



2017-18 Parent Education Workshops

Back to School Night

October 6, 2017; 7pm - 8:30pm

Princeton Montessori School, Classrooms and Summit Room

Back to School Night provides an opportunity for parents to experience the life of their child in the course of a school day, learn more about curriculum, procedures, and practices, get to know the teaching staff and fellow parents better, and affirm their confidence and excitement for their child's enrollment in the school. It is an event for parents, which includes a short presentation in children's classrooms, followed by a social gathering for parents and teachers.

Target audience: Parents of toddler, primary, and elementary-aged children

The Montessori Spiral Curriculum: Journey and Discovery Experience

Saturday, October 21, 2017: 2:00 - 5:00pm

Princeton Montessori School; Program Classrooms and Summit Room

See, feel and experience the Montessori Method for yourself at a "Montessori Journey and Discovery Experience," to be presented on Saturday, October 21. This special event is designed to allow you to view and interact with the unique Montessori environment through the eyes of a child.

The Montessori Journey and Discovery begins with an exploration of the classroom environment through the lens of quiet observation, gathering first impressions as you take in the sensory richness and detail of the Montessori classrooms, you may experience the sense of order and sequence which so elegantly engages the children. Following the silent observation, you'll have a chance to actively engage with Montessori lessons and materials at each level. Throughout this portion, you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and share reflections with other parents and staff. Finally, we will all join together to share reflections and observations.

This event is open to current and future parents and interested families, educators and community members upon reservation.

Space is limited for this special event; please rsvp to reserve your spot

Target audience: All Parents and Community Members - Please RSVP

Montessori in the Home Environment

October 26, 2017; 8:45 - 10:00 AM; OR 7pm - 8:30pm

Princeton Montessori School - Summit Room

Authentic Montessori education is the most powerful way for children to learn. It encompasses a culture that is innovative, respectful of the child, peaceful, joyful, collaborative, child-centered, community-minded, developmentally exacting, and supported by research. Parents don't need to create a Montessori classroom, but they can observe, use appropriate language and allow the child to have freedom within limits. Learn how to bring some of these techniques into the indoor and outdoor spaces around your home and develop strategies for nurturing a healthy independence in your child.

Target audience: Parents of infant, toddler, and primary - aged children

Montessori and Positive Behavior Workshop

December 7, 2017; 8:45 - 10:00 AM; OR 7pm - 8:30pm

Princeton Montessori School - Summit Room

Parents of Toddlers, Primary and Elementary

Montessori experts will address how positive behavior redirection can be used with all ages, and used effectively at home as well as school. While overviewing Montessori principles and methods, many practical examples will be shared with parents for some of the most common issues: eating, bedtime routines, playdates, etc.

The use of the Family Meetings will also be introduced and sample scenarios by age range will be shared. Resources from Montessori as well as noted theories in the field including, *Responsive Classroom*, *Positive Discipline*, *No-Drama Discipline* and *Re-Directing Misbehavior*.

Targeted audience: parents of toddler, primary and elementary children

Beyond Measure - Book Talk and Connection to Montessori

February 22, 2017; 7pm - 8:30pm

Princeton Montessori School - Summit Room

A overview on Montessori Principles and how they can be applied and incorporated into parenting. Using resources from Montessori's own writings, recent brain research and best practices in raising young children in the 21st Century, common concerns will be covered. These ideas will be connected to the bestselling book, *Beyond Measure*, sequel to *Race to Nowhere*, by Vicki Abeles. The book, *Beyond Measure - Rescuing an Overscheduled, Overtaxed, Underestimated Generation* is an inspiring book on how to revolutionize learning, prioritize children's health, and re-envision success for a lifetime. The book pulls from powerful anecdotes and convincing new research where Abeles presents inspirational, quantifiable success stories and shows how anyone—students, parents, and educators—can effect change.

This workshop will allow parents to receive information based in research as well as Montessori educators' experiences on how the Method does lead to healthy innovators of the future, and what specific actions can be taken by parents and teachers to "create healthy happy children who love to learn, want to contribute to the world, and can tackle the enormous problems of our time with innovative ideas and solutions."

Target audience: Parents of Primary - Middle School

CommonGround Lecture Series

Founded in 1998, Princeton Common Ground is a volunteer-led consortium of the parent associations of 15 local independent schools. Working collaboratively, the group presents several innovative speakers each year intended to inspire, invigorate and inform. The speakers host lectures, panel discussions, and interactive experiences designed to promote open discussion of relevant topics and foster community among participants.

Their calendar will be updated in early fall here:

[Common Ground Events](#)

Targeted audience: parents of children at all levels

Princeton Center Teacher Education (PCTE) Evening Classes

Princeton Montessori School

Founded in 1989, the mission of Princeton Center Teacher Education (PCTE) is to educate and train adults according to the philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. PCTE's accredited teacher training programs prepares Montessori teachers of Infant and Toddler children (birth to 3 years old), Early Childhood age children (3 to 6 years old), and Elementary children (6 to 12 years old). It provides a complete education for prospective Montessori teachers, offering quality academic and practical instruction through the experience and observation of an on-site model.

The following evening classes serve as an introduction to Montessori Philosophy and Child Development concepts. They are worthwhile for any parent interested in learning more about their children and the path that lies ahead. Nine (9) sessions meet weekly in the evenings for nine weeks. There is a fee for these courses. Contact Gwen Shangle if you are interested in attending, or register here: [PCTE Evening Courses](#)

Montessori Philosophy

Fall 2017

Thursday evenings, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Tentative Course Dates:

October 12,19, 26; November 2,9,16,30; December 7

The Montessori Philosophy provides the foundation for developing purposeful, responsible and fulfilling lives for children. This class is based on the principles of the Montessori method as found in the primary works of Maria Montessori and various contemporary authors. Topics covered are the study of Dr. Montessori's life; development of the Montessori method; preparation of an environment; observation; role for the adult; nature of the child; discipline, spiritual preparation and personal development of the teacher; Montessori child care and its historical foundations.

Click to Register: [PCTE Evening Courses](#)

Child Development

Spring 2018

Thursday evenings, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Tentative Course Dates:

March 15, 22; April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10

The Child Development Course provides a study of basic theories of child development according to the major child developmentalists: Rousseau, Dewey, Piaget, Froebel, and Vygotsky, etc. You will examine social, emotional, physical, cognitive and spiritual characteristic of children at their developmental stages and according to Montessori's basic principles. Current research based on scientific findings is woven into the lectures, videos and class discussions.

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