

MONTESSORI FARM SCHOOL, INC.

Our Story

Welcome to our extraordinary school! We are a small, non-profit school established to provide an excellent Montessori education for our children. Many folks in the community have heard of “the farm school” started and run by Lisa Wallace, our Head of School. The Montessori Children’s House at Barefoot Acres was the original “farm school,” which combined a traditional Montessori classroom with a beautiful farm environment. Many of the photos you see on our website and at our Open House are from that school.

We’ve founded Montessori Farm School as a non-profit entity in order to provide a lasting, community-based school for generations of children to come. Lisa’s excellence as an educator and administrator is evident by the large and committed group of parents who have established MFS in order to maintain such a rare educational environment for our children.

Our goal is to spend this coming school year at our interim location, while purchasing a parcel of land and building our farm school. We will incorporate farm life into our temporary site through gardening, animal care, and fieldtrips to real farm settings. The permanent school will be located in Orange County, convenient to Hillsborough and north Durham as well. Welcome!

Our Mission

The Montessori Farm School works to provide a learning environment where children are given the opportunity to become well-rounded individuals as they develop respect for others, compassion, self-discipline, and learn the importance of world citizenship. The Montessori philosophy is used in dynamic, carefully prepared environments within the classroom and on the farm to deepen their knowledge of the interdependency of the earth and all that live on it.

Each child is given individual, developmentally appropriate instruction using traditional Montessori materials and methods. Through a series of lessons within each area of the classroom, (including practical life, sensorial, language, math, science, geography and art), children move from mastering concrete concepts to ones of abstract thinking.

Each child is given the foundation and tools to be academically competitive in the future, both in the material they learn and the passion for discovery that is nourished. The children’s daily work with animals and in the gardens teaches developmental concepts such as nurturing, respect and patience. The farm itself provides a hands-on teaching environment for science and sensorial lessons and is an essential extension of the classroom. All activities indoors and out have a distinct purpose and goal in the education and growth of our children.

Our mission extends to the families of each child enrolled in the farm school. We hope to inspire and support each family’s quest to live as well-rounded individuals, emphasizing respect, compassion and the true meaning of world citizenship as we work together to raise and educate our children.