

Spring Newsletter

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Tempe Montessori School

Year in Review!

We have had a fantastic year! Thank you to all the parents and children for making it possible. With all of our great events, starting off with the Fall festival, to International Children's Day, the Holiday festivities, Spring Auction and now our last events of the school year, we have really had some fun times together as a community and appreciate everyone so much!

Our Summer session starts June 1st and ends July 23rd. We will be closed the last week of July and the

first week of August. We kick off the 2011 2012 school year with our PEG meeting on August 6th 2011. Please feel free to ask



The Elementary students building their garden!

summer—Have a great one and if we do— we are looking forward to it!

May 25th : Moving on Ceremony 6:30-8:00

May 26th: Last day of school and the Ice Cream Social. 1-3pm

May 27th– 31 TMS CLOSED

June 1st: First Day of Summer School.

Thank you everyone for your continued support! We look forward to a great summer session and new School year!

if you have any questions about summer or Fall.

If we wont see you this

Summer School activities and notes.

Water Play: The children may participate in water play this summer. Please bring an extra swimsuit, towel, sunblock or change of clothes for you child to change into. Please mark your child's name on all his/ her belongings

Monday—Spanish with Mrs. Laura 2- 2:45

Tuesday- Yoga 2:15- 2:45

Wednesday- Oragami 2:30- 3:00pm

Thursday—Yoga 2:15- 2:45

This summer we will do a Spanish Emersion with the primary classroom this summer! Mrs. Smita will speak in English and Mrs. Laura will speak in Spanish.

“Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment.”



SUMMER STAFF

Office: Ms Lauren Marques

Ms. Irma Letson Primary:

Ms. Lauren B. (first two weeks of June.) Mrs. Smita Devani

Mrs. Jessica Van den Akker Mrs. Laura Montes

Toddler: Mrs. Felicia Molinar

Ms. Cindy Draper Aftercare:

Ms. Sara Kako Ms. Felica Molinar

Toddler aftercare: Summer Tutoring: Mr. Larry Martin will be open to tutoring elementary age students

please contact him for pricing and schedules:

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“The environment must be rich in motives which lend interest to activity and invite the child to conduct his own experiences.”

Carpport and Drop off

Carpport service will be postponed this summer due to the heat and will resume in the Fall.

Please walk your children to the toddler door as normal and they will go in the classroom. If you are primary, please walk them to Mrs. Smita's patio and say your good-byes and let them walk into

the classroom.

The gates will be locked promptly at **8:30**. We will open the gate at **8:45am** for late students and again at **9am**. Students who arrive at school after 9:15 must have a doctor's note or be discussed previously with the office staff or your child's teacher.

Please note that class does start promptly at 8:30, these additional times are not extended entrance grace periods. In order to provide the smoothest transition for your children into their day and time for them to socialize, please be on time! Normal drop off is between 7:30am and 8:30am.

Summer Schedule

Toddler:

Arrive 7:30-8:30

Work period (includes outside time) arrival to 11:45

Lunch time: 11:45–12:15

Half day pick up: 12:15

Naptime: 12:30 –3:00

School day pick up: 3:00

Extended care: 3-6pm



Primary:

Arrive: 7:30-8:30

Outdoors: from arrival time to 9am.

Work period: 9am–12pm

Lunch 12:00–12:30

Indoor activities 12:30-1pm

Nap time/ work period: 1-3

Extended care 3-6pm

BIOGRAPHY OF IRMA LETSON

Irma Letson is the owner and founder of Tempe Montessori School. Tempe Montessori School was opened in 1978 and originally started in Tempe. Irma is the mother of 6, grandmother of 15 and great grandmother of 4 beautiful girls and 1 grandson. She is married to Gene Letson founder of Tax Benefit plans of Arizona. Irma was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana and moved to Arizona in 1948. She attended Arizona State University and achieved her Bachelors degree in Speech and her Masters degree in Special Education. She has worked in many schools across Phoenix and with many different children. In between discovering the Montessori Method and obtaining her education, she worked in Devereux Day School of Phoenix with children with special needs. She became intrigued after learning of Montessori and wanted to know more. When she saw the classroom and the children she truly believed in the Method. In 1985, She received her AMI primary and Elementary education certification from MECA (Montessori Education Center of Arizona). While laying the groundwork for Tempe Montessori School, she acted as the primary teacher and administrator. She worked along side her daughter Therese Bolar until 2007. Irma started TMS in order to provide a place for children to receive a Montessori Education. After a short retirement, she is back and ready to continue as Administrator. Irma says " I believe in following the child through the natural unfolding process of their education by providing a well rounded, safe, peaceful environment for them to explore the World and Universe as they perfect themselves. The children learn to be peaceful through the balance of freedom and responsibility in their lives."



*"The child is
both a hope
and a promise
for mankind."*

BIOGRAPHY OF JESSICA Van den Akker

Jessica was born and raised in Mesa, Arizona. She attended Tempe Montessori School from 2 to 10 years old. She went to Seton Catholic High School and graduated from the University of Houston earning a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis on Early Childhood through 4th grade. Jessica has been with Cypress-Fairbanks ISD since 2008 as a District Intervention Specialist focusing on mathematics.

Whether working at TMS during high school, as a classroom assistant for Smaller Scholars Montessori school in Houston, Tx, or being the Director's assistant at Small World Childcare in Mammoth, Ca., Jessica has always worked with children throughout her life. She is excited to come "home" to Tempe Montessori School.



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June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 First day of summer school	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

July Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 TMS CLOSED	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 TMS CLOSED ALL WEEK	28	29	30
31	1 August TMS CLOSED ALL WEEK -Teacher Work Week	2	3	4	5	6 PEG MTG