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## NEW SCHOOL IN FOUNTAIN VALLEY CATERS TO CHILDREN – AND PARENTS ALIKE

Fountain Valley, California, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – This week <u>LePort Schools</u> opened a new school in Fountain Valley. In addition to providing a unique educational approach—*Knowledge for Life*—to children from <u>infant</u> through <u>8<sup>th</sup> grade</u>, it also offers local families free <u>parent education events</u> on a wide range of topics, ranging from <u>infant parenting</u> to <u>fostering early literacy</u> at home.

LePort knows it takes more than a great education at school to help students acquire the essential knowledge, thinking skills, and strength of character required to flourish as joyous children today, and as successful adults tomorrow. It also takes committed parents who share a common philosophy —one of respecting each child for his individuality, and of guiding him towards becoming a joyful, independent, motivated student. The school's effort in supporting parents in their quest to helping their children thrive in school and in life, has worked very well for LePort students. Despite not teaching to the test, the school's <u>standardized test scores</u> are high and graduates have become successful students at top ranked high schools. More importantly, these students are excited about pursuing life to the fullest.

LePort is happy to provide thoughtful parenting resources to their local communities. "Parents are always asking our teachers and staff for advice on ways they can incorporate our approach at home. That's why we now offer regular parent education events for all parents, whether they attend LePort or not. We've designed our events to be cozy forums where parents can strengthen their tool kits with unique ideas, ones they might not discover elsewhere," says Heike Larson, Vice President of Outreach.

"We were adamant that our daughter goes to a real school, with a real classroom and an actual educational environment. LePort is that and so much more," said Sabina Gault, the parent of a LePort preschool student. "Think amazing teachers that are kind, sweet and gentle and that teach your child everything from basics of life to math and reading. Every activity is centered around learning, even playtime. Children are encouraged to discover the world through their own eyes and experiences—from simple things like washing their hands to more complex [subjects] like geography. I like that they enable parents to be involved: you can volunteer, participate in the various school-led activities and events. I believe this is an outstanding school by any standard, and I have really high ones."

Since 2000, LePort Schools has earned a reputation of being a top Montessori and private school for children from infancy to 8<sup>th</sup> grade – with many of the Orange County schools full with wait lists. The opening of their new <u>Fountain Valley campus</u>—LePort's biggest campus yet, with a maximum capacity of about 450 students—will enable more children to receive a LePort education.

LePort Schools provides authentic Montessori education for infants through 3<sup>th</sup> grade and a unique Knowledge for Life curriculum for 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Since 2000, LePort Schools has grown from one school in Orange County to nine schools spanning from Los Angeles to San Diego, with April 2014 marking the enrollment of their 1000<sup>th</sup> student. For more information, please visit LePortSchools.com.



High-resolution photos are available upon request. Contact <a href="mailto:Info@LePortSchools.com">Info@LePortSchools.com</a>.



Children are able to acquire much cultural knowledge with hands-on Montessori materials, like this Sandpaper Globe.



Practical life skills are a key part of our Montessori program. Children are guided step by step and have the opportunity to practice these empowering new tasks.



Individualized instruction with hands-on learning materials help students master advanced academics. This elementary child is using a Montessori abacus to understand arithmetic at a deeper level, instead of just memorizing fact.



By Junior High, LePort students lead their own science projects with the opportunity to explore any area of interest. With guidance from our teachers, students learn how to research, observe, make conclusions, and present their findings.