

2026/2027

Free Horizon Montessori School

WELCOME TO AC4

September Newsletter

AC4 Families,

Welcome back to Aftercare at Free Horizon! Most of you are returning from last year and are already familiar with our program, so feel free to skim over most of this information. For any new families, I want to introduce myself and give a brief overview of how we do things in AC4 (the BEST aftercare group!)

No Aftercare Days:	Important info:
➤ Friday, Oct. 30, 2026 ➤ Friday, Nov. 20, 2026 ➤ Thursday, Dec. 17, 2026 ➤ Friday, Mar. 19, 2027 ➤ Thursday, May 27, 2027	➤ When the weather is within the safe range for the playground, we try to go outside for as long as possible. Pick-up on these days will usually be on the upper playground before 5:15, and in the café after that time. ➤ Late pick-up fees will be charged after 5:30 pm ➤ The last Friday of the month is Movie Day for the entire Aftercare program. We watch only G-rated movies chosen from Disney +. Pick-up will be in the café beginning at 3:30 on these days. ➤ If an alternate pick-up person will be retrieving your child, please let us know by emailing Julie and myself, or by telling me directly; otherwise, it can take a while to confirm the person picking up the child. On the day of, please ensure that the alternate pick-up person brings their ID.

Meet the Teachers

MS. MAGGIE- AC4 LEAD



For anyone who doesn't know me yet, I'm Ms. Maggie. I love leading aftercare for upper elementary- your kids are genuinely awesome humans, and they never fail to entertain and amuse me.

I have 6 years of Montessori experience working as an assistant guide in both Primary and Lower Elementary. This is my second year Leading AC4, and it has been an amazing experience. While my college career had nothing to do with education (Government and English major), I've always felt drawn to working with children. Before working in the classroom, I was a professional nanny, and later, when my son was born, I stayed home to care for him until he started in the Primary program at a different local Montessori school. He is now a 4th grader at FHM- I feel so lucky to work at the school he attends- he is my favorite person!

In my very limited free time, I try to prioritize family as much as possible. My husband Chris and I play music together whenever we can, with me on the guitar and him on mandolin. Our son is joining the school band this year to learn drums, so we might be adding him to our family band! We also enjoy camping, fishing, and going to all the live concerts we can manage. Additionally, I devote time to my passion- art! If any of you have a flare for visual arts and crafts, let me know- I love to talk shop ;-)

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MS. ABBY - AC4 ASSISTANT



Hi FHM Aftercare families and students! My name is Ms. Abby, and I am excited to begin my second year at Free Horizon Montessori as an aftercare assistant in AC4, in addition to serving as an assistant in the Upper Elementary department.

I deeply value the Montessori philosophy and its emphasis on independence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning. In addition to the classroom, I also carry these beliefs in the aftercare setting. This can look like giving students opportunities for leadership, the freedom to express their creative ideas, and the room to shine through with their individuality.

I am grateful to be part of a community that supports each child's unique growth and development at their own pace. I look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces, meeting new students and families, and sharing a wonderful year of learning and growth together!

We have a great year planned, with lots of new crafts to explore on days when the weather keeps us inside. I got input from the group before I planned my crafts this year, so I know everyone will be happy!

If you have any questions or need to reach out for any reason, email me at Maggie.Lofton@JeffcoSchools.us