

Our mission is to create an *experience* that we all **love**.

**SPRUCE  
TREE  
MONTESSORI  
SCHOOL**



# Who, What, When, Where...

- Sabrina Binkley, Founder/Head of School
- Montessori school offering authentic Montessori education for children ages 2.5 - 12 years old (pre-K, K, 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades).
  - We support the development of each child in all areas - academically, socially, physically, and emotionally using proven Montessori techniques and approved Montessori materials, guided by Montessori educators certified by MACTE-accredited training institutions.
  - American Montessori Society - Level 6 Pathways Certificate [www.amshq.org](http://www.amshq.org)
    - Only Montessori school in Alaska to achieve this status
    - Only Montessori administrator in Alaska with an AMS credential, admin level
- Brief History
  - Opened Fall 2012 with 7 first graders, 1 teacher
  - Fall 2016 (5th Year) Relocated to historic Fairbanks train depot, 72 students (preK - 5th grade), 6 FT teachers, 2 PT teachers, 1 PT admin: 50 Children's House; 22 elementary
  - 2019-20: 90 students; 12 full time staff, including a counselor, PE teacher, and school chef. This school year we reduced our enrollment by about 15% due to the initial State Covid guidelines for schools, but for 2021, we will resume nearly pre-Covid operation enrolling 85-90 students once again.

# Dr. Maria Montessori



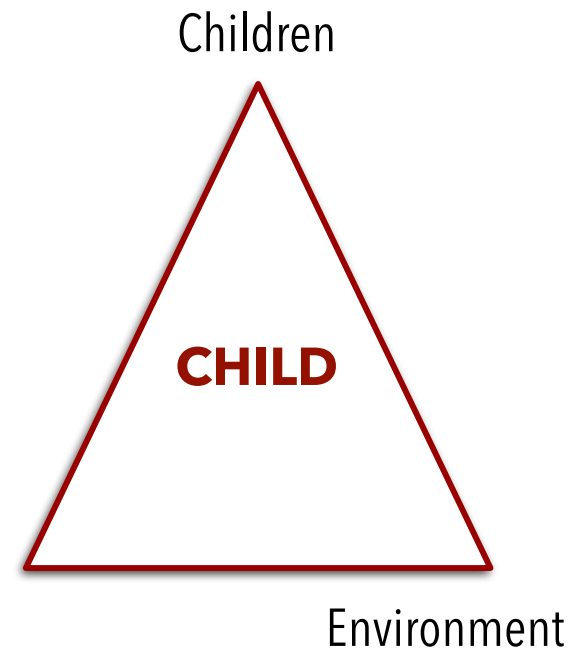
- Developed over a century ago
- Largest pedagogy in the world
- Scientifically based on observations of children, and is "developmentally appropriate" in every aspect
- Tens of thousands of Montessori schools in America and throughout the world, about a dozen in Alaska, 3 in Fairbanks!

**Let's watch a video!**

➤ **[Montessori - A Parent Perspective](#)**

# Hallmarks of Montessori

- Multi-age classrooms provide mentorship and modeling opportunities for the older, and support for the younger
- Montessori trained teacher
- Long blocks of uninterrupted work time allow students to concentrate, solve problems, see connections between subjects, create new ideas
- Purposefully arranged classroom environment allows for exploration, freedom within limits, and a sense of order
- Nurtures independence

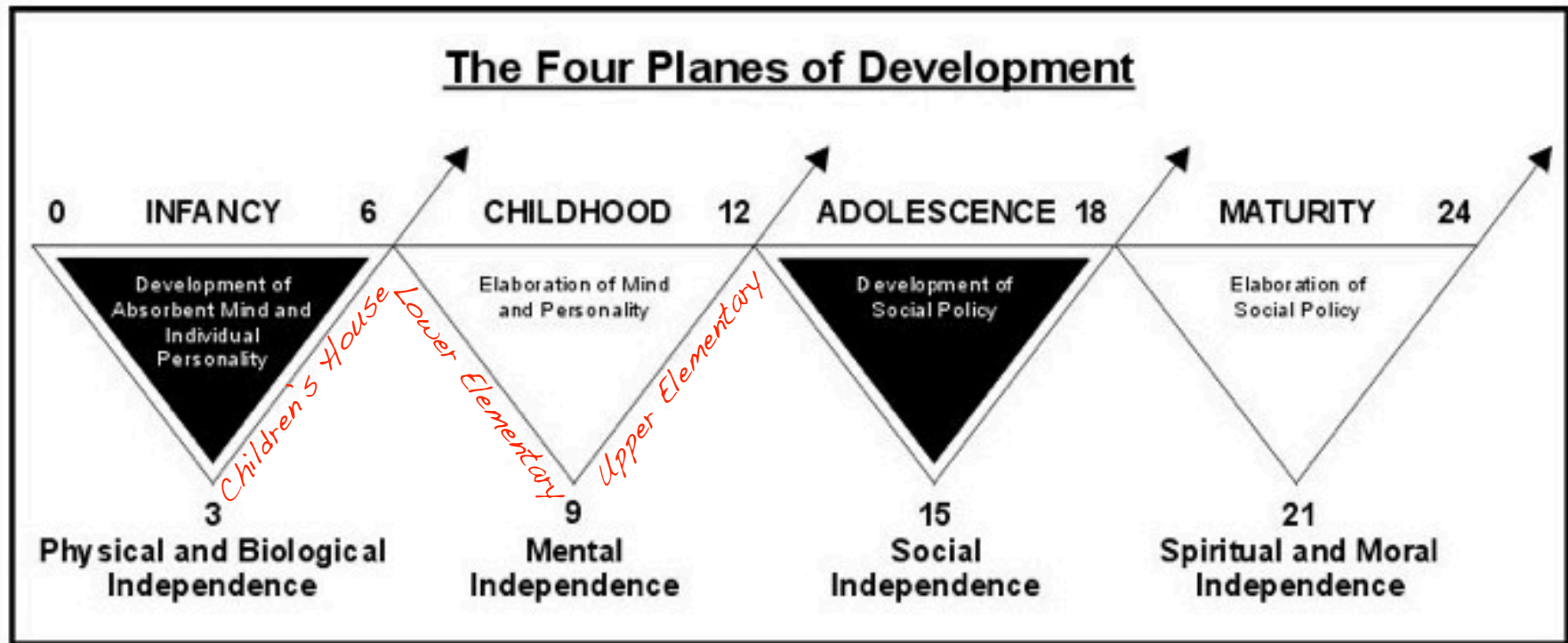


CORE BELIEFS: Respect for self, for others, and for the environment.

# The Montessori Classroom Environment

- The Montessori environment is a beautiful space offering simple decor, engaging manipulative materials, ample floor space for comfortable work areas, child-sized one, two, and four-person tables, child-sized restrooms/sinks, and access to the outdoors.
- You'll notice:
  - walls are purposefully plain (children do not learn from osmosis), with tasteful, framed art displayed
  - furniture is wood, of natural color, well built
  - the majority of our lessons use glass, ceramic, metal, wood – not plastic – items
  - our rugs center the classroom to create community, they are artful and colorful
  - material trays/baskets are used to designate a place for all lessons; in sequence, as students thrive in an orderly, uncluttered environment

# Planes of Development



# Our Academic Programs

## ➤ **Children's House, ages 2 1/2 - 6 (preK - K)**

- The School Day Program provides a well-rounded full day including the hallmark Montessori 3-hour work period. Students enjoy the academic morning work cycle, time outdoors, lunch, PE, Spanish and art as a part of their school day.
  - Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Morning snack provided. Nap optional.
- Our Half Day Program offers students the opportunity to participate in the academic morning work cycle alongside School Day Program peers where social and community building skills, academic interests and excitement for learning are nurtured, as well as time outdoors, and lunch time.
  - Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 12:45 pm. Morning snack provided.

## ➤ **Our Elementary Program, ages 6 - 12 (1st - 6th grades)**

- Provides a well-rounded, full day academic experience including the hallmark academic morning work cycle where students work independently, in pairs, or in small groups and when individual and small group lessons are presented. Students enjoy time outdoors, lunch, physical education (PE), music/dance, cooking, Spanish, and art as a part of their school day.
  - Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Morning snack provided.

# Extended Day Programs

- Sunrise Program: offers early drop off at 7:30 am. Children begin their day in their classroom with non-academic, enrichment activities, and may bring breakfast.
  - Monday - Friday, 7:30 - 8:15 am.
- Sunset Program: extends the school day, offering an active, play-based extended day for playing games, crafting, reading, listening to music, singing, or enjoying the outdoors.
  - Monday - Friday, 3:30 - 5:00 pm. Snack provided.
- Sockeye Sports Clubs: swim, ski, skate, climb, run or bike... sports clubs are offered each session for ages 5 and up, after school at various locations around Fairbanks.



# YEAR ROUND SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Year Round Calendar - find it online [Spruce Tree Montessori.com/Resources](http://SpruceTreeMontessori.com/Resources)
- August - June, with 5 academic sessions averaging 8 weeks in length and 4 intersession breaks, each 2 weeks in length.
- Summer Break is the month of July (~4 weeks)
- During our Fall, Winter and Spring breaks, we offer Break Camp for all children.
- We are closed during the holiday and summer breaks, a total of just 6 weeks per year.

# Financial Commitment

## 2021-22 School Year Tuition Schedule

Program Options	Children's House School Day (preK - K)	Children's House Half Day (preK - K)	Elementary (1st - 6th gr)	Sunrise (all ages)	Sunset (all ages)	Lunch (all ages)	*OPTIONAL* Break Camp (all ages)
Schedule	Mon - Fri 8:30 - 3:30	Mon - Fri 8:30 - 12:45	Mon - Fri 8:30 - 3:30	Mon - Fri 7:30 - 8:30	Mon - Fri 3:30 - 5:00	Mon - Fri	Mon - Fri 8:00 - 4:00
Enrollment Deposit: Due April 15	\$675	\$675	\$675				
Materials Fee: Due July 1	\$295	\$295	\$350				
Monthly Tuition: Due 1st of each month, Aug - June	\$945	\$745	\$955	\$110	\$215	\$125	
Drop In Cost				\$10 per day	\$15 per day	\$8 per lunch	\$310 per week
Total Annutal Tuition & Fees	\$11,365	\$9,165	\$11,530	\$1,210	\$2,365	\$1,375	\$1,860

Find this schedule online at [SpruceTreeMontessori.com/Resources](http://SpruceTreeMontessori.com/Resources).

# Enrollment Timeline

- ✓ Current Student Re-Enrollment Complete
- New Student Applications, accepted year round, no application fee
  - Parent Observations: Ongoing, scheduled once application is received
  - New Student Enrollment Interviews: Ongoing through April and mid-May, in person or via Zoom
  - Admissions decisions: Ongoing, acceptance letters emailed weekly (or until all spots are filled)
- ✓ Current Student Enrollment Deposits, Due April 15
- New Student Enrollment Deposits, due upon acceptance
  - (ACCEPTED CHILDREN ONLY) – those placed in the wait pool do not pay a deposit
- Materials Fee for All Students, Due July 1, offsets the cost of your child's school supplies and daily snack
  - (ACCEPTED CHILDREN ONLY) – those placed in the wait pool do not pay a materials fee

**QUESTIONS CALL 479-8733**

**or email Annie Scott, Administrative Manager, [annie@sprucetreemontessori.com](mailto:annie@sprucetreemontessori.com)**

# Stay Connected with Us

- Follow us on FaceBook & Instagram: Spruce Tree Montessori School
- Upcoming Events:
  - Montessori Monday, May 24, 4 - 6 pm
  - 2020-21 Parent Orientation, June 17, 5 - 7 pm
- Watch Montessori videos on YouTube.
- Seek information online:
  - Spruce Tree Montessori, [SpruceTreeMontessori.com](http://SpruceTreeMontessori.com)
  - American Montessori Society, [amshq.org](http://amshq.org)
  - Montessori Rocks, <http://montessorirocks.org/why-montessori>

# ENJOY THE JOURNEY

*Thank you for your interest in our school.*

At Spruce Tree we believe the educational experience is  
a wonderful adventure through life and learning.  
I was inspired by my eldest son, and seek the best for my children.  
I recognize that you want the best for your children as well.  
We can achieve that together at Spruce Tree Montessori School.  
It's not school. It's an experience.

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