

**GUIDING LEADERS  
OF TOMORROW!**



Trafalgar Crossing

***Dearcroft Montessori  
Trafalgar Crossing School***

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A Tradition of Excellence,  
Reimagined for the Future

# DEARCROFT

## MONTESSORI TRAFALGAR CROSSING

### THE HISTORY

Founded in 1968 by Peter and Barbara Phippen, Dearcroft Montessori is one of Canada's pioneering Montessori schools, recognized as a forward-thinking leader in education. Over the decades, we have remained a family-owned and operated institution, now led by second-generation Montessori educators who continue to champion our legacy of innovation and individualized learning. Accredited by Montessori Canada (formerly CCMA) and a founding member of Oakville Independent Schools, Dearcroft Montessori upholds the highest standards of Montessori education while embracing modern advancements.

Our new North campus, opened in 2023, marks an exciting evolution for our community. Designed in collaboration with Sigma Group, a premier builder of hospitality spaces, this state-of-the-art facility seamlessly blends the natural beauty of Oakville's urban and green landscapes.

Spanning over 10,000 square feet, our campus features spacious, light-filled classrooms with floor-to-ceiling windows, a beautifully landscaped outdoor green space, and a vibrant environment that reflects our commitment to both nature and innovation.

As the first Montessori school to be part of a dynamic, mixed-use development in Uptown Oakville, we continue to nurture curiosity and creativity in our students, welcoming new families and carrying forward the vision of a stimulating, future-focused learning environment.

### OUR MISSION

To provide students with the opportunity to develop and nurture their individual academic and social strengths in a safe and motivational learning environment.

Our students experience an exciting, well-balanced curriculum within classically structured and fully equipped Montessori classrooms.



## INNOVATED CAMPUS

***Embark on a transformative journey with us!***

***A Next-Generation Learning Space in the Heart of Oakville.***

***Specialized areas include a Music and Art Studio, Science Discovery Area, and a serene mezzanine library.***

- Structure allows for students to have consistency, challenge, individualized instruction, and programs tailored to their specific needs.
- Dynamic teams of highly experienced and dedicated teachers.
- Three-year cycle of academic development in the classroom.
- Students gain confidence, self-esteem and an impressive level of independence and learning.
- Development of maturity, sense of global awareness and overall citizenship all nurtured and strengthened by their multi-aged experience.

***Our state-of-the-art Montessori Elementary classroom is a cutting-edge learning environment where innovation meets Montessori's timeless educational principles.***



Elementary Classroom

***Our close-knit community is fostered through annual events such as Fall Festival, Christmas Concert, Heritage Day, Mother's Day Tea, Science Day and Fairs, and the Year End BBQ.***



**GOES BEYOND TRADITIONAL  
EXPECTATIONS OF EDUCATION**

## **CLASSROOMS**

**Our classrooms adhere to Montessori best practices, featuring:**

- **Multi-age environments**
- **Low student/teacher ratios**
- **Hands-on experiential learning**
- **Individual and small group lessons**

## **OUR PROGRAMS**

**Toddler: Full Day/Half Day**

18 months to 3 years old

1:5 teacher/ student ratio

*"We are so happy to have found Dearcroft. Anna, the Principal, has been nothing short of amazing! The toddler team is fantastic. We would wholeheartedly recommend Dearcroft to any new parent."*

Our program is designed to help toddlers develop their order, concentration, and control of movement through practical life experiences. Daily lessons promote development of oral communication, independence, problem solving and building respect for oneself and others. The prepared classroom environment provides materials that lay the foundation of math and language work before they enter our Casa program.



Toddler Program

## Casa: Full Day/ Half Day

2.5 years old - 5 years old  
1:8 teacher/student ratio

Students at this level are in a sensitive period in which they can absorb concepts and information with minimal effort.

Our classrooms are prepared to stimulate interest and exploration with a myriad of materials and activities designed to promote learning in all areas of the curriculum, including math, language, science, and culture.

As the children become engaged in activities, they begin to develop concentration, attention to detail and self-discipline. Together, three-, four- and five-year-olds interact and learn from each other in a classroom that is rich in choice and opportunity.

As children progress within the group, their confidence grows along with their expanding knowledge.



## Elementary

6 -12 year olds  
1:17 teacher/student ratio

The Elementary program continues to build on the foundation established in Casa, and centres on the Montessori concept of a cosmic curriculum.

Aided by a curious mind, developing imagination and ability to absorb large amounts of information, the child begins to learn about the universe and his/her place in it. Careful attention is paid to the development of language, and mathematical skills.

These abilities assist in the integrated areas of history, geography, science, botany, zoology and peace education. Interest and enthusiasm fuel the development of research skills in time management.

Our classroom structure allows for students to have consistency, challenge, individualized instruction, and programs tailored to their specific needs.

Elementary classes are led by dynamic teams of highly experienced and dedicated teachers. During the three-year cycle of their academic development in the classroom, our students gain confidence, self-esteem and an impressive level of independence and learning. Their maturity, sense of global awareness and overall citizenship is nurtured and strengthened by their multi-aged experience.

**In addition to the classroom instruction, we offer French, Mandarin, physical education, music, and art lessons.**





**INDIVIDUAL AND  
SMALL GROUP LESSONS**

### **Junior High (Grade 7&8)**

At Dearcroft Montessori Trafalgar Crossing, our Junior High Program is not just a continuation of elementary education—it's a transformative journey designed to cultivate innovative thinkers, empathetic leaders, and purpose-driven global citizens.

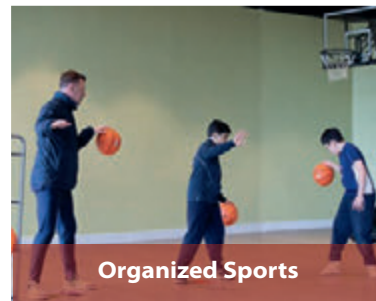
*"This is an education capable of making a difference, changing the world." ~ Maria Montessori*

### **TAILORED LEARNING FOR LIFELONG SUCCESS**

- High academic standards, paired with personalized learning pathways to support each student's strengths and interests.
- Emphasis on critical thinking, interdisciplinary integration, and global awareness.
- Strong partnerships with community leaders, government bodies, and international organizations like the Montessori Model United Nations (MMUN).
- Hands-on projects, such as publishing position papers, civic engagement, and real-world simulations.
- Respectful environment that celebrates diversity, and inclusive practices—a space where every student is seen, heard, and valued.



**Enriched Music Program**



**Organized Sports**



**Environmental Stewardship**

## WHY CHOOSE DEARCROFT MONTESSORI TRAFALGAR CROSSING?

*"My son is flourishing in this unique environment that provides him with the opportunities to learn, develop, and thrive. I have noticed an evolution in his vocabulary, curiosity, and critical thinking skills."*

– Casa Parent

Dearcroft Montessori Trafalgar Crossing empowers students to become global citizens and stewards by intertwining tradition, innovation, and community, taking them beyond the traditional expectations of education.

Montessori education consciously designs social communities and educational experiences that cultivate the child's sense of self-awareness and empathy. Montessori learning environments allow for the respect and celebration of the individual spirit within people of all ages.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED:

### Our school offers the following programs and services :

- Before and after school care
- Hot lunch program
- A variety of extracurricular clubs and programs including activities such as art, outdoor education, music, French, Mandarin and Arabic lessons, lego and STEM.
- Summer Camp Toddler, Casa and Elementary Robotics Grades 1- 6
- Experiential Education-Both our Junior, Senior elementary & Junior High classes participate in several field trips including Camp Muskoka, Ottawa, Quebec City & Camp Wanakita.



*"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world." – Maria Montessori*



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