by a MaLaren student. A sample of a Concrete Couch mural mosaic is pictured bottom left. Your engagement can help bring this beauty to life. Stay tuned for ways you can help by: sponsoring a tile, giving a contribution toward the purchase of the background tiles, or joining in the volunteer days when the mural is created and installed. Navigate to the Community tab on the MaLaren website and then MaLaren Mosaic 2024 to learn more about this project and track our progress.

Engaged as GrandPartners

Meet Marilyn Mahar, GrandPartner Superstar who volunteers in the lunchroom and serves by organizing uniforms for the used uniform sale. She brings a smile and a kind word to every student she helps and she lightens the load of our staff and faculty. Thanks, Marilyn!



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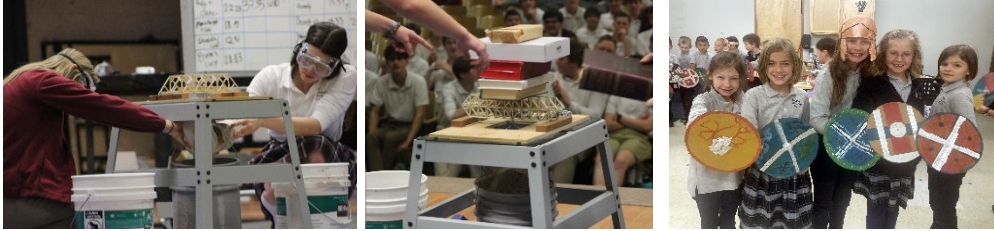
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Hands-on Engagement January brings Project Week, when the MaClaren auditorium is filled with seniors and their carefully constructed balsa wood bridges. Students work in pairs, employing what they are learning in math and physics to design and construct weight-bearing structures. Once the bridges are complete, the students gather as each team piles increasing weight on their bridge. How much weight can it hold? When will it collapse? If you have a senior in your life, be sure to ask about this experience, and be prepared to be impressed by the skill and knowledge involved. The Lower School delighted in their own Project Days. Below, see some Vikings-for-a-Day from Mrs. Valentine's third-grade class bearing their Project Week handmade shields. Fortunately, testing the shields' strength and resistance is not part of the Lower School curriculum!



Engaged in Sports Winter is hoops season, and the Highlanders are coming out strong! High school girls have won seven of their first 10 games, the best initial showing in the team's history. Watch for them in post-season play. High school boys 282 are currently ranked in the top 20 of Colorado 3A teams. Watch for them to score a playoff spot. Middle school girls' season has just started, and they are hoping to be in the running for a championship win. Boys' middle school basketballers had a great season, finishing only one win away from the playoffs. Come to the gym and watch a game in person. Go Highlanders!



Engaged as Fans Students, families, teachers, and GrandPartners have been packing the stands all year to cheer on their student-athletes in all the Highlander sports. Now you can wear your Highlander pride and show your support for our teams and our players just like this proud GrandPartner! A portion of the spirit wear proceeds goes directly to the athletic department to upgrade and enhance our gym. Highlander short sleeve and long sleeve tees and sweatshirt hoodies are available right now at www.merchtoolbox.com/thomasmaclaren

Upcoming Engagements

GrandPartners are always invited!

Junior Drama Performances:

I: *Lady Windermere's Fan*
March 4 & 5

II: *An Ideal Husband*
March 7 & 8

Both plays by Oscar Wilde.
All performances are at 6:30 p.m. at the MaClaren Auditorium

MaClaren String Quartet

Friday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.
The Warehouse

RSVP: www.maclarenschool.org/community/mac_laren_string_quartet

2nd Annual GrandPartners Bingo
Wednesday, April 10, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Play bingo with your grandchildren!
Refreshment, prizes, & more!

RSVP: www.maclarenschool.org/community/grandpartners

Save the Date:

Spring Fine Arts Night

Friday, May 1, 6:30 p.m.
Pikes Peak Center

Questions? Contact Joy Oram at
719-313-4488 x107

joram@maclarenschool.org

Engage at MaClaren

Calling all GrandPartners to volunteer at MaClaren!
We need you! Your grandchild will be thrilled to see you on campus.

There are many in-class opportunities to assist in kindergarten through fifth grade such as reading groups, recess, art, and more. Upper School needs volunteers for Tutorial and athletic events. Please fill out a volunteer application on our website at:

www.maclarenschool.org/parents/volunteer_information

Or, call Joy Oram for more info!