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Spruce Tree Montessori School to Open Junior High Program Fall 2018

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Spruce Tree Montessori School will offer a junior high program beginning fall 2018. The unique junior high program is designed to provide an unparalleled educational experience. One that blends core academic curriculum with practical project-based activities intended to connect adolescent students to the local community through meaningful contribution while allowing them to follow their personal passions.

Students will have opportunities and responsibilities that blend real-world relevance with academic content including operating a micro business and working alongside professionals from various vocational, artistic, athletic and technical fields. Students will learn through a combination of direct one-on-one and small group instruction with peers in their 3-year age range (12 - 15 years or 7th - 9th grades), independent work and research, and creative demonstration of acquired knowledge; all hallmarks of the Montessori Method.

What will set the Spruce Tree Montessori Middle Years Program apart from other alternative educational options in Fairbanks will be its "Journey" option for students passionate about sports, music or other extra-curricular activities. Students who choose a Journey Track will be allotted time during their school day for additional training at designated local facilities (ice rink, pool, ski hill, music studio, etc.) using local experts as coaches/guides. An example (draft) schedule can be found at www.sprucetreemontessori.com/admissions/programs.

Spruce Tree middle years students will begin September 4, 2018 and follow the popular year-round calendar, implemented over the last four years at Spruce Tree Montessori School. See the calendar at www.sprucetreemontessori.com/resources.

Spruce Tree will host a Prospective Parent Informational Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., at 286 North Cushman St., and will begin accepting student admissions applications Nov. 9.

Spruce Tree will continue to accept resumes for the position of Lead Secondary Teacher through Dec. 8. Full job description available online at www.sprucetreemontessori.com/employment.

ABOUT Spruce Tree Montessori

Spruce Tree Montessori School is a private Montessori school in Fairbanks offering an inspiring, multi-age learning environment for children ages 2.5 - 12, preschool through sixth grade.

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The Montessori multi-age classroom environment and curriculum provides a sound academic background for the establishment of critical thinking, problem solving and cooperative learning skills. The Montessori approach offers children freedom within limits allowing work choice during extended blocks of time in a carefully prepared environment. Time management and personal responsibility are key factors for achieving academic goals within an individualized work plan.

Spruce Tree Montessori School supports the development of each child in all areas - academic, social, physical, and emotional using proven Montessori techniques and approved Montessori materials. Spruce Tree adheres to the standards set forth by the national accreditation organization for Montessori schools, the American Montessori Society. www.amshq.org.

Unique in Alaska, all lead teachers at Spruce Tree Montessori School hold Montessori credentials for their assigned level from accredited Montessori teacher training institutions. Accredited Montessori teacher training is an intensive, post-bachelorette two-year, advanced level program.

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