

WHAT MAKES MONTESSORI UNIQUE

Created by physician Dr. Maria Montessori in the late 19th century, the Montessori approach to education centers the child's natural desire to learn, fostering a collaborative environment in which instructors observe and support the child's pursuit of learning. Like a toddler learning to speak, Dr. Montessori believed that authentic learning results from the natural curiosity of a child's mind, more than the regimented imparting of facts.

Today, there are around 5,000 Montessori schools in the US alone, a movement and tradition of which we are proud to be part.



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advancing
EQUITY
IN
EDUCATION
since 1968

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

OUR BACKGROUND

MLK Montessori School was created by three Fort Wayne women—Dottie Fitchey, Dorothy Holt, and Mary Hoban—in the wake of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's assassination as a way to turn something tragic into something beneficial.

Like Dr. King, we believe that all children deserve a high-quality education regardless of their background or socioeconomic status.



What started in 1968 as a small school of 18 children has grown to be able to serve over 100 children from pre-school to third grade.

Fifty-six years later, and we are just getting started.



ABOUT (Y)OUR SCHOOL

- Multi-age classrooms foster peer learning and engagement.
- Qualified instructors support and guide their students' self-initiated learning.
- Dedicated leadership ensures a curriculum that meets Indiana's early learning standards.
- The Montessori Method engages the whole child and fosters their cognitive, physical, social, and emotional growth.

CHILD ENRICHMENT



OUR OPTIONS

- We offer classes year-round, Monday through Friday, from 8:30-3:30.
- We provide bus services to certain areas of Fort Wayne.
- We partner with the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to provide nutritious meals and snacks.

ON FINANCIAL MATTERS

Our commitment to every child means just that: through public and private grants and scholarships, we ensure that all families can access a quality preschool education, regardless of their financial status. In fact, most of our students receive some type of financial assistance toward their education, and our accepting of vouchers is unique amongst Montessori schools.

For more information, scan the QR code to visit our website at mlkdreamschool.org.

