

dynamic • independent • connected



THEY HAVE
A HEROIC
MISSION.

Ensure a bright future. Theirs, yours and ours!

A group of students in a classroom are gathered around a table, focused on a project. One student is pointing at a yellow grid on a blue and white striped cloth. Other students are looking on, some with pencils in hand. The background shows a typical classroom setting with desks, chairs, and a whiteboard.

Developing ENGAGED MINDS

WITH TODAY'S PACE OF CHANGE, STAYING UP-TO-DATE IS NO LONGER ENOUGH. IT TAKES SELF-INITIATIVE TO CONSTANTLY IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND BECOME A PERPETUAL STUDENT, TO ADAPT TO NEW REALITIES. HERE, AT WESTMONT, STUDENTS ARE LEARNING TO BE INDEPENDENT THINKERS.

Empowering
**I CAN.
I WILL.**



Our vision is of a school that provides world class Montessori education now and for generations to come.

We all hope to find a school for our children where every child is an active participant in their own intellectual and personal development, one that encourages children's natural curiosity and desire to explore. A school that inspires cooperative and creative problem solving. A school that equips our children with the skills and confidence they need to meet their futures with courage and confidence. Westmont Montessori is that school.

A Westmont Montessori School education offers an independent alternative to more traditional schooling. Montessori educational methodology is grounded in over a century of scientific study and detailed observation; a methodology that firmly places the child at the center of their own learning experience.

Here at Westmont we create an environment where learning is pursued with individual curiosity and collective passion. Where working together to solve problems and confront challenges is integral to every classroom. Where children are encouraged to move around their environment to discover for themselves the insights and interests that engage them. Where a lifelong love of learning is born.

A close-up photograph of two children, one with dark hair and one with blonde hair, looking intently at a small insect held between their hands. The background is a soft-focus green field. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Nurturing CREATIVE SPIRITS

A DESIGN MINDSET IS ABOUT FOCUSING ON HUMAN VALUES AND THE PEOPLE THAT MATTER MOST TO THE PROBLEM WE'RE TRYING TO SOLVE. THROUGH PRACTICING EMPATHY, WHETHER THROUGH CONVERSATION, OBSERVATION OR EXPERIENCING, ADOPTING A DESIGN MINDSET IS CRITICAL TO SUCCESS.

DYNAMIC, INDEPENDENT, CONNECTED.



Westmont focuses on moving children towards independent thinking, resulting in highly engaged, knowledge questing students.

Westmont Montessori School is a highly regarded independent Montessori school in the Westshore offering education from preschool through grade eight. Westmont has been a part of the community for over 60 years with our roots dating back to a small school founded in 1954. Many children and grandchildren of the original students continue to be part of the Westmont family. The school is now situated on a stunning eight-acre site on Metchosin Road with access to the Sitting Lady Falls provincial park and Witty's Lagoon beach.

Westmont is a learning community founded upon respect and harmony, that graduates students who embrace life and learning with personal, communal and global integrity. At Westmont, we believe that the strength of an education is forged from a bond between the student, the teacher and the home. Each partner must be committed to building a foundation of trust from which the child dreams, questions and works to become all that is possible.

Encouraging **ACTIVE LIFESTYLES**



“The children in a Montessori class are given the freedom that is the liberty of the human being, and this freedom allows the children to grow in social grace, inner discipline, and joy.”

— **Maria Montessori**

At Westmont, active citizenship reflects the abilities and interests of our students, the talents and commitment of our families and the beauty and needs of our community. By focusing on citizenship, virtues and leadership, we model and teach good practice for functioning in the greater world.

Families volunteer at the school to help in ways that reflect their unique strengths. Students learn about community virtues through class discussions and presentations at assemblies.

All students are encouraged to demonstrate leadership when appropriate. In the older classes, students are provided formal opportunities for leadership through organizing sporting events, running pizza days to raise money and working with younger students.

RELATIONSHIPS AND THE ABILITY TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BECOMES AND REMAINS A CRUCIAL CAPABILITY. “INFLUENCE AND RELATIONSHIP-BUILDING WILL NOW COME FROM ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS, NOT NECESSARILY HAVING ALL THE ANSWERS.” — JOHN HAGEL



Educating for
**MEANINGFUL
CONNECTIONS**

SENSEMAKING, AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT TO MONTESSORI EDUCATION, IS ALL ABOUT THE ABILITY TO CONNECT THINGS TO CREATE NEW IDEAS. QUOTING MARIA POPOVA, "WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO CONNECT COUNTLESS DOTS, TO CROSS-POLLINATE IDEAS FROM A WEALTH OF DISCIPLINES, TO COMBINE AND RECOMBINE THESE PIECES AND BUILD NEW CASTLES."



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