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Local School Gets Hopping to Raise Money for Muscular Dystrophy

REDMOND, WA – On Tuesday, April 21, students at Montessori Children's House, the only AMS-accredited Montessori school in Redmond and Sammamish, raised funds for Muscular Dystrophy research by participating in the MDA's annual fundraising event, the Hop-a-Thon.

Students ranging from age three to 12, were challenged to see how many hops they could do in one minute. Each hop was counted and at the end of the event thousands of hops were accumulated.

"People donate a certain amount of money per hop," said Head of School, Jennifer Wheelhouse. "Students will get their hop forms on Friday to take home and start raising money for this vital research."

Muscular Dystrophy is a worthy cause for the students and staff at Montessori Children's House (MCH). One student's mother has been diagnosed with the disease and is physically challenged on a daily basis, making parenting her 3-year old daughter a difficult task.

"I reached out to MCH because I am more than familiar with the school's dedication to the community, students and their families," said Hillary Leviant, who was diagnosed three years ago.

Hillary's grandfather also had the disease during the 1950s, a time when little was known about it. Together with a businessman whose child also had Muscular Dystrophy, Hillary's grandfather founded the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA.) Hillary's great uncle was the talent agent for big time movie star Jerry Lewis, which is how he began his legendary association with the MDA and introduced the internationally known *Jerry's Kids*.

Hillary shared her Muscular Dystrophy struggle in [MCH's weekly newsletter](#), with great response both online and at the school's Hop-a-Thon.

To learn more about the MDA, please visit [MDAorg.com](#). For more about Montessori Children's House, please visit [MCHkids.com](#).

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ABOUT MDA

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is the world's leading nonprofit health agency dedicated to finding treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other neuromuscular diseases. We do so by funding worldwide research; by providing comprehensive health care services and support to MDA families nationwide; and by rallying communities to fight back through advocacy, fundraising and local engagement. It's special work powered by special people who give generously. Visit [mda.org](#) and follow us at [facebook.com/MDAnational](#) and [@MDAnews](#).

ABOUT MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE

Founded in 1987, Montessori Children's House is the only American Montessori Society accredited school in Redmond and Sammamish. MCH is committed to an authentic Montessori education with an emphasis on nature. Our serene, five-acre campus in a farm-like setting connects students to their natural environment and encourages individualized learning. Learn more at [MCHkids.com](#).