



Where Love and Learning Never End

DeColores Montessori School

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Dear Parents,

February is re-enrollment month. It's hard to believe that it's time to review the current year and look forward to the 2011-12 school year. With pride we look at what we have accomplished together. We often compare our school to the "little engine that could". We have continued to expand and improve our programs, add technology, retire debt and maintain the lowest pupil/teacher ratio in the county.

What continues to make DeColores Montessori unique are the prepared environments, hands-on learning, multi-aged groups that exist infant-Jr. High, and staff/parent commitment. Here are some of the highlights of the 2010-11 year:

- Infant/toddler room filled to capacity with a waiting list
- Pre-school 1:10 teacher/student ratio
- Grades 3-8 test scores (attached) more than 90% proficient at every level
- Debt retirement \$25,535.00
- Technology- 10 new Apple laptops, with projector and airport for student use
- Building expansion and renovation at the Farm School for summer camps
- Sustained giving through Annual Fund Drive and growth in savings
- Cost per pupil, \$5275.00 vs. state expenditure \$10,119.00
- Average teacher salary \$23,418.00, average teacher years of experience 16 years
- Junior High students and staff dedicate more than 900 hours of community service annually to Brethren Home, FISH, Habitat for Humanity, County Parks
- Student diversity- we have families from five counties
- Our students both current and alumni have been recognized for numerous accomplishments in academics and extra-curricular activities. (For example, recently, Kendall H. basketball, Maggie S. cheerleading, Elizabeth S. Honda Math Award, Jackie K. swimming, Emily B. basketball, Andrew C., Parker C. National Honor Society, etc.

We hope you will agree our 2010-11 school year has been a big success. Our strengths come from our clear vision of working together to provide quality educational opportunities for children at affordable prices.

Our goals continue to be teacher training, technology, debt-retirement, and savings to assure future generations that a quality Montessori education will always be available in Darke County.

Attached find the enrollment papers for the 2011-12 school year. DeColores students that are currently enrolled and their siblings are offered the first opportunity to re-enroll. March 1, 2011 enrollment will be offered to families on the waiting list and April 1, 2011 we advertise enrollment for any classes that are not filled.

We have also included information for expanded summer camps. As previously mentioned summer camp will be available for the first time at the Farm School for K-9th grade students. Toddlers thru pre-school will have camp available at the Central campus and back by popular demand is Music Camp for second grade through high school students. Our camps are open to the public but discounted for all Montessori families.

Our community garden experience at the farm is open to anyone in our community that would like to rent a small plot for a fun and nutritional family garden activity.

Please return all forms by February 25, 2011. We hope to continue to have the opportunity to serve your families. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,
Your DeColores Staff

Nancy Dean, Principal
Sharon VandenBosch, Asst. Principal

2009-10 School Year District Report Card

Percentage of Students **at or above** the Proficient Level

	3rd Grade		4th Grade		5th Grade		6th Grade		7th Grade		8th Grade	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
Arcanum	82%	83%	81%	75%	75%	83%	93%	88%	70%	70%	80%	71%
Bradford	80%	76%	82%	58%	78%	58%	78%	70%	75%	73%	75%	43%
DeColores	100%	100%	100%	100%	91%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	91%	100%
Greenville	82%	84%	80%	73%	70%	68%	85%	75%	79%	68%	82%	62%
Franklin Monroe	87%	91%	96%	93%	69%	81%	98%	83%	70%	66%	81%	68%
Tipp City	93%	94%	90%	88%	88%	83%	93%	90%	91%	84%	91%	84%
Troy	88%	85%	90%	84%	84%	74%	92%	88%	87%	78%	86%	80%
TriVillage	76%	52%	87%	69%	75%	63%	85%	76%	82%	67%	73%	58%
Versailles	82%	84%	79%	67%	86%	84%	97%	99%	87%	87%	88%	89%

State requirement is 75%

DECOLORES MONTESSORI SCHOOL

2011-2012 ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION AND FEE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

The DeColores Montessori School is a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation. Some families may qualify for Federal and/or State tax credits. Please consult your tax advisor. Any donation other than fees are tax deductible. DeColores Montessori School Federal Tax Identification Number is 31-1166242.

This agreement is made and entered into between _____ Father's Name _____ Mother's Name

Signature of Parents: _____ Date: _____

hereinafter known as THE PARENTS, and the DECOLORES MONTESSORI SCHOOL, hereinafter known as THE SCHOOL. The parents hereby register:

_____ (Child's Name) _____ (Birthdate) _____ (Social Security #)

for enrollment as a student for the 2011-2012 school year. All children are accepted on a six week trial basis.

ENROLLMENT FORMS are due in the office by February 25, 2011. Please check one:

- TODDLER (8:00 -11:00)
A.M. PRE-SCHOOL SESSION (8:00 -11:00)
P.M. PRE-SCHOOL SESSION (11:30 - 2:30)
KINDERGARTEN (8:00 - 2:30)
6 - 9 SESSION (8:00 - 2:30)
9 - 12 SESSION (8:00 - 2:30)
12 - 14 SESSION (7:45 - 2:30)

Students are accepted only for the entire year or for the remainder of a school year if enrolled after the opening date. Pro-rata allowance will be made if the child is accepted after the first quarter of the school year, but no reduction or credit will be granted if a pupil is withdrawn after May 25, 2011 unless said withdrawal is made at the specific request of the school. All children are accepted on a six week trial basis.

The parents agree to pay the fees for the 2011-2012 school year as follows: (check one)

Payment Alternatives:

Family Discount: Any family with children enrolled in both Elementary and Pre-School, will receive a family discount of \$150.00 off the Pre-School tuition.

Table with columns: Please check one, TUITION PAYMENTS (Toddler, Pre-School, (K-6) Elementary, (7-8) Jr. High), Due in the office by Noon on date indicated. Rows include Early Payment, Lump Sum Payment, 5 Equal Payments, 10 Monthly Payments.

- Enrollment Fee \$100.00 per student New Students ONLY - Non-refundable deposit due with enrollment form.
Supply Fee \$100.00 per student \$50 due August 30, 2011 and \$50 due January 6, 2012
Child Care Rate \$4.00 an hour
Field Trips/After School Clubs Rates vary with activities

Payments are due in the office by NOON on the date indicated. No Exceptions. Late Payment: Any balance that remains open beyond the due date will be charged a \$100.00 service charge. Any open balances exceeding 10 days past due will subject student to withdrawal from school.

Name for Invoice: _____ Home Phone: _____
Invoice address: _____ Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____

(Please check which e-mail address you prefer us to use.)
Home e-mail: _____
Work e-mail: _____

School Principal: _____ Date: _____