

# Alumni News

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**Tempe Montessori School**

## **TMS News!**

Greetings Tempe Montessori Alumni!

Tempe Montessori is coming up on its 34th year of providing a Montessori education for the children of Arizona. Over the years we have seen more than 4,000 children and families walk through our classroom doors. We are delighted that we can continue to provide the same quality education to each and every child who enters our classroom environments as we have since our doors opened in 1978. Following in her mother Therese's footsteps, Lauren Bolar is assisting Irma Letson with Administration and office duties. Jessica Van den Akker (Acedo) another former TMS Alumna will be joining them this Fall.

Recently, we have had some of our alumni students come back to TMS to enroll their children, and we couldn't be more thrilled! We would like to take this opportunity to reach out to you all and share the newest TMS developments.

We are very pleased to announce the opening of our NIDO program. The NIDO program is designed for infants 3 months to walking-age. The goal of our NIDO program is to nurture your children's abilities and to help them develop their skills, personality, and confidence that will help throughout their lives. Our Toddler and Primary programs continue to flourish and we hope to continue educating children through the elementary age. Our elementary classroom will open for the 2012-2013 school year and be led by Teacher Michelle Nuest. Come and meet her March 26th 2012 at our Parent Education Night 5PM. Childcare and dinner is provided.

Our past students often share stories, of "I loved all the sheep!" or "Remember barricade?", "We used to jump from the tire tree", "Do you still have the pony Sunshine, or the pig Wilbur or the rat?" We would love to hear from you and what you are doing today! We have included a postcard for you to fill out and return.





## TMSTO Tempe Montessori Student Tuition Organization

This year TMS has created a new STO in order to provide scholarships for children 5 TO 12 years old.

TMSTO provides scholarships which are integral component to continue a healthy primary and elementary program by allowing more students to enroll at TMS.

Not only does TMSTO provide scholarship opportunities for TMS and MIS students, it also allows you to determine how a portion of your tax dollars are spent. When you contribute to the TMSTO, you are claiming a tax credit, which will be refunded to you when taxes are filed or deducted from taxes owed. Married couples can donate up to \$1000.00 and

single persons can donate up to \$500.00. Every dollar counts!

Last year, TEMPO our former STO, raised over \$100 K and provided scholarships for many families in need.

The TMSTO, aspires to reach a goal of \$80,000 and we are almost half way to our goal!

To continue to serve TMS and the TMSTO, please make a donation at [www.tempeмонтessori.org](http://www.tempeмонтessori.org)

Click the link on the right hand side of screen which lists "donate to Tempe Montessori School."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Irma Letson at (480) 966 7606 or at

[office@tempemontessori.org](mailto:office@tempemontessori.org)

Your donations can help us make a difference in a child's life!



*"Tax credit donations has helped me provide a Montessori Education for my 4 children."*



## We want to hear from you!

Please return this form by May 1st, 2012

For record keeping purposes please provide a picture from childhood and present

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your children's Names (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Years attended Tempe Montessori School and current age: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address and contact information:

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High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

College Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Awards, Degrees, Certificates:

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Please share a favorite memory of Tempe Montessori School:

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Who was your teacher (s):

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What are you doing today?

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AMI (Association Montessori International) wants to hear from you too! Please share your stories with the Montessori Project at

<http://amiusa.org/parents-families/we-are-montessori>



## Thank you!

We would like to thank our current and alumni families for their continued support of Tempe Montessori School and of the quality Montessori education you chose for your children's educational needs.

From the beginning of Tempe Montessori School in 1978, Irma Letson has maintained the mission statement of Tempe Montessori School: (To provide the very best care and education of young children, and to help parents achieve their highest goals in the education of their children,

by following the teachings of Dr. Maria Montessori in an effective and sensitive manner.)

The continued support and word of mouth recommendations Tempe Montessori has received from our alumni have allowed us to progress, renew and continue to provide a quality education for the past 34 years. Please help us continue to spread the word of the benefits a Montessori education provides.

You can do this by filling out the information form and mailing or

emailing it back to us at PO BOX 40755 Mesa AZ 85274 Attn: Irma Letson

You can also help us by providing a testimonial of Tempe Montessori!

We thank you for your support and continued faith in the philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori and her educational theories as an Aid to Life: an educational system which helps children develop life skills to carry them successfully throughout life.