

NEW WESTMINSTER MONTESSORI SOCIETY

RAISING LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

Benefits of the Montessori Program

- Students are able to progress at a pace appropriate to their learning needs
- Students work towards developing positive social and community skills
- Students are able to make a smooth transition to regular program education

How do the students learn in Montessori?

Students study the same curriculum as the regular program, completing the British Columbia Ministry of Education's Learning Standards. However, students learn through the Montessori methods of working with carefully selected materials that demonstrate the concepts to be learned in a concrete way before moving to more abstract learning. Students choose the activities they will work on, covering all areas over time. In the classrooms, students learn individually, from each other and from the teacher.



What is Montessori

Montessori education is an approach to educating children that was first developed in the early 1900s by Dr. Maria Montessori, the first female doctor in Italy. She believed that children should choose developmentally appropriate activities in a stimulating environment of carefully selected and developed materials. Montessori education features multi-age classrooms, a special set of educational materials, student-chosen work in long time blocks, collaboration, fewer tests, and individual and small group instruction in both academic and social skills. Research shows advantages for students in Montessori Programs on a variety of achievement measures and on social-emotional measures that indicate a sense of community, justice and fairness.

Students in our Montessori programs go on to learn successfully in our regular programs in the middle school years and at high school. Parental support for the program is high.





Is Montessori good for children with learning disabilities? What about gifted children?

Montessori is designed to help all children reach their fullest potential at their own unique pace. A classroom whose children have varying abilities is a community in which everyone learns from one another and everyone contributes. Moreover, multiage grouping allows each child to find his or her own pace without feeling "ahead" or "behind" in relation to peers.

NWMS MEETINGS

Please come out and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 28th at 6:30 PM @ Waves Coffee Shop at 6th Ave and 6th St.

What is the difference between Montessori and traditional education?

Montessori emphasizes learning through all five senses, not just through listening, watching, or reading. Children in Montessori classes learn at their own, individual pace and according to their own choice of activities from hundreds of possibilities. Learning is an exciting process of discovery, leading to concentration, motivation, self-discipline, and a love of learning. Montessori classes place children in three-year age groups (3-6, 6-9, 9-12, and so on), forming communities in which the older children spontaneously share their knowledge with the younger ones. Montessori represents an entirely different approach to education.

What is the New Westminster Montessori Society?

We are parent volunteers and our purpose is to provide additional funding to promote the Montessori approach to education and child development within the New Westminster School District. We are a non-profit society and we're hoping you will join us.

At this time the New Westminster Montessori Society charitable status is under review and, for the time being, we will not be able to issue tax receipts for parent donations. We apologize for this inconvenience and we're actively working with the CRA to deal with this issue. As soon as we resolve this issue we will let you know.

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NEW WESTMINSTER MONTESSORI PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2018

At

Connaught Heights Community School

2201 London Street

From 6:30 until 7:30 pm

This information session is designed for parents who are interested in enrolling their children in the Montessori program as well as those who already have children in the current program.