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annual
report

January 2015 - June 2016



another great year

A note from Nuestro Mundo, Inc. president, Grisel Tapia

¡Estimados amigos de Nuestro Mundo Inc., reciban un cordial saludo!

Once again, we are delighted to convey that 2015-2016 was a banner year for Nuestro Mundo Incorporated. Our children continue to learn about bilingualism and multiculturalism.

This Annual Report recognizes and celebrates those who have given time, treasure, and talent to our school and board of directors. Your investment in Nuestro Mundo Community School directly supports the incredible staff, and enriches the experience of all of our students, from our youngest kindergarten learners to our fifth grade leaders.

We continue to do this because of the amazing community that supports us – our parents, grandparents, teachers, alumni, and friends of the school who give their time, money, and energy so that the school stays strong.

Thank you for all that you do to support NMI's mission. It would be almost impossible for us to thank each and every one of you personally for all that you give to the school, or to relate each and every one of the stories that would illustrate the ways in which your support helps our students and faculty. We do want you to know, however, that you are making a true and lasting difference in the lives of these young people, and that we are deeply gratified.

With warm regards,



Grisel Tapia Claudio, President
Nuestro Mundo Incorporated
October 2016

Building Community

Through the 2015-16 school year, the Nuestro Mundo Community Group put on the following events with the financial help of Nuestro Mundo, Inc.

- ~ Parent School Partnership
- ~ Summer program for families
- ~ Back to school ice cream social
- ~ Monthly Community Group meals and meetings
- ~ Día de los Muertos celebration
- ~ Family movie night
- ~ Glow Dance
- ~ Día del niño
- ~ Teacher appreciation week
- ~ Kindergarden and 5th grade promotion parties



City-wide initiatives

Dual Language Immersion Summit

In March 2015, and again in May 2016, NMI and the Latino Education Council co-hosted the third and fourth Citywide Dual Language Immersion Summits. These events are done in collaboration with Centro Hispano, Latinos United for College Education Scholarships (LUCES), Latino Academy of Workforce Development, Bridge Lake Point Neighborhood Center and UNIDOS.

During the Summits, parents, teachers and community members have the opportunity to learn about Madison Metropolitan School District's work toward improving the quality and increasing the availability of the Dual Language Immersion (DLI) programs. There are currently DLI programs in 9 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 1 high school in Madison. NMI continues to advocate around dual language immersion education and supporting our Latino community.

Board of Education Candidate Forum

A Board of Education Candidate Forum was again held before the 2015 election where Mary Burk and Anna Mueller Moffit both ran without opposition. The event was co-sponsored with Centro Hispano, Latino Education Council, LUCES, Latino Academy for Workforce Development, UNIDOS, Vera Court & Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Centers.

Participants heard the 3-year Dual Language Immersion plan and the overall ELL 3-year plan. MMSD BoE candidates had the opportunity to talk to parents, educators and community at large regarding their position in the school district.

Thank you to outgoing board members!

In 2015, NMI board member extraordinaire, Peter Joyce, stepped down after volunteering on the NMI Board of Directors for 9 years. Peter

was a founding member of Nuestro Mundo and served on the board in various positions including Vice President and Treasurer. Peter's vast knowledge of NMI's history added much to the Board. His presence on the Board will be missed.



Peter Joyce standing with Board president Gris Tapia and past board president Libbey Meister

In June 2016, board secretary, Lalo Mancilla left the board after serving for 3 years as Nuestro Mundo's chief meeting organizer and tech guru. Lalo had been a Dual Language Immersion teacher at Cherokee



Lalo Mancilla



Jade Alegre

Heights Middle School and is now doing great work as a faculty member at Edgewood College.

Jade Alegre has also moved on after working as treasurer and helping modernize NMI's accounting practices.

Thank you to these volunteers for all their work!



Projects supported

Nuestro Mundo, Inc. provides grants for teachers, parents, students, and staff to enhance education at Nuestro Mundo Community School. Here are some highlights from the last year:

- Rain garden and outdoor classroom plants and materials
- T-shirts for the winners of the Puma Run
- After school salsa dance club
- After school Spanish reading club supplies
- After school Let Me Run boys running club
- Before school Club de Creadores
- After school robotics club
- Teacher school-improvement-plan book club materials
- Book Bowl competition

To apply for an academic support grant, visit www.nuestromundoinc.org for the application.

Nuestro Mundo, Inc.'s mission is to develop, manage, and promote K-adult language, cross-cultural educational and leadership opportunities.

Building a better world together...Nuestro Mundo!

Nuestro Mundo, Inc. 2015-16 Board of Directors

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Tim Boals

Marisol Campbell

Althea Dotzour

Virginia Escudero

Rosalia Gittens, Vice-president

Nancy Gomez

Gerardo Mancilla, Secretary

Pamela McGillivray

Libbey Meister

Esmeralda Rodriguez

Jorge Rodriguez

Grisel Tapia, President

New board members

In July 2015, NMI welcomed several new board members Jorge F. Rodríguez, Esmeralda M. Rodríguez, Nancy J. Gomez, Marisol Campbell and Althea Dotzour.

Leadership opportunities continue to become available, and if you have passion for dual language education, consider attending a monthly NMCS Community Group meeting or inquire about getting involved in the board of directors.



Nuestro Mundo, Incorporated Board of Directors

Fall 2015

Donors

January 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

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Donations to Nuestro Mundo, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization, are 100% tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.





Nuestro Mundo, Inc. is a proud Community Shares of Wisconsin member agency.

NMI relies on workplace giving through payroll deductions and CHIP donations at Willy Street Co-op.

In March 2015 and 2016, Community Shares member agencies hosted a new one day, on-line giving campaign "The Big Share". This was an exciting day to reach out to supporters. The Big Share greatly expanded our reach to family and friends around the world and gave the broader community a new way to support Nuestro Mundo.

The 2017 Big Share will be held on Tuesday, March 7. Visit the Nuestro Mundo, Inc. Facebook page to get involved.

School Fundraisers

The Nuestro Mundo Community Group, under the leadership of parents Carolina Castellanos and Beth Esser gives Nuestro Mundo families a variety of ways to help raise funds for the school.

Fundraising opportunities include:

- ~ Bucky Books
- ~ Woodman's cards
- ~ Box tops
- ~ Butterbraids
- ~ Business profit share
- ~ Tamalada
- ~ Flower Power



And for families who would rather not purchase items, we added a no-sale fundraiser where families can donate directly to the school.

The Community Group also hosts several events that raise funds for the school while they help build the community. These include:

- ~ Winter glow dance
- ~ Día de los Muertos
- ~ Movie night

Nuestro Mundo, Inc. extends a big thank you to all the families who help raise extra dollars to help enrich the school and make Nuestro Mundo Community School a great place to work and learn.

Income



Expenses





Get Active!

There are lots of ways to get involved in the Nuestro Mundo community. Businesses can adopt a school or sponsor an event, individuals can volunteer as a mentor in the classroom or can help with events, fundraisers, and after school clubs. Families can attend community programs.

Nuestro Mundo, Inc is a totally volunteer-run organization. We eagerly welcome assistance in a variety of activities including the website, program planning, donor outreach, grant writing, accounting, and educational evaluation. If you're interested in helping enrich the lives of children in our community, consider volunteering.

The Community Group acts as Nuestro Mundo's PTO and works to build community, celebrate staff, generate financial support, and provide opportunities for families to volunteer and support the work of our school. Interested? Email Beth Esser beth_esser@hotmail.com or Carolina Castellanos castellanoscarolina77@gmail.com.

Keep in touch!

Websites

Nuestro Mundo, Inc.
nuestromundoinc.org

Nuestro Mundo Community School
nmcs.madison.k12.wi.us

Facebook

Nuestro Mundo, Inc.

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Visit!

Nuestro Mundo Community School
902 Nichols Rd., Monona, WI
608-204-1079

Upcoming events

The 2016-17 school year is underway. Here are some opportunities to note on your calendar in the upcoming months.

Community Group Meetings

6:30-7:30pm at the school

November 21
December 19
February 20
March 20
April 17
May 15

Parent School Partnership

late fall 2016

a 6-week training for parents of minority and economically disadvantaged students to become stronger advocates of their children's education

Spanish and English language classes

winter 2017

This training aims to empower parents to be active partners in their children's education and allows Spanish and English learners to help each other.

School events

6-8pm at the school

Día de los Muertos - Nov. 4
Día del Niño celebration - April 17



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