

JEFF H. TOWLES
INTERMEDIATE
MONTESSORI SCHOOL
DEDICATION

October 8, 2006

Open House 2pm-4pm

Dedication Ceremony 2:30
in the small gym.
Refreshments to follow
in the cafeteria.

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Welcome and Introductions	Tamara Lake, Principal
Star Spangled Banner	Middle School Students
6-9 Cluster Choir	Mrs. Bishop
Dedication Address	Dr. Wendy Robinson, Superintendent Faye Robbins, Area Administrator
Proclamation.....	Geoff Paddock, FWCS Board President
What is Montessori	Tamara Lake
Family Presentations	Tamara Lake
Geyer Memorial Dedication	Tamara Lake
Advanced Chimes	Mrs. Bishop
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Please join us in the cafeteria for
refreshments and feel free to tour the building.

There are many people to thank for the successful expansion of the FWCS Montessori program. Many, many hours have been put into the preparation, planning, and completion of the project. We cannot begin to thank everyone. The FWCS family has been behind this project 100% from the start. The FWCS Montessori family is growing and we all are proud of the wonderful gift Fort Wayne Community Schools has given us.

The original FWCS Montessori program began at Bunche 15 years ago under the guidance of then Principal, Connie Murphy. During the 2005-2006 school year, FWCS began discussions of expanding the successful program. Bunche families were informed that Bunche would become Bunche Early Childhood Montessori Center and house pre-K and kindergarten students. Geyer Middle School would close and be converted into Towles Intermediate Montessori School with grades 1-8. Bunche currently has 250 students and Towles has 375. Within the next three to five years Towles will grow to 650. Staff members are excited about all the possibilities as we grow.

With approval of the FWCS Board of School Trustees, Geyer was renamed Jeff H. Towles Intermediate Montessori School. Dr. Towles served on the FWCS School Board for close to eight years. During that time he served as the first African-American president of the board. Dr. Towles was an exemplary leader during the period of desegregation in the district. He was instrumental in developing the district's magnet program that continues to ensure our elementary schools are racially balanced. Dr. Towles was a true advocate for all children as he inspired the community to seek just and equitable ways to care for its members.