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***IGNITE*** curiosity,  
***DISCOVER*** community,  
***EXPERIENCE*** the world.

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PARENT INFO PACKET



# WHY NARDIN MONTESSORI?

**As the first Montessori school in Western New York, founded in 1963 by Irene Murphy, DHM, Nardin Montessori offers an approach to teaching and learning that uniquely prepares students to succeed in our complex and rapidly changing world.**

The fundamental belief of Montessori is that children learn best in an environment that supports and respects the unique development of each individual. Our Montessori program, beginning as early as 18 months, encourages exploration, discovery, curiosity and independence in classrooms that are designed to meet the developmental needs of young children.

Accredited by the American Montessori Society, which sets the standard for excellence in the US, our Montessori Oishei Campus is located on West Ferry Street in a stately home, with beautiful gardens and play spaces in a park-like setting.

We invite you to discover the amazing things that occur each day in our Montessori toddler, early childhood and elementary classrooms.





# THE MONTESSORI CLASSROOM

The Montessori classroom provides an opportunity for a child to reach his or her maximum potential through experiential learning. The classrooms are carefully designed to meet the ever-changing needs of a young child, and foster respect for others, independent learning and an appreciation of nature, creating a safe environment in which to explore, experiment and discover.

Under the guidance and encouragement of our Montessori certified teachers, children can choose to work with materials designed to be discovered and repeated, cultivating a child's natural curiosity.

Children become active participants in choosing what the focus of their learning will be within the parameters set by their teachers. Long periods of uninterrupted work time allow students to engage in meaningful, interesting, self-directed work and learn at their own pace in an environment that balances developmentally appropriate freedom with responsibility.

# THREE-YEAR CYCLE

One of the hallmarks of the Montessori Method is the multi-aged grouping of students within a three-year cycle, allowing for positive interaction between experienced learners and younger children. Younger students can learn from their older peers who act as mentors and role models while reinforcing their own learning by teaching. By the third year, students are leaders both academically and socially, increasing self-confidence and preparing for the next phase of the Montessori journey. This multi-aged grouping mirrors the real world and fosters a sense of responsibility and social care.

## 2 *outdoor learning gardens*

Did you know?

*Children go outdoors every day,*  
weather permitting.

*1 unified program*  
that fulfills the educational  
needs of a community from  
*18 months - 9 years.*







# EDUCATION FOR LIFE

The Montessori experience at Nardin Academy sets the stage for self-motivated, life-long learning. Skills such as thinking critically, working collaboratively and acting boldly, now recognized as “21st century skills,” have always been at the core of Maria Montessori’s child-centered approach to education.



“It is necessary for the teacher to guide the child without letting him feel her presence too much; so that she may be always ready to supply the desired help but never be the obstacle between the child and his experience.”

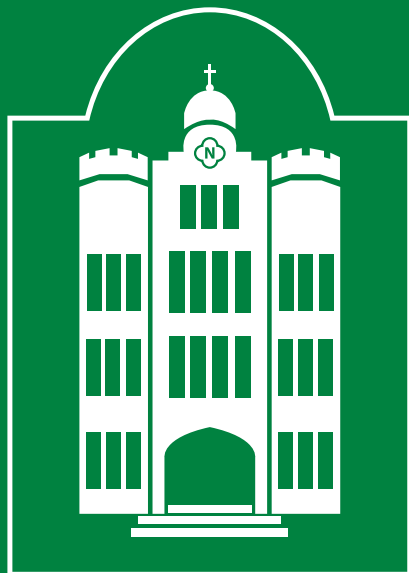
*-Dr. Maria Montessori, Founder of the Montessori Method*

# OUR MISSION

INSPIRING HEARTS AND MINDS TO DO AMAZING THINGS FOR THE WORLD THROUGH FAITH, CHARACTER, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE.

## OUR PROGRAMS

- ▶ **Toddler Program (18 – 36 months)**  
*Parents can choose 2-day or 4-day sessions (M-W/T-TH) from 8:30 – 11:15am.*
  - ▶ **Early Childhood Program (3 – 5 years old)**
    - Full-day program:  
3-day (T-W-TH) and 5-day 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
    - Half-day program:  
3-half-day (T-W-TH) and 5-half-day 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Note: Children 3 years of age may attend either three or five days. All other children must attend five days. Children 3 or 4 years of age may attend half or full days. Kindergarten-age students must attend full days.*
- ▶ **Elementary Program (Grade 1 – 3)**  
*This full-day program runs from 8 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.*
  - ▶ **After School Program**  
*To accommodate our families' needs, Nardin Montessori offers an after-school program for students in the full-day programs. There is a separate fee for after school hours.*



## STEPS *to* APPLY

### ► Visit campus

- A private tour provides the opportunity to observe classrooms, meet our expert faculty of Montessori certified teachers, converse with us about your child and learn more about the Montessori method.
- Sign up for the Montessori and Me program, a welcoming hands-on visit designed for both parents and children.

### ► Apply and submit a non-refundable application fee of \$50

*For more information, contact Danielle Dodman, Director of Admissions,  
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## CONNECT *with* US



# AT NARDIN MONTESSORI

**IN THE TODDLER PROGRAM, YOU CAN** ➡ freely explore the carefully prepared environment, learn new words, **taste new foods**, sing songs, bake bread, **gain self-confidence**, climb on the playground, learn to **work together with your friends**, feed the classroom pet, learn to confidently say good-bye to caregivers upon arrival, ***and begin the process of developing as a Montessori learner!***

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**IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM, YOU CAN** ➡ ride tricycles, **join Lego club or the Swim Team**, plant a garden, engage in STEAM-inspired group work, take lessons in yoga and ballet, learn a new song and perform it for your family, **make life-long friends**, hear a story, enjoy an in-classroom breakfast with your parent, be part of a performance, ***and establish the foundation for a life (and love) of learning.***

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**IN THE ELEMENTARY PROGRAM, YOU CAN** ➡ work collaboratively, **discover the world through geography**, go rollerblading, ride the subway downtown to ice skate, join the track and swim teams, take art and music classes, join the choir, learn Montessori's Great Lessons about the History of Writing, the History of Mathematics and the Creation of the Earth, **become curious and follow your interests**, learn to plan, shop for, and prepare a meal for your entire class, learn how to research a chosen topic and then create a piece in Writer's Workshop and Reader's Theatre, camp outdoors with family and classmates, spend three years with the same teaching team who gently guides your learning, ***and continue in the studies that Dr. Montessori so deliberately crafted.***

## NARDIN ACADEMY

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