

## **Compassion and Resilience Still Exists, Even in Dark Times - May 27, 2022**

Another unusual school year is ending, and with it comes the hope for a great and restful summer shining behind the mountains of Vermont. It has not been an easy year for most; COVID has stubbornly stayed among our community and forced us to change or adapt our plans, activities, and lessons throughout the year, week by week. Despite all of that, we made it to the top of the hill every day, ready to give the best of each one of us in order to provide confidence and community to our students.

Resilience is perhaps the best concept that I can find to define what I see around our school campus, in the classrooms, playground, hallways, and even in those moments a Montessori lesson sparks a student's imagination. But there can't be resilience without compassion, as the capacity to recover and continue moving forward requires awareness and care for your community. It has been difficult, we know. This is our second full year of COVID times, but here we are, continuing to move forward with compassion and resilience.

As the Equity, Justice, and Inclusion Director, and as a parent, I want to express my gratitude and thanks to the teachers and staff for all of the immensely impactful, though often quiet, work you do every day.

Yupaichani / Gracias / Thank you!

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