

Welcome to Waterdown Montessori School

Dear Prospective Family,

We are delighted to welcome you to Waterdown Montessori School and thank you for considering our School!

Enclosed in this package, you will find our Registration Forms. Take your time to review the information and please let us know of any questions that may arise.

For over 30 years, Waterdown Montessori School has been providing quality Montessori education to students in Flamborough, Burlington and Hamilton. Our accredited school holds itself accountable to the high standards set by the Canadian Council of Montessori Administrators (CCMA).

Located on the grounds of the Notre Dame Centre, we are situated on 50 acres of Niagara Escarpment land. Families are attracted by the peaceful, natural setting, the small size of the school, and the programs we offer.

Our warm and inviting classrooms are filled with diverse, appealing materials that provide students with active, hands-on learning experiences that engage all of their senses and nurture their natural creativity and curiosity. Our mixed age classes empower older children to be leaders and mentors to younger children, encouraging opportunities for the development of empathy and social learning while fostering a sense of community within the classroom and beyond. Students direct their own learning by working at their own pace and by actively choosing from Montessori's practical life, sensorial, mathematics, language/literacy, cultural and creative materials, while working under the guidance and support of our experienced and knowledgeable Montessori teachers.

Montessori education offers the best of all worlds. The program is specifically designed to meet the developmental needs of children. What Maria Montessori deduced using scientific methods of observation over one hundred years ago is being borne out by emerging research on brain development. At our school, children are actively engaged in their learning. Visitors are amazed by the concentration and focus of the children, and the happy hum in each classroom. Because independence and self-discipline are such integral components of the program, children are able to work responsibly and confidently on their own, meaning that the teachers are free to give individual attention to other students.

The best way to learn about all the benefits of Montessori education and to discover the beautiful learning environment at Waterdown Montessori is to come by for a visit. We encourage interested families to contact the school to book a private tour. We welcome the opportunity to answer your questions and show you our classrooms of actively engaged learners.

For further information, please visit our website, at www.waterdownmontessori.com, email: principal@waterdownmontessori.com or call 905-689-2171.

Yours truly in education,



Mary Benak
Co-Owner



Dimitri Benak
Co-Owner



What is Montessori?

Montessori is an individualized approach to education that helps each child reach their full potential in all areas of life. It is a student-centred approach that encourages creativity and curiosity and leads children to ask questions, explore, investigate and think for themselves as they acquire skills.

The focus of Montessori education changes in scope and manner to meet the child's changing characteristics and interests. Each Montessori class, from toddlers through Casa, operates on the principle of freedom within limits. Every program has its set of ground rules which differ from age to age, but is always based on core Montessori beliefs – respect for each other and for the environment.

Children between the ages of 0-6 possess what Dr. Montessori called the “absorbent mind”. This type of mind has the unique and temporary ability to absorb all aspects of the environment without effort or fatigue. It is important that we as educators and parents do our best to appeal to this absorbency so that the child’s mind may reach its maximum potential. Although the child’s mind has its own aids it is our job to provide the child with both the tangible and intangible which will further his mental and emotional development. The Montessori classroom thus provides the areas of practical life, sensorial, language, math, cultural (art, music, geography and so on), for the child to satisfy these tendencies.

Dr. Maria Montessori developed the Montessori Method through her extensive work with children and her keen insight and observation skills. She understood that children instinctively use their hand to manipulate, absorb and thereby internalize their environment while in the process of understanding the world around them, they are constructing their minds at the same time. In response to this revolutionary understanding of how children learn, Maria Montessori developed a series of high quality sensorial learning materials; each one focusing on a particular task, operation, property or concept, and inviting exploration by the child.

Dr. Montessori also believed that the natural development of the child passes through periods of specific sensitivities. It is at these sensitive periods for language, order and refinement of the senses that the child absorbs with ease the most from their environment, hence the importance to provide them with a stimulating and fulfilling place to learn. At Waterdown Montessori each child is given the freedom to choose activities that best suit his natural curiosity and which correspond to the developmental needs of his sensitive period for inner growth. The role of the teacher is to respect each child’s unique path of learning and growth, while inspiring them to take in hand materials and activities that will provide the experiences necessary to form a balanced individual. Our teachers are dedicated to guiding your child in the right direction! As a core feature of the Montessori program, young children engage in meaningful real life activities such as Washing Tables, Tying Shoes, Sewing, Polishing, Sweeping Floors, and Care of Plants. The child is developing manual dexterity and muscular coordination and is moving toward independence. Accomplishing real and purposeful tasks helps to foster self-esteem and a sense of belonging within the child.

The Montessori environment allows the child the opportunity for movement and exploration within limits. The happy balance of freedom to explore and to work within a prepared, orderly environment, filled with mind-engaging sensorial materials and activities, is the hallmark of the Montessori learning experience. The classroom is a non-competitive atmosphere that is designed to bring order to the daily impressions received by the child. There are opportunities for children to work independently, in small groups and the class as a whole. Ultimately, each child will feel satisfaction working at his own pace of progress.

At Waterdown Montessori School, we are devoted to offer a complete series of genuine Montessori learning materials, and we are proud of our commitment to offer a rich and varied program that remains true to the methods and precepts developed by the late Maria Montessori.

Application for Admission



Start Date: _____ Withdrawal Date: _____

Child

Surname First & Middle Name Preferred Name

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Gender []male []female
Month Day Year

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Custody []Parent 1 []Parent 2 []both []Guardian-specify _____
If there are custody and/or access issues, legal documentation must be provided.

Child resides with []both parents []one parent*, specify _____ *Please provide other parent's address

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Parent 1/Guardian 1's Name

Business Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Parent 2/Guardian 2's Name

Business Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Doctor's Name _____ Phone number _____

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Emergency/Alternative Contact Information

Please provide contact details of **two** local friends or relatives who would assume responsibility of your child in the event of an emergency or who are authorized to pick up your child. Children will not be released to anyone without written or verbal consent from parents.

1. Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Business/Cell Phone _____

2. Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Business/Cell Phone _____



Program:

- Toddler Half Day
- Toddler Full Day
- Casa Full Day
- Casa Half Day
- Before Care (7:00am – 8:00am)
- After Care (4:00pm – 6:00pm)

OFFICE USE ONLY
Reg. Fee: \$ _____
via cash, cc, dq _____
Deposit: \$ _____
via cash, cc, dq _____
Camp 1: \$ _____
Camp 2: \$ _____

Tuition:

- 3 Installment Payments (3 post-dated cheques dated Aug. 1, Nov. 1 and Feb.1 required with deposit of \$700)
- 10 Installment Payments (10 post-dated cheques dated 1st of each month (Aug. 1 to May. 1) will be required with deposit)
- Weekly Payments (Camp Only)

Fee Schedule for 2017-2018:

Toddler- Half Day	\$730/month or \$2310 x 3	8:00am – 11:30am
Toddler – Full Day w/ Lunch & Two Snacks	\$1190/month or \$3885 x 3	8:00am – 4:00pm
Casa - Half Day	\$720/month or \$2290 x 3	8:00am – 11:30am
Casa – Full Day w/ Lunch & Two Snacks	\$1170/month or \$3810 x 3	8:00am – 4:00pm
Before Care	\$65/month	7:00am – 8:00am
After Care	\$120/month	4:00pm – 6:00pm

- Deposit: \$700.00 (payable by cheque only; deposit will be returned on child’s last day of school in June)
- Non-refundable registration fee: \$200 (not applicable to returning families)
- The School is pleased to offer a 10% discount for second and subsequent siblings. This discount will be applied to the lower cost program.
- School supplies, learning materials and equipment are included in the tuition.
- 2% interest per month is charged on overdue accounts -N.S.F.cheques will incur a charge of \$50.00.
- Please make cheques payable to: Waterdown Montessori School.
- If paying tuition on a quarterly basis, three post-dated cheques dated Aug. 1, Nov. 1 and Feb.1 will be required with deposit
- If paying tuition on a monthly basis, 10 post-dated cheques dated 1st of each month (Aug. 1 – May. 1) will be required with deposit
- Please note that Waterdown Montessori School reserves the right to withdraw services if accounts are not paid in accordance with the fee schedule dates.
- **There is no refund or reduction in fees in cases of withdrawal, dismissal, absence, cancellation or non-attendance.**

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____