

Dear Gladwyne Montessori Community,

For the past five years, I have had the great honor of serving as your Head of School. Together, we have experienced memorable milestones and celebratory achievements. We have launched meaningful programming, honored the legacy of teachers who dedicated the bulk of their adult lives to our community, welcomed talented new members to our team, and broken ground on our extraordinary campus enhancements.

As a community, we have much to be proud of and with this, it is with mixed emotions that I share with you that I have decided to leave Gladwyne Montessori at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year. While I have not determined precisely where the next leg of my professional journey will take me, I am eager to explore work that will allow me to follow my ongoing, deep desire to advocate for children of all ages while striving to elevate the greatness of the organization I serve next.

Looking ahead to the coming school year, we have much to accomplish together. Not only will we be welcoming a full complement of students next September, including our first class of infants and young toddlers, but we will also be celebrating our recently retired teachers, engaging in the re-accreditation process with Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS) and American Montessori Society (AMS) as well as concluding a successful capital campaign which will culminate with the completion of our extraordinary new campus! I am so excited to do that work with all of you!

Over the course of the next weeks and months, the leadership team and I will work in lockstep to ensure that Gladwyne Montessori continues in its positive forward momentum while the Board of Trustees identifies the next Head of School. Along the way, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with your questions and ideas.

As we step into this final year of my headship at Gladwyne Montessori, I want to thank our dedicated Board of Trustees, led by Stefanie Langer, for their ongoing and tireless guidance and support, our incredibly talented team of senior leaders, faculty and staff for making Gladwyne Montessori such an extraordinary place to learn and work, our generous benefactors and families for all that you do to enhance our special community, and most especially our children, for it is their boundless joy and inherent curiosity that make this journey so deeply meaningful.

With gratitude and respect,



Carrie Kries