

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The Children's Harbor Montessori School was founded in 1978. The school is a non-profit organization and chartered as an educational corporation by the NYS Board of Regents. Children's Harbor Montessori School is affiliated with the American Montessori Society (AMS) and licensed by the City of New York Department of Health. The Children's Harbor Montessori School admits students of any race, color, creed, and national or ethnic origins.

FACULTY

Children's Harbor Montessori School offers a warm, talented and well-trained teaching staff. Each teacher has trained at an accredited AMS Teacher Training Program. These high training standards combined with many years tenure with CHMS provide a stable and nurturing environment for children.

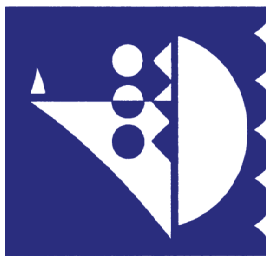
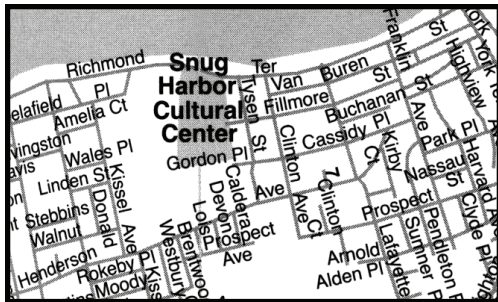
OBSERVATIONS AND VISITS

Parents are encouraged to visit and observe our program. Please contact the school at (718) 442-6112 and the director will arrange a tour for you. You may also schedule a talk with the teachers and current parents.

If you would like to know more about Montessori philosophy, please visit www.montessori.org or the American Montessori Society website at www.amshq.org.

OUR LOCATION

Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden is located on the North Shore of Staten Island (Livingston), two miles west of the Staten Island Ferry Terminal.

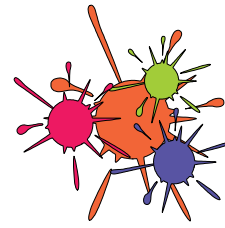


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*"A Unique
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Children's Harbor



Montessori School



**at Snug Harbor Cultural Center
and Botanical Garden**



What makes Children's Harbor Montessori School unique?



The Children's Harbor Montessori School is located on the grounds of beautiful Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden in the historic North Shore district of Staten Island. Snug Harbor is an 83-acre park with ponds, botanical gardens and a Chinese Scholar's Garden. It is also home to the Staten Island Children's Museum, galleries and other art institutions.

What makes our school unique?

- ◆ **MONTESSORI METHOD**
- ◆ **STRONG PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**
- ◆ **ART ENRICHED CURRICULUM**
- ◆ **EASY ACCESS TO THE CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS AND GARDENS ON THE GROUNDS**

MONTESSORI METHOD

As a Montessori school, our philosophy focuses on the development of the total child. Each child's unique personality is encouraged; each is respected as an important member of the community. This includes equal attention to social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs. Each child has the opportunity to work at his or her own pace to indulge the innate willingness to learn. The Montessori approach offers a broad vision of education as an aid to life. It succeeds because it is based on the natural development of the total child.

STRONG PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The "Parent of the Day" program, unique to Children's Harbor Montessori School, invites the most important adults in a child's life to spend time in the child's classroom. This special day provides the opportunity for the parent to observe and share activities with his or her child in the classroom. In addition, all the parents of the enrolled students become members of the Parent Association. Within the Parent Association, the parents form committees and work together on school-related projects. Parents enjoy socializing and make many good friends while participating in their children's school life.

ARTS ENRICHED CURRICULUM

The arts are vital to the school's curriculum and fit perfectly within the Montessori method. Through arts our children develop autonomy and self-reliance, sensory-motor skills and the ability to think abstractly. Art enriched Montessori activities also aid the formation of social relationships as children learn to work together and support the endeavors of others. Besides the art component, the children also have great fun at Yoga, Music and Spanish classes on a weekly basis.

EASY ACCESS TO THE CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS AND GARDENS ON THE GROUNDS

The school arranges frequent visits to the museums and galleries of Snug Harbor. Our children are often the first to experience a new exhibit at the Children's Museum or at the Art Lab; or to appreciate the first blooms of spring at the Botanical Gardens.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

TRANSITIONAL TODDLER

(FOR CHILDREN 2 TO 3 YEARS OF AGE)

The Transitional Toddler Program provides children at 2 years of age their first educational experience under the guidance of a Montessori teacher. Waiting one's turn, sharing and patience are important lessons that the teacher guides the children to develop. A balance of intellectual stimulation and emotional, physical and social development is sought for each child.

PRE-PRIMARY

(FOR CHILDREN 3 TO 5 YEARS OF AGE)

Children in the Pre-Primary Program possess what Maria Montessori called the "absorbent mind", the enhanced ability to absorb all aspects of one's culture and environment without effort or fatigue. Individual work is encouraged as an aid to this period of the child's self-construction. There are several areas of activities included in the Montessori curriculum for this age group: Practical Life, Sensorial Materials, Mathematics, Language Development, Art & Music and Cultural Extensions. Through participation in these activities, we aim to cultivate the children's ability to express themselves, think with clarity and initiate activities based on their individual interests.

PRE KINDERGARTEN FOR ALL (PKA) PROGRAM

(FOR CHILDREN 4 YEARS OF AGE BY DECEMBER 31)

Our classroom environment provides rich educational experiences tailored to the needs of each individual child. The Pre Kindergarten for All Program helps to support the needs of our program, with funding from the City of New York Board of Education.

Our Pre Kindergarten for All Program is a half day morning program, 5 days per week, at no cost to parents. To meet the needs of the children and their families, Children's Harbor Montessori School also offers parents the opportunity to extend to a 5 Full Day Program (see Tuition Schedule for fee).

Children residing in Staten Island, who are 4 years of age on or before December 31 of the year in which they are enrolled would be eligible for the Pre K for All Program.

EXTENDED HOURS

(7:30 AM TO 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM TO 6:00 PM)

Our regular school day runs from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The Children's Harbor Montessori School provides both early drop-off and after school programs for families who need extended care. During these times the children make special art projects, and in the afternoons, weather permitting, spend a lot of time exploring the outdoors.

SUMMER CAMP

Children's Harbor Montessori School offers an exciting arts enriched summer program. Naturally, these programs also make full use of the opportunities available to us at Snug Harbor. The theme of the camp changes annually. A separate summer camp brochure is available from the school each spring.

