

ONE VOICE MAGIC KEY NATIONAL READING CIRCLE PROGRAM

To promote reading for the sheer joy of it



Goals

- To engage children in activities that support the love of reading.
- To partner with The National Association of Libraries to establish ONE VOICE reading circles.
- To partner with schools, community centers and local book stores to establish ONE VOICE reading circles.
- To provide students opportunities to engage in reading circles.
- To provide an online platform supporting these activities and the writing and sharing of book reports/reviews, original stories, poetry, and art.

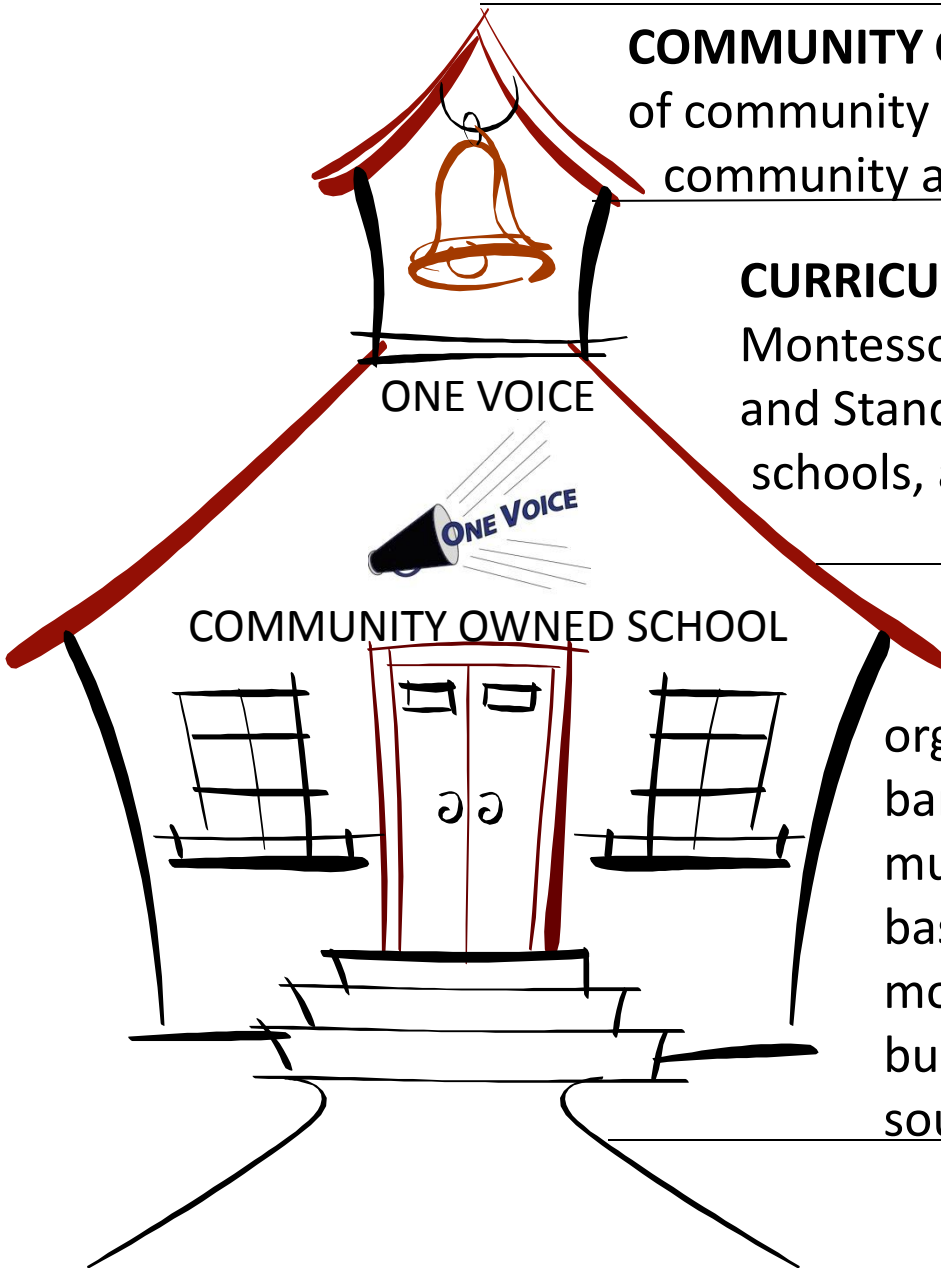
Overview

The "Magic Key" National Reading Circle Program will encourage children to develop the lifelong habit of reading for the sheer joy of it. The fully interactive website will provide students the opportunity to post book reviews, sharing their reading experiences with others, to read those of other students, to share reading circle experiences, to enjoy interactive reading games and contests, to showcase and publish their own stories online, and to be able to print them, to participate in reading circles at their schools, local community centers, libraries, and book stores, and to earn credits based on all of their participation redeemable for school supplies and books.

Deliverables

- Design/logo/website concepts.
- Magic Key website platform: content supporting sharing writing submitted by students , and reinforced by contests, prizes, recognition, certificates sent to students, teachers, schools.
- Development of reading circles scheduled and staffed by parents, teachers, librarians, senior citizens.
- Magic Key brochures/flyers.
- Partnership with National Association of Libraries, community centers, and bookstores across the country
- School supplies/book award program developed in partnerships with publishers and vendors or school supplies, including Target stores, and others.

ONE VOICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL MODEL PROJECT: Goal of the project; to fully develop a feasible working model and pilot a prototype of a community owned K-12 school.



COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING BLOCK: School as center of community activity, a cornerstone of learning, community activities, and wellness.

CURRICULUM BUILDING BLOCK: strength based, Montessori best practices, based on learning theory and Standards; gleaned from universities, technical schools, and global industry.

FINANCIAL FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCK: Sound financial model based on organic farming concept of shares and bartering/co-op services. Financial model must provide stable, self sustaining incomes, based on organic farm finance/shares model, augmented by additional lines of business. Financing through charitable sources should be avoided.

ONE VOICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL MODEL PROJECT: FEATURES



Features of the community school:

- open 7 days a week
- day care center
- scholarships for "independent children" (independent includes foster, homeless, low income who will contribute time and energy at the school to "own" a share)
- group/team walks to and from school for children
- school bus/van in poor weather conditions
- tutoring center after school
- ESL for children and adults
- healthy and ethnic cooking classes
- space/meeting space rental for small businesses in the community
- cafeteria run by students with supervision
- separate entrance at back of school for food pantry, used clothes closet
- senior activities room
- free clinic run by volunteer doctors, nurses and students
- counseling and human services center
- arts music video center
- library with senior citizen and student run reading circle
- career planning center
- performance space for fundraisers and special events
- organic garden/mini-farm
- town meeting space for community groups
- security
- class pets, school animals

ONE VOICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL MODEL PROJECT: Possible lines of business to provide support community school in addition to share- owned tuition model:

Online and in-school gift shop store produced through student owned projects:



SIGNATURE JAMS
SIGNATURE JELLIES
SIGNATURE TOMATO SAUCE
SIGNATURE SALSA
Candy factory
Children's Art
Candles
Tie Dye Items
Soap
Table cloths and place mats
Gift baskets
TSHIRT design (with contest)
Books covers
Boxes of stationery
Greeting Cards
Buttons

Calendars: Photography, Foodie with recipes, Poetry

Performances – showcase of local musicians,
community and student talent

Courses/classes: GED Preparation and Mentorship

Sewing/mending classes

Cafeteria meals (for non-students)

Café – coffee and baked goods to go

Dinners to go (commuter take-out)

Annual or Biannual school fair - fundraiser