

Fayetteville Montessori School

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Re-Enrollment Now Open for Current Families

Re-enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year is now open for our current FMS families.

This is a special window that allows our enrolled families the first opportunity to secure their child's place for next year and helps us plan thoughtfully for classroom communities, staffing, and program growth. Maintaining continuity for children — with their peers, guides, and prepared environments — is always our priority, and early re-enrollment plays an important role in that process.

Following February 28, we will move into our open enrollment season and begin offering available spaces to new families from our waitlists. We encourage current families who are planning to return to complete re-enrollment during this priority period so we can continue building strong, stable classroom communities with intention and care.

As you prepare for next year, we invite you to review several important updates for 2026–2027:

- Our new Family Handbook
- The 2026–2027 school calendar, which reflects additional time off in support of faculty professional development and well-being
- Our updated withdrawal policy
- A new half-day SUMMER option for Early Primary and Primary

If your family is planning a withdrawal either before or at the end of summer, please email: admissions@fmsnwa.com to request the withdrawal form.

As always, we are happy to connect if you would like to talk through your child's plan for next year or explore academic options.



Elementary Summer Camp

Planning ahead for summer?

Our Montessori Elementary Summer Camp (ages 5–12) will be filled with hands-on projects, outdoor exploration, and collaborative learning experiences. [Montessori 2026 Elementary Summer camp](#)

To learn more or apply for camp, please email: admissions@fmsnwa.com

Please note that we are not currently accepting 5 year old current Primary students to our Elementary Summer Camps. Those interested may submit an application and we will begin notifying those accepted later this [spring](#).

Growing Our Montessori Elementary Program

At FMS, we are filled with ideas, energy, and a deep commitment to the future of our Montessori Elementary program.

Our goal is not only to sustain this program — but to grow it into a thriving, dynamic community that continues to serve children through the next plane of development and beyond. Montessori does not have to end when a child reaches “traditional school age.” The same independence, curiosity, academic depth, and love of learning that begin in our early environments are meant to expand and flourish in the elementary years.

We are building a program that offers:

- A strong and rigorous academic foundation
- Purposeful work that connects across subject areas
- Leadership opportunities for older children
- A true community for the 6–12 child

Just as importantly, we want to grow this program together with our families.

- What are your hopes for your child’s elementary years?
- What would inspire your family to continue the Montessori journey at FMS?

In March, we will host:

Why Montessori Elementary? — Parent Talk & Open House

This event will be an opportunity to:

- Learn more about the Elementary experience
- See the vision for the future of the program
- Ask questions and share your perspective
- Begin thinking ahead — even if your child is still in the early years

It is never too early to plan for the next stage of your child’s education, and we are passionate about creating a program where our students — and our families — can continue to grow together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ **March 19**
Why Montessori Elementary?
— Parent Talk & Open House
- ▶ **March 23-27**
Elementary Spring Break -
Elementary Closed
- ▶ **March 26-27**
Spring Break -
Entire campus closed

Campus Improvements & Growth

You may have noticed several updates happening around campus this month! These improvements are part of our ongoing commitment to creating beautiful, well-prepared environments for your children.

Recent projects include:

- Fresh paint and updated back paneling on Primary Exterior
- Updated plumbing and roofing in Annex Building
- Continued classroom and outdoor enhancements and cleanups to support independence, concentration, and purposeful work

Thank you for your partnership in helping us care for and grow our campus in ways that directly benefit the daily experience of the children. If you see something on campus that needs our attention please email facilities@fmsnwa.com.

February Parent Newsletter

Dear FMS Families,

Thank you for such a full and fun February at Fayetteville Montessori School. It has truly been a month rich with growth, reflection, celebration, and connection across our entire community.

Early in the month, our Infant and Toddler teams engaged in a dedicated classroom refresh day, while our Early Primary, Primary, and Elementary programs held meaningful conferences with families. We were especially proud of our Elementary students, who led their own conferences — a beautiful example of independence, ownership, and the confidence that Montessori education nurtures.

We also gathered together as a full staff for our State of the School meeting, where we shared program updates, future planning, and strategies for continued growth. Creating a culture of transparency, collaboration, and support for our faculty is one of the most important ways we strengthen the daily experience for your children.

Throughout the month, our classrooms were alive with celebration and cultural learning — from Valentine's Day and our joyful Olympic Parade to Lunar New Year, Ramadan, and many other moments that honored the diversity and global perspective that are so central to Montessori education.

We closed the month with Montessori Education Week, beginning with our magical Winter Ball, followed by Spirit Week, parent education opportunities, and ending with a well-deserved and joyful staff evening together at Arkadia.

In the midst of all this, we also launched re-enrollment and summer camp registration. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding with the increased communication — it has been a busy season, and each message reflects thoughtful planning for your children and the continued growth of our school.

Thank you for being such an engaged and supportive part of our community.

Emily Johnston
Head of School