



TREETOPS

MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL

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TREETOPS MONTESSORI OUR PHILOSOPHY

Treetops Montessori has been providing first-class education since 1993. We believe that future happiness and success depends on a sound beginning. Under the supervision of highly experienced and qualified Montessori trained staff, your child will receive the individual attention necessary for the achievement of their highest potential.

Stepping into our mixed aged classroom, you will be impressed by the level of focus and engagement of the children working with their own selected learning materials. The individual lessons and daily activities are targeted to each child's interests and abilities making the learning perfectly tailored to each student.

In addition to the Montessori teachings, Treetops children enjoy a French lesson every day, weekly yoga with mindfulness practice, music class with Ryan from "Through the Art of Music", art, crafts, dance and outdoor activities.

Throughout the year, educational field trips are offered to provide children with local cultural experiences.

Mindfulness: At Treetops, we incorporate mindfulness into our weekly yoga practice. The purpose of teaching mindfulness to the children is to give them skills to develop their awareness, to understand how emotions make them feel and to provide tools for self-control.



What is Montessori Work?

Sensorial: Includes activities that allow the child to refine each of their senses: Sight, Touch, Smell, Taste and Sound.

Language: Based on phonetic awareness, children work through specific hands-on and tactile language materials.

Math: With the use of concrete learning materials, each exercise builds upon another and the child gradually moves to addition, subtraction, multiplication, and fractions.

Practical Life: Materials and works are inspired by 'real-life' tasks, and teach children important skills through fun, step by step activities that convey respect, responsibility and caring.

Culture: allows the child to explore the natural world around them and includes: Geography, Zoology, Botany, History and Science.

THE MONTESSORI METHOD

Dr. Maria Montessori founded a philosophy that later inspired sweeping reforms in modern education. She believed that children have a desire to explore, discover and learn about their environment.

Montessori schools aim to help children build the foundations for a lifetime of creative learning. They are based on Dr. Montessori's observations that each child is unique and should be helped to develop to his or her fullest potential.

The early years are critical, and children should have every opportunity to strengthen positive attitudes towards learning during these formative years.

Montessori children learn how to learn. They establish patterns of concentration and perseverance which help them become competent learners for life. They are helped to do this in the "prepared environment" of a Montessori classroom. These rooms contain scientifically researched and developed, sequenced and interrelated materials which allow the children to explore through manipulation and discovery.

Although the curriculum is structured, each child moves through it at their own pace. It is the teacher's role, on the basis of study and observation of the child, to prepare the environment which will stimulate, challenge and satisfy each child.

In a Montessori classroom, there is a special atmosphere of cheerful orderliness, calmness and purposeful work. The Montessori approach is child-centered but adult guided. It is structured but free for learning, emphasizing basics in an enjoyable manner.

The Montessori Method aims to develop each child's; concentration, co-ordination, persistence in completing a task, self-discipline, orderliness, desire to learn, initiative, creative self-expression and independence.

FAMOUS MONTESSORI STUDENTS

LARRY PAGE AND SERGEY BRIN – FOUNDERS OF GOOGLE

JEFF BEZOS – FOUNDER OF AMAZON.COM

PRINCE WILLIAM AND PRINCE HARRY

JIMMY WALES - CREATOR OF WIKIPEDIA

KATHERINE GRAHAM – OWNER/EDITOR OF THE WASHINGTON POST

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MEET THE TREETOPS TEAM

Ms. Justine – Founder

Hello, I'm the founder of Treetops! I was born in Manchester, England. I was educated at St. John's College and later studied as a fever nurse at Monsall Hospital, Manchester. After emigrating to Canada, I studied at Ryerson University. After my children attended a Montessori Preschool in Vancouver, I decided to take the Montessori training and eventually received my Early Childhood Educator qualifications. I opened Treetops Montessori Preschool in 1993 and have been passionately running and acting as head teacher at the school until my retirement in June 2019. I now act as a mentor and provide support to our Treetops team.



Ms. Dahyana – Morning and Afternoon Montessori Teacher

Hello! I was born and raised in México. I was educated at Universidad Veracruzana and gained my Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science. I had the opportunity to live in Santiago Chile for a couple of years before immigration and settling in Canada 8 years ago with my husband and our three children. I love to spend my free time with my family and dog watching movies and paddleboarding. I worked as a support teacher for two years at St. Andrews preschool, which flourished my passion for working with kids. Then I decided to study to become a Montessori AMI teacher and help children follow their inner path in a fun, respectful and caring environment. I'm excited to be a part of the Treetops Family and contribute to the growth of your children.



Ms. Angélique – Morning French Teacher

Hello! I was born and raised in a ski resort in the French Alps. I moved to Canada 6 years ago. I've worked as an educator for 17 years, mostly with toddlers and preschool age children. I like teaching children through having fun and learning from them by listening to their stories. They are all different and it's so fun to work with them! I like to laugh with children as it allows me to keep my child soul! I've travelled a lot and I chose to stay in Canada, specifically in BC because it was my childhood dream. During my free time I take care of my son who is a Treetops student. I like skiing, cooking, travelling, swimming and diving. I am happy to be a part of this team, to take care of your children and teach them French!



Ms. Lauren - Director

Hi! I am the daughter in-law of the founder of Treetops, Ms. Justine. I am a mother two young children, one of which just graduated from Treetops and the other just joined Treetops class of 2023! I am the Director of Treetops and am the main contact for all parent and teacher communications along with my husband David. I have a Bachelor of Technology and majored in Graphic Communications Management. I have been working in the sales and marketing field for the past 13 years and running the Treetops operations for the last three years. I love being a part of the Treetops family.



Mr. David – CFO (Chief Fun Officer)

Hi! I'm David, the son of Treetops' founder, Ms. Justine, husband of Treetops director Lauren and dad to one graduate and one current Treetops student. I grew up around the Treetops classroom and am a child of Montessori education. I have years of teaching experience in China and Vancouver and when I'm not working in the polar regions as a photographer, I'm at the school assisting the teachers and chatting with the parents at pick-up and drop off.



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PRESCHOOL CLASS WEEKLY SCHEDULE*

M= Morning A= Afternoon	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M: 8:30am A: 12:00pm	Arrival and Quiet Work	Arrival and Quiet Work	Arrival and Quiet Work	Arrival and Quiet Work	Arrival and Quiet Work
M: 9:00am A: 12:30pm	Circle Time	Circle Time	Circle Time	Circle Time	Circle Time
M: 9:45am A: 1:15pm	Phys Ed	Phys Ed	Phys Ed	Phys Ed	Phys Ed
M: 10:15am A: 1:45pm	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
M: 10:45am A: 2:10pm	Montessori Work	Montessori Work	Montessori Work	Montessori Work	Montessori Work
M: 11:30am A: 3:00pm	Class Ends	Class Ends	Class Ends	Class Ends	Class Ends

YEARLY CALENDAR*

Treetops follows the West Vancouver School District Holiday Calendar. This calendar can be located at:

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/annual-school-calendars>

We are closed for two weeks for Winter break, two weeks for Spring break and we are closed for the months of July and August. * Schedules and calendars are subject to change.

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PROGRAM FEES

ENROLLMENT FEE (DUE UPON REGISTRATION) \$200 (new students only)

NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (DUE UPON REGISTRATION) One month's tuition required upon registration to be applied against the child's last month at Treetops.

MORNING PROGRAM

- AGES 2.5 - 5 YEARS OLD
- **CLASS TIME**
- MORNING 8:30-11:30 AM (3 hours)
- **TUITION** (Per month. Last month due upon registration)
- 5 HALF DAYS - **\$853**
- 4 HALF DAYS - **\$682**
- **Lunch Club** – Extend your child's stay until 12:00pm - **\$10 per day**

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

- AGES 2.5 - 5 YEARS OLD
- **CLASS TIME**
- AFTERNOON 12:00-3:00 PM (3 hours)
- **TUITION** (Per month. Last month due upon registration)
- 5 HALF DAYS - **\$853**
- 4 HALF DAYS - **\$682**

FULL DAY PROGRAM

- AGES 4 YEARS OLD AS OF DEC 2022 (or mature/non-napping 3-year-olds)
- CLASS TIME 8:30-3:00 (6.5 HOURS)
- TUITION (Per month. Last month due upon registration)
- 5 FULL DAYS - \$1850
- 4 FULL DAYS - \$1480

Lunch club is only available to morning class students and not afternoon students.

5% DISCOUNT APPLIED IF FULL YEAR TUITION PAID BEFORE AUG 1st. 5% DISCOUNT FOR SIBLINGS

**discount does not apply to application fee and discounts cannot be combined.*

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FEE POLICY AND TERMS OF ENROLLMENT

The tuition may be paid in one of the following manners.

1. One lump sum payment on or before Aug 1st of the intended school year (a 5% discount will be applied)
2. The enrollment fee and tuition deposit due upon registration followed by a monthly installment plan beginning the first month of the intended school year

The enrollment fee and deposit are non-refundable if the child is registered but does not attend the school

In order to withdraw a child from our program, parents must provide a written and signed notice of withdrawal two full calendar months in advance. If this notice is not provided, two full calendar months tuition payment must be provided

Withdrawal after April 1st will not be refunded

Deductions are not allowed for voluntary or involuntary absences (school holidays, sickness, family holidays, etc.)

Special Circumstances: In the event of a situation beyond our control (fire, flood, earthquake, pandemic etc.) where the school must be closed for a period longer than one month, your tuition that was prepaid or due for the following month, will be refunded to you or not collected if the school does not reopen. Tuition paid for the initial month when the event occurs along with the last month deposit will not be refunded.