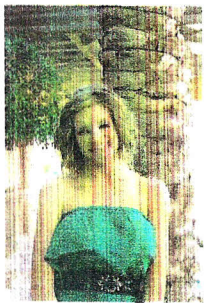


I attended Tempe Montessori School all through preschool and elementary school. I made some of the best memories I have today and received an education that prepared me for the future. The hands on, one-on-one attention and self paced assignments improved characteristics within myself I never knew I had. Getting to work independently and choose what I wanted to do taught me independence, self reliance, and how to be self motivated. My favorite TMS activity was the opera we did every other year. Getting to take a break with school work and learn how to perform and perfect our performance was something I looked forward to daily. Being a part of the opera productions definitely created a desire inside of me to continue to perform. After graduating from TMS I continued with the arts by auditioning and performing with competition dance companies around the valley. The basics of theater I learned while taking part in this experience stay with me today as I compete and perform as a part of the Basha High School Dance Company.

Jaclynn Brundrette



I attended Tempe Montessori School from 18 months old through sixth grade. TMS taught me to learn in a different way. It prepared me for public Jr. High and helped me to accomplish goals, including enrolling in honors English and Math in seventh grade. I have a lot of great memories of all the activities I did with TMS. Some of my favorite activities were the Operas, field trips and especially International Children's Day. Every day was fun at TMS and I had lots of fun with all the great friends and teachers I met throughout the years. I will always remember TMS and all the great memories I made there. I will be forever thankful for the great education and ways it prepared me for my future.
Jewel Brundrette

My teaching career started at Tempe Montessori School in 2002. My first year was as a teacher's assistant. After observing the high level of commitment, passion, and dedication to the children and the Montessori Method of education, I went on to get my teaching degree so that I could become a head teacher at TMS. I then went on to get a masters degree in Montessori Education.

My years at Tempe Montessori School were without question the finest of my teaching career. I've had the great fortune to work at two great schools since then, but the level of service to children has yet to be matched. It was such a joy working with educators, parents and children who really worked as a team to allow the children to excel not only academically, but socially and emotionally as well.

Lauren Hruby
Preschool Teacher
St. Paul's Episcopal Day School
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I credit my experience at TMS as being the reason I enjoy learning, and as such, why I have been successful in academics. I fondly remember long division papers, letter blocks and writing sentences on mats, counting by 7's using chains of beads...as well as dressing up in a kilt for those "world Day" celebrations. I will be moving to Boston in the fall to begin PhD. work at MIT in biological engineering. If there is anything I can help with, now or in the future, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thanks, TMS, for everything.

Christina

I can't imagine how drastically different my life would be now, had I not been able to attend Tempe Montessori School for six years of my childhood. I thank my mom for being the staunch believer that she was in the necessity of the Montessori Method. I also thank Irma Letson and TMS for making my Montessori education possible, through scholarship funding. The difference in curriculum between Montessori and that of public schools was actually to my advantage. It helped me to flourish academically as well as socially. My grades were always high. I was on the honor roll for several years. By the time I reached college, I received a full scholarship for academic excellence in high school. I believe that my creativity today in areas of writing and art were definitely fostered by Tempe Montessori School. My time there gave me not only academic acceleration, but lifelong friends.

Elana

My Name is Dustin Bolar and I attended TMS for my primary and elementary education. Growing up, Tempe Montessori School was my second home. We had everything we needed at school. My fondest memories include International Children's Day, Hiking South Mountain, visiting the people at the retirement home down the street and the Operas. This school allowed me to have a certain amount of independence to choose my work and perfect what I was most interested in. I loved to do the language boxes the classroom had. The friends that I created at TMS are still some of my best friends today. I preferred the Montessori way of teaching opposed to a traditional school because I was allowed to explore my options, take my time, and really learn about different subjects. Our classroom seemed to have more than classrooms my friends had and I was very happy. I know this method of learning style has helped me with my future. While in my early years of college, I took many different subjects and explored my options just as I did as a child. I realized that I wanted to be a fire fighter. The self control, independence, confidence and commitment that I learned in the classroom, as well as my care for others, helped in my studies at the Fire Academy and with my EMT training. I now work as an EMT and ambulance operator for south west ambulance and am working out of station 281.

Dustin Bolar

