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## Cultivating the Desire to Learn

Dear Parents:

Thank you for your interest in McMinnville Montessori. Our School has a 19 year history of successfully educating children. We currently serve students from ages **3** to **12** years old. We are always amazed at the profound and wonderful contributions our children have made to the community around them. We are excited about the possibility of sharing this wonderful education opportunity with your family as well.

Though much has been said about the academic achievement of Montessori children, the true value lies in the self-discipline, self-mastery and the love of learning our children achieve. At McMinnville Montessori, our approach to your child's education is to develop the prime elements of character: freedom, concentration, independence, self-discipline, industry, and a sense of reality. This is accomplished in an atmosphere of cooperation. Our students are taught individually, allowing them the unique opportunity to fulfill their potential.

At the heart of a Montessori education is the objective to grow and develop a wonderful self-concept and positive image within each child. This elevates each student to the greatest possible learning and social development. Our curriculum, teachers, and beautiful learning materials pave the way for this process. When you entrust your child to our guidance, we commit to you to:

- Affirm the unique nature of your child
- Accept your child where he/she is in every area of development
- Instill excitement and the enthusiasm for learning
- Communicate with your child at all times in a respectful, supportive manner
- Match your child's needs and abilities to the learning materials
- Assist your child in developing responsible attitudes toward self, others and the environment
- Encourage expressive art, music, and speech, as they reveal the essence of each child
- Support and nurture your involvement in their education

McMinnville Montessori School believes that you are the first and most important teacher in your child's life. As our partner in their education, we will work closely together to develop him or her in virtually all areas life: physically, emotionally, perceptually, intellectually, and socially.

Thank you again for considering McMinnville Montessori School for your son or daughter. We are excited about the possibility of developing the seeds of greatness that lies within each child.

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## ***The Primary Program for Children 3 to 6***

**Before School Care** begins at 7:30 a.m. **After School Care** is available until 6 p.m.

- 8:15AM – 8:30AM: Children arrive. Class begins at 8:30am.
- 8:30AM - 11:30AM: Class Activity/Instruction. The children choose activities for a wide variety available to them. Much of the time is spent in individual activity, but the children may choose to join a small group game, sharing or story time. The teacher gives lessons to the children and supports their activity. Large motor activity is included in the schedule, as well as music, rhythm and creative expression. The children gather together for sharing, stories, singing and games.
- 11:30AM – 12:15PM: Children Play/Recess
- 12:00PM: Half Day Children depart or move into After School Care
- 12:15PM – 1:00PM: Extended Day Lunch
- 1:00PM – 2:30PM: Extended Day Class Activity/Instruction. The five and six year old children gather together to share, sing or create, and have individual activity time. This very important time together allows the child to bring to fruition the efforts made and skills learned in the first two years in the classroom. It is equivalent to a child's kindergarten year.
- 2:30PM – 2:45PM: Dismissal/Departure

### **Our Teaching Staff**

All of our teachers are trained professionals with a year's graduate study in Montessori theory and practice. They are mature adults who come from a wide variety of backgrounds. They are truly dedicated to the growth and development of each individual child, and activity hard to offer the children a rich and supportive environment for learning.

### **The Parent's Role**

Parents are a very important part of the school community. Each year we offer Parent Education Nights, covering a wide variety of topics. Parent and Child Teas are held so that your child can show you what he or she is doing in the classroom. Parent and Teacher Conferences occur twice during the year, and teachers are available at other times to discuss your child's progress and development.

To keep our school running smoothly, each family also chooses from a list of "School Operational Support" jobs. These range from fundraising to yard activity to doing the weekly class laundry. Parents are welcome to observe the classroom, and may be asked to share a special skill, profession, or artifacts from the cultural or natural world. Parents may fill out a Parent Resources form so that our staff knows what you are willing to share.

Our community is supportive and friendly, and families find being a part of McMinnville Montessori School to be an enriching experience for everyone.

### **Enrollment Process**

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the school, please call the school and arrange for a classroom observation. After the observation you will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss your observation with the classroom teacher. At that time you will be given a waiting list application form.

Enrollment in the school is non-discriminatory and is on a space available basis, occurring throughout the year. We will enroll your child at the next available opening for his or her age and gender, as agreed upon with the school's staff.



## The Elementary Program for Children 6 to 12

Our Elementary Montessori classroom is designed for children six through 12 years old, the equivalent of 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. The classroom provides a place where children have freedom to choose their activities within a carefully prepared and enriching environment. We also provide music and Spanish lessons, twice yearly swimming lessons and a spring camping trip to an OMSI camp.

Parents are asked to consider that this is a three-year commitment to their child's education, as one year's work builds upon the next in the classroom. The three year program and age span encourages beneficial social interaction, and allows children to develop their skills year by year in the same environment.

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### **Daily School Schedule**

8:15 - 8:30      The children arrive. The school day begins at 8:30am.

8:30 – 3:00      The school day includes a morning work period; lunch and outside time; group times for discussion, reading aloud, and singing; art and music lessons.

3:00 – 3:15      School day ends. Children are picked up from the classroom.

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### **Waiting List - Admission Application**

*McMinnville Montessori School welcomes children, families, and faculty of all races, cultural origins, abilities, religious beliefs and socio-economic backgrounds*

If you would like your child to be considered for registration, please return this completed form to the school. After your application is received, staff will contact you to schedule an observation and interview time.

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Montessori/Name of School, City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

The primary program (3-6 years) is a three year program. The class is a balance of boys and girls of each age group (3, 4 and 5). Children are admitted on a space available basis. The majority of openings each year are for 3 year olds. Three year old siblings are given first priority, but they must be enrolled at 3 years of age.

Elementary students who have not had previous Montessori experience may enter after their kindergarten, first or second grade years, by agreement with the teaching staff and school director. Older children in the elementary class are always returning Montessori students.

I would like my child to enter the McMinnville Montessori School (Please rank your choices):

\_\_\_\_\_ **Primary** program for:                      \_\_\_\_\_ **Elementary** program for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2010

\_\_\_\_\_ At the next available opening for his/her age

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my child to be considered for the \_\_\_\_\_ (future) school year

\_\_\_\_\_ I have made other arrangements

Please describe you're before and/or after school care needs:

Please describe any special needs your child might have:

**NOTE TO APPLICANT:** *Currently, our outside environment includes a walnut tree and hazelnut shells used for landscaping.*

Received \_\_\_\_\_ (for office use only)



## 2010 - 2011 Tuition

Program	Monthly (10 months)	Annual	Full Pay Discount *	Sibling Discount **
Morning 8:30 – 11:45 Mon. – Fri.	\$360.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,492.00	\$3,240.00
Extended Day 8:30 – 2:30 Mon. – Fri.	\$446.00	\$4,460.00	\$4,326.20	\$4,014.00
Elementary 8:30 – 3:00 Mon. – Fri.	\$473.50	\$4,735.00	\$4,592.95	\$4,261.50

\* A discount of 3% will be applied to full yearly tuition paid within 10 days of the child's start date. Amount shown based on September 7<sup>th</sup> start date.

\*\* A discount of 10% will be applied to a child's tuition that has an older sibling enrolled.

### Fees

Before School Care	\$2.75 per day	◆\$42.00 per month
After School Care	\$3.25 per hour (1hr minimum)	◆\$215.00 per month Half Day Students <b>\$2,150 Annually/Sept. Special Only</b>
		◆\$115.00 per month Extended Day/Elementary Students <b>\$1,150 Annually/Sept. Special Only</b>
Registration	\$100.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)	
Materials - Primary	\$100.00	
Materials – Elementary	\$150.00	
Late pick up (after 6:00)	\$1.00 per minute	
Parent hours not performed◆◆	\$10.00 per hour	
Fundraising Commitment◆◆◆	\$300.00 minimum	
Pizza (served on Fridays)	\$1.25 per slice	

◆ **To receive this price you must sign up BEFORE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL**

◆◆ Parents are required to volunteer 10 hours for the school year.

◆◆◆ Parents are required to fundraise \$300 minimum or buy-out \$400.

See tuition agreement and/or Parent Handbook for details.