



SPONSORSHIP PACKET

Dear Fort Walton Beach Community and Friends of Montessori,

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our fundraising campaign to build a brand new Montessori school in our beloved city. Montessori education is a unique approach that fosters independence, creativity, and a love for learning in children. With your support, we can continue to provide an exceptional Montessori experience for our students and create a state of the art learning environment that will inspire and nurture the minds of our children for generations to come.

For over 40 years, Montessori Learning Center has been a thread in the history of Fort Walton Beach. It was founded by local families who were passionate about the Montessori philosophy and saw a need in our community. Founded in 1978 by Martha Burkland, Andrew Corbin, John Nelson, Shirley Grace, and Virginia Dennis, the school became an incorporated non-profit and moved to the First Presbyterian Church on Beal Parkway in June 1982.

In 1984, the Board hired Ms. Fran Alvarez as the school's director. The school flourished for the following years and eventually found a new home on Hospital Drive in 1992. In 2002, Ms. Fran retired and Ms. Stacey Izer became director. In 2012, the school moved to our current location at St. Simon's Episcopal Church, and 5 years later, the Board voted to add Lower Elementary. Stacey was instrumental in facilitating the expansion into elementary school, and our program has thrived under her over 20-year leadership, but she will be retiring at the end of this school year. The board voted in the spring of 2023 to hire Ann Helton as Stacey's replacement to begin Fall 2024.

Our Elementary program began on 2017 with the addition of First Grade, and the following years with the addition of Second and Third Grades. We now have over 25 students enrolled in our lower elementary school program, and over 70 in PreK and Kindergarten; but our goal has always been to be able to serve more families with the unique educational experience only the Montessori Learning Center can provide. In order to do that, we need our own building. With the lease and eventual purchase of property on Memorial Parkway, this dream is closer than ever to becoming reality.

We have worked hard over the last few years to fundraise and in March 2024, we will purchase the land from the City of Fort Walton Beach for \$525,000. Plans for our new building are attached and will include: 8 classrooms holding 25 students each, a library and technology room, a multi-use room for art and music, an indoor play space, a large outdoor play space with picnic tables, and top-notch security. The building will be around 14,000 sq ft and will cost an estimated \$2.8m.

We hope that we can count on your support in making our dream of building a new Montessori school in Fort Walton Beach a reality. Together, we can provide an exceptional educational environment for our children and build a stronger community. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
The Montessori Learning Center

MONTESSORI LEARNING CENTER SPONSORSHIP FORM

If you are a Montessori parent, alumni, friend or relative and you would like to become a sponsor for our school, we would love to have your support. Funds raised through sponsorships will go directly towards the building of our new school. For a minimum donation of \$100 your name, logo and company website link will receive recognition on Facebook page.

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LEVEL**

\$250

**SILVER
LEVEL**

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**GOLD
LEVEL**

\$1000

**PLATINUM
LEVEL**

\$1500

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If you would like to provide a donation to support the building of our new school please fill out the below form with your information. Complete form along with a check made payable to Montessori Learning Center. You may also donate through Venmo @FWBMLC.

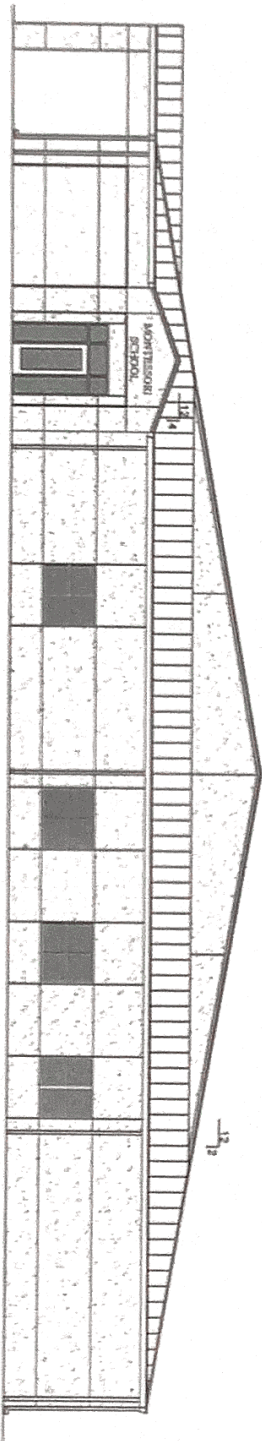
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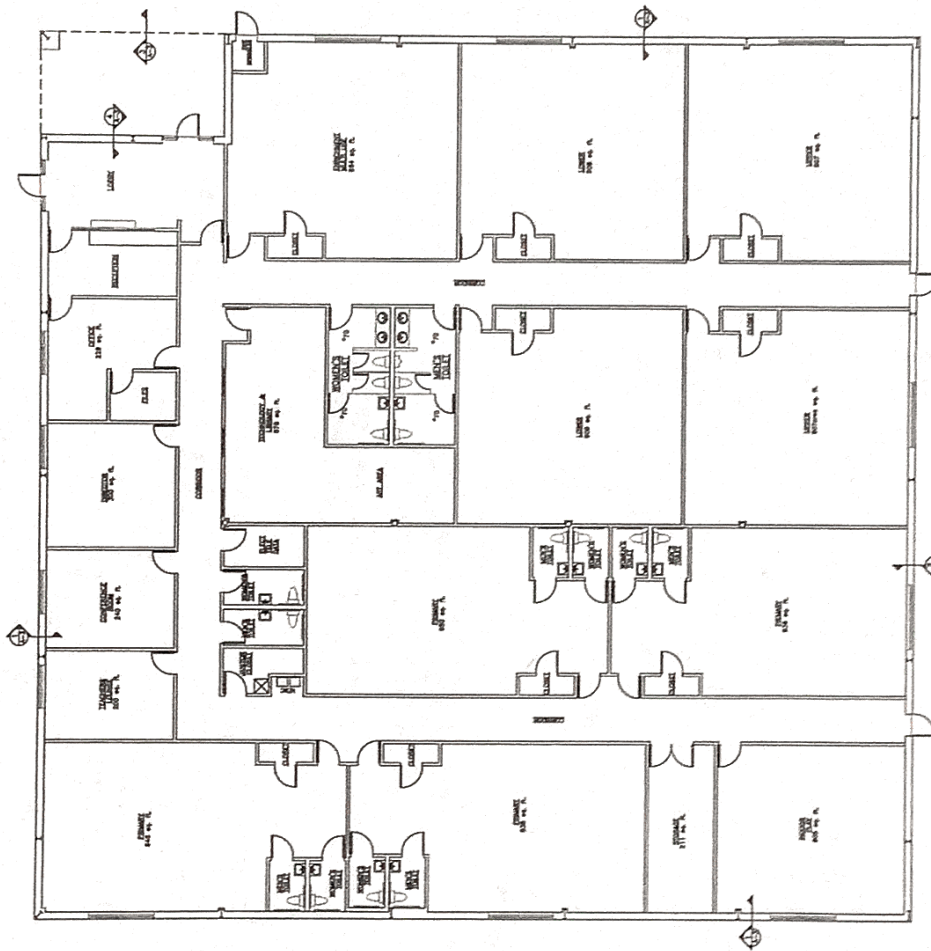
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