

Presidents report for April 11, 2006

Montessori Teacher Training

Contact ted Angela Martin Training Center in Victoria

This teacher-training center is open to provide a Montessori teacher training in the Valley

The Montessori classroom would be used for the three-year training, during the summer and on weekends.

Allan Douglas and Al Pullin to go to Victoria to find out more details

The training would be made available for anyone interested

More details will follow, as they become available.

If you know of anyone wishing to take the training, please have him or her email me at britta@cvmontessori.com

The Ann Marie McCraigh from the school board office is also looking into maybe setting a Montessori teacher training up at NIC.

No details available at this point

Staff meeting at Glacier View Elementary

Lisa Wilcox and I gave a presentation to the staff at Glacier View about our program

We received a warm welcome by all Staff members and administration

Glacier View is excited of having the program at their school.

After the meeting Al Pullin gave us a tour of the school.

We looked at all the facilities and our possible classrooms

Both classrooms are big, spacious with lots of windows and within short distance to the outside and washrooms

School planning council

Parents that registered their child for the Montessori program are invited to sit on the Glacier View School Planning Council. This is a one-year commitment for one Montessori parent. A great way to be involved in your child's education. If you are interested please contact Britta.

Message to all Montessori Parents from Britta Neumann

As many of you know, my family and I moved from the mainland 2 years ago. Our children had been part of a public Montessori program in New Westminster.

Personally I have been involved with Public Education for more than 5 years. During that time I have learned a lot about the system and about Public schools.

I have learned that every school has "issues" that concern parents, students, teachers and administration. And they are different issues for every one of us. Deciding on where our children spent the better part of the day is not easy and requires an enormous amount of trust, support, compromise and involvement.

Parents, Students, teachers and administrators need to work together to strive for the best learning experience of all children.

By having choices like French Immersion or Montessori or Nides, we as parents can decide which road we want to take our children. Nevertheless, every choice comes with issues, too.

The first Montessori Program of Choice, on Vancouver Island, will commence in September 2006 at Glacier View Elementary.

A school with issues, a very diverse school, a school where the Montessori program is welcome by parents students, teachers and administrators.

A school in our community that can benefit from our involvement, where we continue to learn from one another, support and trust each other and celebrate diversity.

If you have any concerns about the location of the program, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the principal Mr. Pullin at Glacier View Elementary (250 338 1425).

I would like to end my message to you with a quote by John Taylor Gatto (recipient of the New York State Teacher Award)

" Whatever an education is, should make you a unique individual, not a conformist;

It should furnish you with an original spirit with which to tackle big challenges;

It should allow you to find values, which will be your road map through life;

It should make you spiritually rich, a person who loves whatever you are doing, wherever you are, whomever you are with,

It should teach you what is important,

How to live and how to die"