

Healthy Beginnings Montessori Elementary

Reaching New Heights

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The aim of our school is to guide your child in understanding the world, whilst developing independence at his/her own individual pace.

The Montessori Method is unique. It is based on a sensible balance between freedom and structure specifically designed for the young child. It provides a pleasant environment with carefully designed materials that meet the child's natural needs.

The goal is to develop a well-rounded, responsible, happy and fulfilled child who can find their place in the world.

Here is a brief overview of the different areas in the classroom:

Practical Life:

This is integrated with the day-to-day care of the classroom and its inhabitants, showing the importance of responsibility. Tasks include preparing snacks, watering plants and taking care of animals.

Language:

The language area includes a comprehensive curriculum: word study, creative writing and research skills. Reading is highly encouraged, children are introduced to poetry, folk tales, non-fiction and classic literature. There are opportunities to read out loud - presenting their written texts or dramatising the work of an author.

Mathematics:

Mathematics begins with the golden bead material, teaching basic math concepts (place value, quantity, symbol association and concrete addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). The materials bring a "hands-on" quality to the classroom. These bridge the gap between abstract concepts, including problem solving, fractions, graphing, measurement, long division, and algebraic equations.

Geometry: Wooden shapes are used to master the terminology of all figures and solids. Matching cards introduce types and positions of lines and angles.

Experimentation with other materials leads children to their own discoveries of spatial relationships, including congruence, symmetry and equivalency.

Cultural Studies:

The main aim in these areas is for the child to develop gratitude: toward the universe and the lives within it, referred to Maria Montessori as “cosmic education.” We need to show the child how important respect for their world is so that they may preserve it for future generations. The subject include:

Botany and Zoology encompass a wide field of biological study.

Geography and History include the study of civilisations and countries.

Science: Science helps a child gain confidence as the world around him becomes more ordered and understandable.

Art: Different mediums of Art are explored such as wax crayons, coloured pencils, chalk, pastels, charcoal, ink, h and b pencils, stencils and tracing.

Music: Singing and the use of a variety of different musical instruments are also encouraged. The children are exposed to classical music daily.

Sports: Physical development is very important. We offer yoga, tai chi, rock climbing group and ball games.

Religion: The children will learn about different religious festivals. Parents are invited to share with the class any festivals that are followed in their own homes. In this way we can build a sense of community within the classroom and introduce the child to the different cultures of the human family.

Choose Healthy Beginnings Montessori (HBM):

We would like our school to be a home away from home. We approach the child as individual being with unique needs and interests thus encouraging clear parent/teacher communication. A ratio of twelve-fifteen children per Directress allows us to monitor their progress well.

The benefits of sending your child to our school include an Emergency ER24 service.

We have an extensive cultural curriculum that makes life and experiences part of the learning environment. School hikes, trips to museums, rock climbing, athletics outing and enrichment programs will enchant the learning process and bring theory to life.

A child's nutrition is of great importance we provide healthy breakfast, snacks and lunch. Special consideration is catered for vegetarians. Please inform us of any allergies.

Integration is smooth for a child who has already been in a Montessori pre-school. For children who have not been in this sort of environment before, an evaluation will take place.

“Children are not things to be moulded, but people to be unfolded,”
Doctor Jess Lair.

Fee Structure:

Half day : until 13:30

1. Payment for 2017: R32,670 (10% discount)
2. Monthly fee: R3,300 (11 monthly payments)

3/4 day : until 15:00

1. Payment for 2017: R33,660 (10% discount)
2. Monthly fee: R3,400 (11 monthly payments)

full day : until 17:00

1. Payment for 2017: R34,650 (10% discount)
2. Monthly fee: R3,500 (11 monthly payments)

A non refundable deposit of R 3,500 is required in order to secure the space. The deposit includes registration and all the stationary needs for the year.

Thereafter, fees are payable on the last day of the month for the following month.

Three months written notice is required before your child can leave the school. In the case of your child leaving the school earlier, you will still be liable for the payment of the notice period.

No reduction in fees will be granted for holidays, illness or absence for any reason.

I the undersigned: _____

ID Number: _____

As mother/father/guardian of: _____

(full name of child) hereby acknowledge and undertake to pay Healthy Beginnings Montessori Elementary school in respect of school fees as outlined above and to abide by the conditions set out herein.

This documents serves to REGISTER your child at HBM. We require full terms and conditions documents to be read, completed, initialled and signed before your child can attend the first class.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Account holders details:

New Acropolis
ABSA – 632005
Cheque
4074761076

General comments:

- Please notify the school as to any changes in important personal details.
- Ill children should be kept at home so as not to infect the teacher and other pupils. Please do not send your child to school if he/she is sick.
- Report your child's absence from school before 8am. Should your child take ill at school we will contact the person/s indicated on the emergency form. We expect you to fetch your child within the hour.
- Staff members are not permitted to administer medication.

ADMISSION FORM (PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL)

PERSONAL INFORMATION Child to start (dd/mm/yyyy)

Half-day / 3/4Day / Full-day

Child's Surname:

Child's Full Name/s:

Child's Date of Birth:

Home Address:

Postal Address:

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Home Telephone No.:

Fax No.:

Home Language/s:

Religion:

Father's Name:

ID Number:

Father's Employer:

Work Tel No.:

Father's Occupation:

Cellular No.:

E-mail Address:

Fax No.:

Mother's Name:

ID No.:

Mother's Employer:

Work Tel. No.:

Mother's Occupation:

Cellular No.:

E-mail Address:

Fax No.:

Family Doctor's Name:

Tel No.:

Name of Prev. School

Contact Number:

Alternative Contact Number (other than parents) in case of emergency:

Name:

Relationship:

Telephone No.:

Cellular No.:

Doctor's name:

Tel:

Medical aid name:

Medical aid number:

(Please supply a copy of both sides of your Medical Aid card, for emergencies)

Medical

1. The school, the teachers or its owners cannot be held responsible in any way for any injury or sickness suffered by a child while at the elementary school and/or in the care of the elementary school representative.
2. I hereby accept the elementary school cannot be held responsible for medical, or any other expenses incurred through injuries received while at the elementary school and/or in the care of an elementary school representative.

3. I hereby authorise that my child receives the necessary medical attention in case of an emergency:

Name of Private Doctor:

Phone Number:

4. I undertake to let the school know immediately of any change of address, phone number, or any change in the above information.
5. I understand and accept the conditions laid out above and agree to abide by these regulations.

Signature of Mother:

Date:

Print Name:

Signature of Father:

Date:

Print Name:

Date of Admission:

The attached information is required by the City Health Department. It is essential to supply this information with the correct dates as a child will not be admitted to an elementary school if not inoculated.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Name:

Date of Birth:

School: _____

<u>1. Immunisation</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Immunisation</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/ Tetanus (DWT or 3-IN-1)	1. 2. 3.	Measels	
BOOSTER	1.	Combined Measels/Mumps/ Rubella (MMR)	
Oral Poliomyelitis	1. 2. 3.	BCG	
BOOSTER	1.		

2. **Previous Illnesses**

(a) Infectious Diseases

Measels
Chicken Pox
Mumps
Scarlet Fever
German Measles
Diphtheria
Other:

(b) Operations

Tonsillectomy
Circumcision
Other:

(c) Allergy, eg.

Asthma
Hay Fever
Other

(d) Throat and Nose Infections

(e) Ear Infections

(f) Other Diseases, eg. Epilepsy

3. **Birth and Infancy History**

- (a) Illnesses of Mother in Pregnancy
- (b) Birth Weight
- (c) Delivery and Labour

(d) Abnormality at Birth, eg. Club Feet
Cleft Palate
Other

(e) Jaundice at Birth

(f) Blood Transfusions to Child

(g) Oxygen to Child

4. **Family History**

Any medical condition in other members of the family

eg. Deafness
Allergies
Other

Private Doctor (if any):

A copy of the original immunisation form must accompany this form.

Best Regards,
Guy Hazon
Owner