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CF WALK-A-THON

March 2nd, 2010

Dear Parents,

Five years ago, a beautiful little girl named Lauren Luteran was enrolled in our school as a Kindergartener. For Lauren, it was a totally new experience. Thus far, she had spent most of her life either in her home or in a hospital. Accordingly, her parents were less worried about Lauren's academic achievement and more concerned about finding her a suitable germ free environment to socialize with peers. Luckily, Lauren received both with us. As Lauren learnt new skills every day, we in turn started to understand more and more about her disease, Cystic Fibrosis. What we learned was devastating. We decided to get involved with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Since then, it has become a tradition at our School to walk for CF (Cystic Fibrosis). Each year, our children, our staff and our parents participate in a walk-a-thon for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which is non-profit. We have raised thousands of dollars every year. Last year, Team Lauren raised over 5,000 dollars. Our School alone raised three thousand, three hundred and thirty seven dollars! Lauren is not in our school this year, but we still want to continue with our commitment until the research is complete and a cure is found.

Attached please find Lauren's story, along with a pledge sheet to collect funds. Should you need additional sheets, you can download them from our school Website www.montessoriwayschool.com.

Touch Star Cinemas and BJ's Restaurant are sponsoring our walk for the third year in a row, thank you! This year's event will unfold as follows: On Friday, June 4, we will walk from our School to the South Chase Theatres. After our walk, we will enjoy a newly released kids movie. Finally, we shall have a short ceremony and a pizza lunch back at our School.

BJ's Brew House Inc is a major sponsor of this event. They agreed to continue pledging their matching funds up to \$2,000.00 (\$1,000 going to the CF Foundation, the other to our School). Other schools have caught wind of the success of this fundraiser, and now BJ's has had to limit the number of matching grants. It will be given to the **first 40 schools nationwide that can raise \$1,000**. The CF Foundation is urging us to send in the funds ASAP, so our chance at winning the \$1,000.00 BJ's donation and the pizza party is higher.

Therefore, we are asking you to send in your donations no later than April 5, 2010.

If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or see Mrs. V.

Sincerely,
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