

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, please visit www.LePortSchools.com.

NEW MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO OPEN IN IRVINE THIS SEPTEMBER

Irvine, California, MAY 14th, 2014 – This year’s kindergarten graduates in Irvine have a new elementary school option. [LePort Schools’ San Marino campus](#), located at 1055 San Marino in Irvine, which currently serves children from 18 months through Kindergarten, will expand this fall to offer a Montessori elementary program for 1st – 3rd grade. Children who graduate from a [Montessori Primary](#) program (preschool/kindergarten for ages 3-6) at any local Montessori school will now be able to seamlessly continue their education into a [Montessori Lower Elementary](#) program right in the Westpark neighborhood.

For this fall, LePort’s San Marino campus is actively reaching out to families with children entering 1st grade. No prior Montessori experience is required, although children transferring from Montessori preschool programs will receive priority enrollment.

Continuing Montessori beyond preschool is a great opportunity for children: They are able to build upon their strong academic base to surge ahead, not boxed in by standard curricula. They keep their love of learning as they have much autonomy of when, where and with whom they work through LePort’s challenging program. They further build strong executive function skills—skills such as time management, organization, and mental flexibility that come easily when children aren’t restricted to following pre-set, adult-led activities for much of the day.

“At LePort, ‘individualized’ really means ‘individualized’ in the true sense of the word. Each student is assessed and given a learning plan that is appropriate for the student, their learning style, and their ability level,” explains Caryn Chavez, a parent of a student in LePort’s Irvine Spectrum Lower Elementary program. “In her prior school, my daughter never participated in class. Now, as she sits in groups of five or so in a comfortable circle-type setting, she feels confident and engages in the discussion and hands-on activities included in lessons. This has been key in her loving school, where she used to dread it. She has learned far more and is excelling more than she had ever prior to LePort. Most importantly, she is happy about it.”

LePort Schools, based in Irvine, provides authentic Montessori education for infants through 3th grade students and a unique [Knowledge for Life](#) curriculum for 4th – 8th grade students. Since 2000, LePort Schools has grown from one campus in Orange County to nine campuses spanning from Los Angeles to San Diego with April 2014 marking the enrollment of their 1000th student.

To learn more about LePort’s Montessori programs and schools, visit our [website](#) or attend one of our upcoming [Open Houses](#). Parents can inquire about the San Marino elementary program and schedule a tour by emailing the campus at IrvineSanMarino@LePortSchools.com, or calling the team at 949-833-8474. For general questions or media inquiries, please contact us at Info@LePortSchools.com.

High-resolution photos are available upon request. Contact Info@LePortSchools.com.



We believe that students learn best when they are internally motivated by what they do. From writing journals to our daily literature reading club, our goal is students who love to read and write, and who are confident in their ability to exercise these capacities. Strong writing means strong thinking—essential for all learning!



We teach our students math not by rote memorization and drill, but through hands-on materials that help them develop a deep, conceptual understanding of mathematics. Our students experience that knowing math facts enables them to be faster, more accurate workers, thus motivating their further efforts. They come to crave, rather than fear, the challenge of a sophisticated mathematical problem, implicitly knowing that they've developed the capacity to meet such challenges.



To make sense of the world around them and their place in it, children need to gain an understanding of cultures past and present. This knowledge is obtained through the study of history and geography. Using the framework of fundamental human needs, our students study and research a variety of current and past cultures. They ask questions such as “what did they eat?” and “how did they get around?”—and acquire a first-hand understanding of the differences and similarities of human living conditions across the ages and across the globe.