City School District of Albany

Celebrating the important role of parents in student achievement

Cinzia Cera
Montessori Magnet School

Cinzia has been involved in the Montessori Magnet School community for many years as a co-president and treasurer of the Montessori Community Council. She spearheaded two important efforts in recent years: The Chess Club of the Montessori Mavericks and the weekly newsletter. The one connects kids from kindergarten to grade 5 in an after-school setting with a game of strategy that allows them to explore both intellectual and social spheres of life. The other connects all members of the school to each other and to the many events at Montessori – many of which Cinzia has helped to coordinate and volunteer at. Cinzia gets things done because they need to be done, and she doesn't let obstacles stop her. Even as she does so much for the school, she takes her four kids to various events including basketball, soccer and scouting. To be a truly good parent, I think you need to take care of yourself, too, and so Cinzia works part-time in her field as a Ph.D. in Chemistry, and participates in chorus, among other things. She is an asset to her family, to Montessori and to the Albany community.

"My four children have attended Montessori Magnet School. Driven by the desire to share their school experience, I became involved with some school activities and met wonderful people. Principal, teachers, staff, other parents and students make you really feel part of a welcoming community where children can learn and flourish. It is an honor and a lot of fun to be part of the team."

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