

# *Credit For Caring*

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**Take advantage of the Arizona School Tax Credit.**

**Help a child get more out of school.**

Dear Parents and Friends of Montessori Education,

In 2004 Larry Page and Sergey Brin, the founders of multi-billion dollar internet search engine Google were interviewed on the Barbara Walters show. Ms. Walters asked to what they attributed their success, and they replied: "We both went to Montessori school and I think that taught us to think outside the box." They said that their Montessori education allowed them to learn to think for themselves and gave them freedom to pursue their own interests.

Hermosa Montessori has been fostering such qualities in children for over 25 years. We are proud to be one of only 3 "excelling" charter schools in Tucson, and to have some of the highest scores in the state year after year. But what really makes our children so exceptional is the character education that is an integral part of Hermosa Montessori's program.

Unfortunately, there are some who cannot afford the benefits of a Montessori education, and although we do receive funds from the state of Arizona for some of our programs, certain programs are not funded. But luckily there are two ways you can help these children and Hermosa Montessori School-- at no cost to you.

First, you can donate up to \$400 to fund extracurricular activities at Hermosa. If you make this donation you will receive a dollar for dollar tax credit; this means that the donation does not actually cost anything if you have tax liability! And if you work in the state of Arizona, you probably have tax liability.

Your second opportunity to help Hermosa is by donating up to \$1000.00 to a scholarship fund. This donation provides financial support to worthy Hermosa Montessori full day kindergarten students who would otherwise not be able to attend Hermosa. This donation is *also* a dollar for dollar credit when filing your Arizona Taxes, and so you do not actually lose a single dollar while helping children attend Hermosa. However, because your donations may be eligible as charitable deductions on your federal tax you may be able to get back more than you contribute!

Arizona's school tax credit means using your tax dollars to benefit our students and school. It is an opportunity to choose how you want your tax dollars to be spent. It's easy! Just send a donation to Hermosa Montessori Charter School for Hermosa's Character Education Program - Extra Curricular Activity Fund. The school will send you a receipt for your records. Then, when you fill out your Arizona state taxes, you can subtract the amount of your donation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: HMCS.  
A receipt will be provided.

## You have a choice. Help a child.

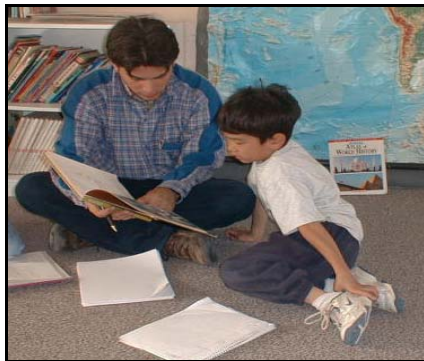
### Using the tax credit is easy

You don't have to be a parent to take advantage of the tax credit. The law allows you two choices: You may use your tax credit to make a contribution, or you may designate it as a fee to cover the cost of a child's participation in an activity.

Your contribution is a tax credit! It reduces what you owe in state taxes dollar for dollar.

### Don't wait too long.

To qualify for an Arizona tax credit, your donation must be postmarked no later than December 31, or made in person at the school office by December 21.



The founders of Google join a long line of innovative former Montessori students who are now making a difference in our world. At Hermosa Montessori School, we are proud to add to the pool of such exceptional students. Please help us continue our tradition of excellence in education; contribute to the scholarship and extracurricular funds. For information on how you can help, contact IBE at 512-5438 or [www.ibescholarships.org](http://www.ibescholarships.org), or feel free to give us a call or visit our campus.

**Your donation must be received by December 31 of each year.** For specific tax questions, consult your tax advisor.

Thank you,

Students of Hermosa Montessori School

*There is no reason  
to pick only one of  
these opportunities;  
a taxpayer can  
claim both tax  
credits in the same  
taxable year!*