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New Montessori Middle School Opening on the Eastside

REDMOND, WA – Eastside families searching for an alternative to traditional education now have a new option for their middle schooler. For the past 30 years, Montessori Children’s House (MCH, MCHKids.com) has served students from six weeks old up to sixth grade. But in 2019, the school is expanding their offering to be one of the few Montessori middle schools in the Seattle area.

“Families have been asking us to start a middle school program for years,” said MCH Head of School, Jennifer McConnell. “It’s something we’ve thought about but we wanted to have the right people in place. When it started to look like we could have the ‘dream team’ in place that we’ve always wanted, the middle school just sprouted from there.”

Led by seasoned Montessori teacher Marc Cobb, the middle school program is the latest addition to the AMS-accredited school that sits on five acres surrounded by wildlife and forested areas. “We are starting this new middle school program with the largest class we’ve had for a new program introduced at MCH,” said Cobb.

Included in the new Montessori middle school is a micro-economy model (where students learn entrepreneurship through project-based learning) as well as an emphasis on emotional intelligence, teamwork and resilience -- something that more and more employers are looking for in the next generation of working professionals.

MCH has had a strong tie to nature ever since the school was founded over 32 years ago. Built into the daily curriculum is time in the school's centrally located organic garden with a Gardening Specialist. Students also spend time with the school's on-site farm animals, including chickens, bunnies, goats and more.

"We truly feel we have something new and unique to offer," said McConnell. "We could be the one school that follows the child from infancy, to preschool, kindergarten, elementary school up to middle school. That provides stability, less switching schools and the ability to truly get to know the child and encourage their strengths."

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MCH (MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE)

Nurture AND Nature; developing your child's individual passions and strengths. Because today's child is tomorrow's future.

Montessori Children's House is an AMS accredited Montessori school for children six weeks through eighth grade. Committed to an excellent holistic Montessori education that includes the partnership and involvement of families within our community, MCH is inspired by a growth mindset and is dedicated to serving the individual educational needs for children of all backgrounds.

Our beautiful five-acre campus is surrounded by protected wetlands and forested areas and is home to several farm animals including goats, chickens, rabbits, ducks and more. With a fully-enclosed Nature Trail, well-developed enrichment and extracurricular programs, this farm-like peaceful setting connects MCH students to their natural world.