

Welcome back, GrandPartners — Our community is growing, our culture is healthy, and our traditions anchor us. Read on about good things happening at MacLaren.

The MacLaren Community Grows

The aspen leaves are turning, and MacLaren welcomed over 950 students to its K-12 campus this fall, including four classes of kindergarteners. These youngest students especially bring joy, such as one who found ants in his backpack and stopped by the front desk to learn if ants can wriggle through zippers. First grade classrooms are full of students forming friendships and showing off loose and newly lost teeth. Find out what books your grandchild is reading and read along.



From the MacLaren Community into the World

Fifty-one seniors graduated in May 2023. Valedictorian Moira McGuire explained how an ancient Greek poet had become the guide for her as a 21st century student when he wrote, *"Between us and Goodness the gods have placed the sweat of our brows; long and steep is the path that leads there, and it is rough at first; but when one has reached the top, goodness is easy, although before it was hard."* Congratulations, Class of 2023, on reaching the top of this long and steep climb!



Tradition Builds Community

In honor of reaching their final year, incoming MacLaren twelfth graders gathered on the first day of school for Senior Sunrise at dawn in the Garden of the Gods. If you have a high school grandchild, ask him or her to share with you what MacLaren students are learning and how they are taught. You'll understand better what an accomplishment it is to graduate with a MacLaren diploma.



GrandPartners Help Build Community

Thank you for your support! GrandPartners contributed \$114,501 last year toward much-needed campus improvement projects. Thank you for making such a big difference for our students! Check out our field wind guard, complete with the Highlander logo. Come by the school for a game and enjoy our new gym and outdoor bleachers. In addition, we have new safety door locks, sidewalk repairs, and freshly trimmed trees. Investments in MacLaren and its students, faculty, and campus are wise investments in our kids' futures. Thank you!

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MacLaren Community: Clans

This MacLaren tradition unfolds every fall as the sixth graders are sorted and welcomed into their new clan with cheers. The newly chosen Defenestrators walk through an empty window frame to join their sixth through twelfth grade confreres, (and perhaps learn about the traditional Czech method of dispatching political foes), while the Times New Romans proudly join the only clan named for a print font. It's all in good fun and ensures that the younger members of the Upper School have friends and mentors among the older kids. Throughout the year the clans compete in various contests in hopes of winning the coveted Philosophers Cup in the spring. Be sure to ask your grandchild about his or her clan and its distinctive chants, clothing, celebrations, and customs.



A Community of Strivers, On & Off the Field

The Highlanders are competing hard this fall in Boys' MS & HS Soccer, Girls' MS & HS Volleyball, and MS & HS Cross-Country. Highlights include: The **Boys' High School Soccer Team** is ranked #1 in the State for 2A classification. This team has made it to the state playoffs for four seasons. We have high hopes for a championship this year! The **High School Girls' Volleyball Team** had "some early season adversity," according to Nick Baca, Administrative Athletics Assistant, but he says they're turning things around and will be "ready for their upcoming league opponents." The **Middle School Cross-Country Team** has a new assistant coach, Malcolm Konik, who is a nationally ranked ultramarathoner. He ran the Pikes Peak Ascent and Marathon this year. Good coaching shows. The girls' team took second at the September 8 Monument Valley



Park Race. Look for a strong finish at the MS State meet in Denver on October 21! Some accolades from last spring include: The **Middle School Boys' Volleyball Team** placed second in their inaugural season after going undefeated until the championship game.



School Events

GrandPartners are always invited!

Senior Drama I:

Shakespeare's *The Tempest*
October 2 & 3

Senior Drama II:

Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*
October 5 & 6

Senior Drama III:

Announcement soon!
December 4 & 5

Senior Drama IV:

Announcement soon!
December 7 & 8

All performances are at 6:30 p.m.
at the MacLaren Auditorium.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Winter Fine Arts Nights

December 11 & 12, 6:30 p.m.
Wasson Auditorium

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Volunteer 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. Please fill out a volunteer application at our website at:

www.maclarenschool.org/parents/volunteer_information

Or, call Joy Oram for more info!