

Heartwood Montessori School

Curriculum and Enrollment



It's That Time of Year

Enrollment season is upon us!

For some people, making the decision to keep their child at Heartwood is a no brainer. For others, particularly those with children getting ready to leave their current three year cycle, the decision can be more difficult. Deciding between Heartwood and a public school option can sometimes feel like a sea of grey. How do you know which style is the best fit for

your child? What is the best way to figure out each school's culture, similarities and differences?

We have dedicated the month of February to helping you get to the bottom of these common questions. We have planned a series of talks focused on providing you with information that will hopefully help to make your enrollment decisions easier. All of the meetings described in this newsletter are also listed on our [school calendar](#). Childcare will be available each night for ages 3 and older.

Dates at a Glance

Current and prospective families are invited to join us at any of our informational meetings.

Toddler families, try to come to the Feb. 7th meeting, and one of the Follow Your Child Nights

MONTESSORI: THE WHOLE PICTURE (AGE 3 - ADOLESCENT)

February 7th: 6:30 PM

UPPER ELEMENTARY PARENT NIGHT (GRADES 4-6)

February 16th: 5:30 PM

LOWER ELEMENTARY INFORMATION SERIES:

January 31st:
Session One, 6:30PM

February 9th:
Session Two, 6:30 PM

February 23rd:
Session Three, 6:30 PM

FOLLOW YOUR CHILD NIGHT (PRESCHOOL)

February 1st:
Kathryn, Tanya, Amy's Class

February 8th:
Liz and Jody's Class

February 15th:
Becki and Nikki's Class

OPEN HOUSE

February 22nd and 23rd: 9AM -11AM

Drop by and observe any of our classes, children's house through high school, during their work cycle.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

February 21st: 6:30 PM



Montessori: The Whole Picture

February 7, 6:30 PM

Montessori PHILOSOPHY by Teacher Trainer, Missy McClure. You do not want to miss this wonderful opportunity to learn about your child's development (all age groups).

Montessori: The Whole Picture will feature in-depth discussion about the philosophy behind the Montessori Method. Missy McClure (M.Ed., 3-6, 6-9, 9-12 AMS certified) will begin with three-year-olds and follow the philosophy through adolescence explaining the unique and wonderful things that happen during each plane of development. She will show how each level (3-6, 6-9, 9-12, and adolescence) offers classrooms that are structured to meet the needs of children at that developmental level. Missy will also take questions at the end regarding Montessori Philosophy. (Why do children tattle? When is sarcasm normal? How do children handle transitions?)

Childcare will be available for ages 3 and up. For more information and to RSVP please visit:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ea9ab29abfd0-montessori2>

Follow Your Child Night

Meeting Date is Class Specific, 5:30 PM or 6:30 PM

Heartwood's "Follow Your Child Night" is a wonderful sharing opportunity for our preschool parents and their children.

Follow your child into their classroom while they share with you some of their favorite works. Your child will be beyond proud to show you what they have been working on and to show you some of the lessons that have fascinated them so far this year. *This evening is designed for our current preschool and toddler families.*



Childcare will be available for ages 3 and up. For more information and to RSVP please visit:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ea9ab29abfd0-follow>



Lower Elementary Information Series (1st- 3rd Grades)

This three part series will walk you through many facets of a lower elementary students development, from curriculum to social and emotional growth.

Session One, January 31 6:30 PM

Jeny Brill will discuss the social, emotional and spiritual development of the Lower Elementary child and how classroom management plays an important role.

Childcare will be available for ages 3 and up. For more information and to RSVP please visit:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4EA9AB29ABFD0-lower

Session Two, February 9 6:30 PM

Beth Ryan will help you to discover a key piece to the lower elementary Montessori Cultural Curriculum. Why teach about Ancient Civilizations? Who cares about Neo-lithic people groups? Who cares about what happened in the distant, pre-literate past? Join Beth to find out that and much more!

Childcare will be available for ages 3 and up. For more information and to RSVP please visit:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4EA9AB29ABFD0-lower1

Session Three, February 23 6:30 PM

The final session in our LE series, led by Ruthie Haugh, will discuss the sequence of math and language works over the three year cycle. She will also talk about the transition process, whether from other programs or from our preschool.

Childcare will be available for ages 3 and up. For more information and to RSVP please visit:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4EA9AB29ABFD0-lower2

Upper Elementary Parent Night

February 16, 5:30 PM

Come! See! Learn! You will be amazed at what this research driven program does to excite children's interests and deepen their understanding.

While current students are engaged with their parents, teachers will be on hand to answer your questions about that engagement. We would love for you to experience The Heartwood Montessori Upper Elementary. Parents of rising fourth graders, please come! Discuss the transition to UE with parents and teachers, while seeing the exciting work.



Childcare will be available for ages 3 and up. If you are a current family who needs childcare or are a prospective family please RSVP here:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4EA9AB29ABFD0-upper

Middle and High School Question and Answer Session

February 21, 6:30 PM

Have you ever wondered what the "big kids" do at Heartwood?

Bring all of your questions about Heartwood's Middle and High School program to our Question and Answer session! Ray and Missy, the two teachers of that program, will be answering these questions and more in the middle school classroom. They would love to see you there!

Heartwood currently has a group of 14 seventh and eighth graders and 6 students in High School! Missy and Ray team teach both groups. Some of the current students and parents will be on hand to tell of their experiences with Heartwood's newest program.

Childcare will be available for ages 3 and up. If you are a current family who needs childcare or are a prospective family please RSVP here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ea9ab29abfd0-middle>



Open House

February 22nd and 23rd, 9-11 AM Tell other Prospective Families!

Drop by anytime from 9-11 for an informal tour of our classrooms.

All of our classrooms will be anticipating visitors! You are invited to drop by and observe the children during their work cycle, ask questions of students and teachers, and enjoy the peacefully functioning Montessori classroom.

We have three Children's House classrooms (3-6 year olds), two Lower Elementary classrooms (6-9 year olds), a Transition Class (5-7 year olds), one Upper Elementary classroom (9-12 year olds), plus a Middle School group (7th and 8th grades), and a small High School group of 6 students.

There is no need to RSVP for this event. See you there!



Bonus Opportunity!

February 24th, 7 PM

Well known Montessorian, David Kahn, will be offering an evening for parents in Raleigh.

On Friday, February 24th David Kahn will be speaking at Follow The Child Montessori School in Raleigh (3601 Harden Road, Raleigh, NC 27607). This free Parent Forum will begin at 7 PM and will focus on The Roots of Discipline. All area schools are invited to attend.

There is no need to RSVP for this event.

