

Our mission is to create an *experience* that we all **love**.

**SPRUCE
TREE
MONTESSORI
SCHOOL**



Who, What, When, Where...

- Sabrina Binkley, Founder/Head of School
- Montessori school offering authentic Montessori education for children ages 2.5 – 12 years old (pre-K, K, 1st – 6th grades).
 - We support the development of each child in all areas – academically, socially, physically, and emotionally using proven Montessori techniques and approved Montessori materials, guided by Montessori educators certified by MACTE-accredited training institutions.
 - American Montessori Society – Level 6 Pathways Certificate www.amshq.org
 - Only Montessori school in Alaska to achieve this status
 - Only Montessori administrator in Alaska with an AMS credential, admin level
- Brief History
 - Opened Fall 2012 with 7 first graders, 1 teacher
 - Fall 2016 (5th Year) Relocated to historic Fairbanks train depot, 72 students (preK - 5th grade), 6 FT teachers, 2 PT teachers, 1 PT admin: 50 Children’s House; 22 elementary
 - Currently - 86 students; 10 full time and 2 part time staff, including a counselor, PE teacher, chef and Spanish teacher.

Dr. Maria Montessori



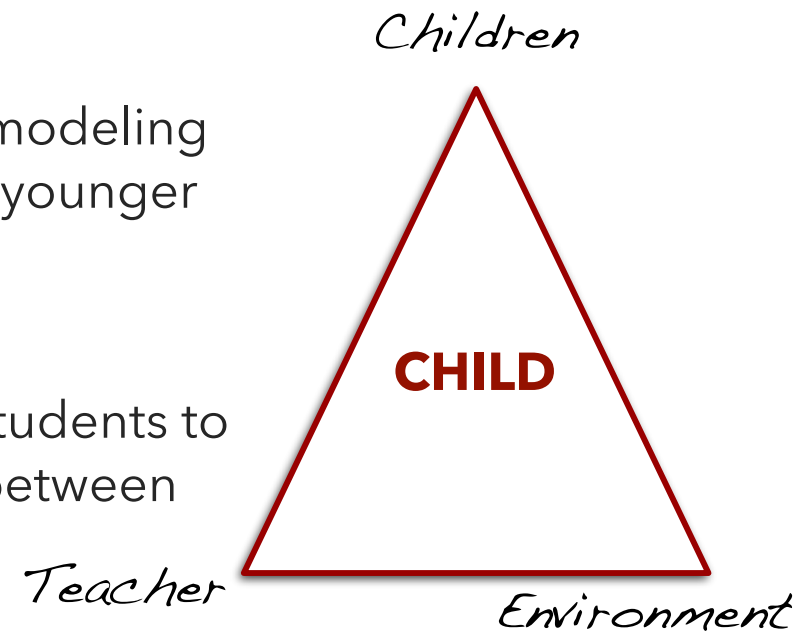
- Developed over a century ago
- Largest pedagogy in the world
- Scientifically based on observations of children, and is "developmentally appropriate" in every aspect
- Tens of thousands of Montessori schools in America and throughout the world, 11 in Alaska, 3 in Fairbanks!

Let's watch a video!

➤ **[Inside the Montessori Classroom](#)**

Hallmarks of Montessori

- Multi-age classrooms provide mentorship and modeling opportunities for the older, and support for the younger
- Montessori trained teacher
- Long blocks of uninterrupted work time allow students to concentrate, solve problems, see connections between subjects, create new ideas
- Purposefully arranged classroom environment allows for exploration, freedom within limits, and a sense of order
- Nurtures independence

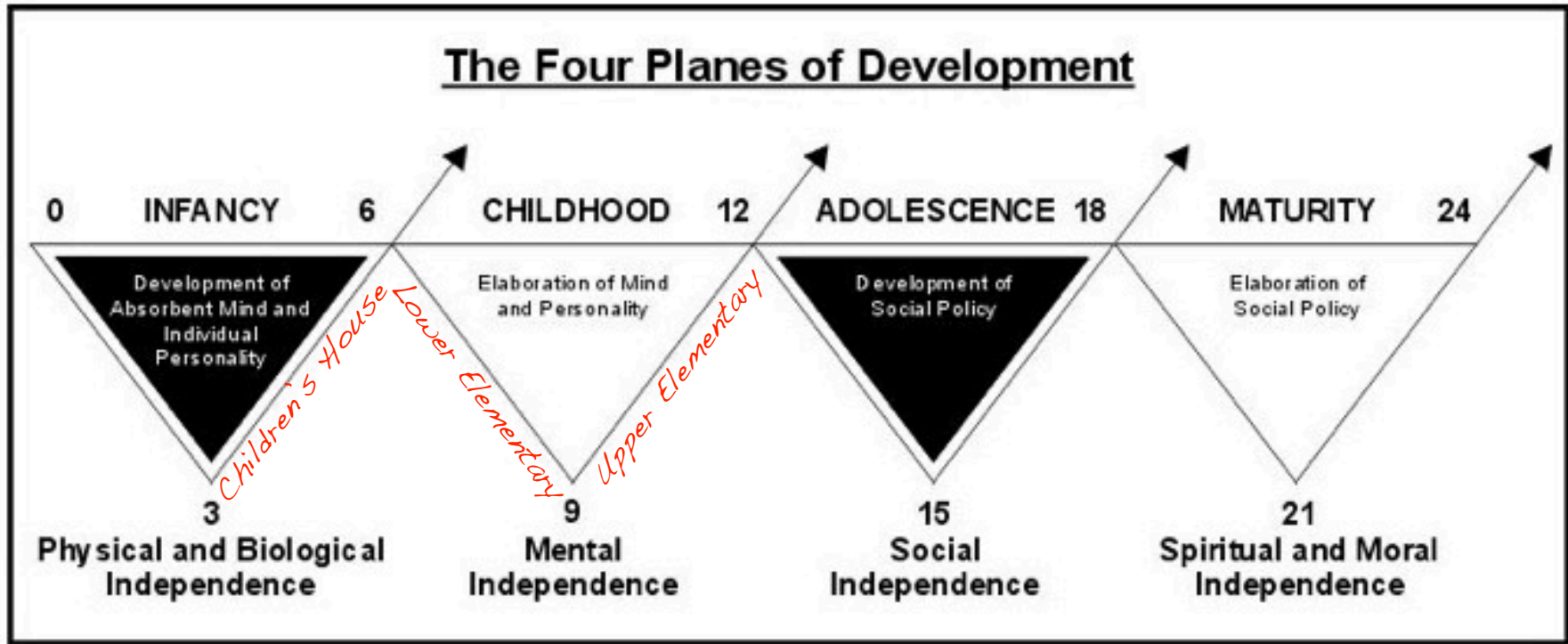


CORE BELIEFS: Respect for self, for others and for the environment.

The Montessori Classroom Environment

- The Montessori environment is a beautiful space offering simple decor, engaging manipulative materials, ample floor space for comfortable work areas, child-sized individual, two, and four-person tables, child-sized restrooms/sinks and access to the outdoors.
- You'll notice:
 - walls are purposefully plain (children do not learn from osmosis), with tasteful, framed art displayed
 - furniture is wood, of natural color, well built
 - the majority of our lessons use glass, ceramic, metal, wood – not plastic – items
 - our rugs center the classroom to create community, they are artful and colorful
 - material trays/baskets are used to designate a place for all lessons; in sequence, as students thrive in an orderly, uncluttered environment

Planes of Development



Our Academic Programs

➤ **Children's House, ages 2.5 - 6 (preK - K)**

- The School Day Program provides a well-rounded full day including the hallmark Montessori 3-hour work period. Students enjoy the academic morning work cycle, time outdoors, lunch, PE, Spanish and art as a part of their school day.
 - Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Morning snack provided. Nap optional.
- Our Half Day Program offers students the opportunity to participate in the academic morning work cycle alongside School Day Program peers where social and community building skills, academic interests and excitement for learning are nurtured, as well as time outdoors, and lunch time.
 - Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 12:45 pm. Morning snack provided.

➤ **Our Elementary Program, ages 6 - 12 (1st - 6th grades)**

- Provides a well-rounded, full day academic experience including the hallmark academic morning work cycle where students work independently, in pairs, or in small groups and when individual and small group lessons are presented. Students enjoy time outdoors, lunch, physical education (PE), music/dance, cooking, Spanish, and art as a part of their school day.
 - Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Morning snack provided.

Extended Day Programs

- Sunrise Program: offers early drop off at 7:30 am. Children begin their day in their classroom with non-academic, enrichment activities, and may bring breakfast.
 - Monday - Friday, 7:30 - 8:15 am.

- Sunset Program: extends the school day, offering an active, play-based extended day for playing games, crafting, reading, listening to music, singing, or enjoying the outdoors.
 - Monday - Friday, 3:30 - 5:00 pm. Snack provided.

- Sockeye Sports Clubs: swim, ski, skate, climb, run or bike... sports clubs are offered each session for ages 5 and up, after school at various locations around Fairbanks.

What Sets Us Apart

- School Day Includes:
 - Practical Life Skills & Social-Emotional Learning
 - Core Academics
 - Physical Education, daily for all ages
 - Peace Education
 - Art & Music
 - Foreign Language: Spanish for all ages
 - Community Service & Citizenship, philanthropy and field trips
 - Classroom Celebrations & School Events

2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

- Year Round Calendar - find it online [Spruce Tree Montessori.com/Resources](https://www.spruce-treemontessori.com/resources)
- August - June, with 5 academic sessions averaging 8 weeks in length and 4 intersession breaks, each 2 weeks in length.
 - Summer Break is the month of July (~4 weeks)
 - During our Fall, Winter and Spring breaks, we offer Break Camp for all children.
 - We are closed during the holiday and summer breaks, a total of ~6 weeks per year.

Financial Commitment

2020-21 School Year Tuition Schedule

Program Options	Children's House School Day (preK - K)	Children's House Half Day (preK - K)	Elementary (1st - 6th gr)	Sunrise (all ages)	Sunset (all ages)	Lunch (all ages)	*OPTIONAL* Break Camp (all ages)
Schedule	Mon - Fri	Mon - Fri	Mon - Fri	Mon - Fri	Mon - Fri	Mon - Fri	Mon - Fri
	8:30 - 3:30	8:30 - 12:45	8:30 - 3:30	7:30 - 8:30	3:30 - 5:00	12 / 12:30	8:30 - 4:30
Enrollment Deposit: Due May 15	\$675	\$675	\$675				
Materials Fee: Due July 1	\$285	\$285	\$325				
Bi-Monthly Tuition: Due Aug, Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, June (6 payments)	\$1,625	\$1,300	\$1,725	\$200	\$385	\$230	
Drop In Cost				\$10 / day	\$15 / day	\$8 / lunch	\$300 / week
Annual Total	\$10,710	\$8,760	\$11,350	\$1,200	\$2,310	\$1,380	\$1,800

Monthly Reference

Total / Bi-Monthly

\$974/886 \$796/709 \$1,032/941 \$109 \$210 \$125

(includes Enrollment Deposit & Materials fee; all divided by 11 months) Bi-Monthly does not include ED and Mat fee.

Enrollment Timeline

- CURRENT Student Re-Enrollment Forms Due April 24
- New Student Applications, accepted year round, no application fee
 - Parent Observations: scheduled once application is received
 - New Student Enrollment Interviews: ongoing via Zoom through April
 - Admissions decisions finalized end of April; acceptance letters emailed on or before May 5 (or until all spots are filled)
- Enrollment Deposit: Due May 15, reserves your child's spot for fall
 - (ACCEPTED CHILDREN ONLY) — those placed in the wait pool do not pay a deposit
- Materials Fee: Due July 1, for your child's school supplies and helps to offset the cost of daily snack
 - (ACCEPTED CHILDREN ONLY) — those placed in the wait pool do not pay a materials fee

QUESTIONS CALL 479-8733

or email Annie Scott, Administrative Manager, annie@sprucetreemontessori.com

Stay Connected with Us

- Follow us on FaceBook & Instagram: Spruce Tree Montessori School
- Upcoming Events:
 - Spring Open House, May 28, 4 - 5:30 pm 🙌
 - 2020-21 Parent Orientation, June 18, 5 - 7 pm
- Watch Montessori videos on YouTube.
- Seek information online:
 - Spruce Tree Montessori, SpruceTreeMontessori.com
 - American Montessori Society, amshq.org
 - Montessori Rocks, <http://montessorirocks.org/why-montessori>

ENJOY THE JOURNEY

Thank you for tuning in tonight.

At Spruce Tree we believe the educational experience is
a wonderful adventure through life and learning.
I was inspired by my eldest son, and seek the best for my children.
I recognize that you want the best for your children as well.
We can achieve that together at Spruce Tree Montessori School.
It's not school. It's an experience.

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