



2019-2020

OMNI:INSIGHTS

OMNI:INSIGHTS is a series of programs and events designed to support parents at Omni Montessori School.

In 2019-2020, our focus is on discussing Montessori principles and practices, child development, and giving parents opportunities to share their experiences with other parents.

We look forward to seeing you!



Omni Montessori School is pleased to share the *OMNI:INSIGHTS* schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.



September/October 2019

Parenting with Positive Discipline

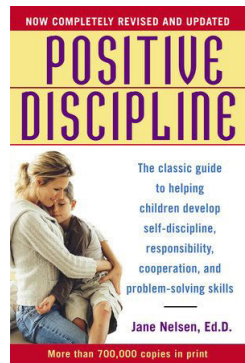
**Option 1: Monday mornings,
8:30 – 10:00 am
September 16, 23, 30 & October 7, 21, 28**

**Option 2: Friday mornings,
8:30 – 10:00 am
September 13, 20, 27 & October 4, 18, 25**

In this six-week long Parenting with Positive Discipline class, we will cover strategies such as using routines effectively, strengthening your child's problem solving skills, discipline with kindness and firmness, and finding solutions together through family meetings. You will receive a copy of Jane Nelsen's book, *Positive Discipline*, on the first day of class, which we will read and discuss throughout the course. The class includes a book study as well as experiential activities each week.

All Omni Montessori School parents are invited to join us as we meet to share challenges, problem solve with other parents, and find support within the Omni community.

- *The same class is being offered on Monday or Friday; please choose one option.*
- *A fee of \$25/person or \$40/couple will be billed to your FACTS account.*
- *Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email.*
- *The maximum for each class is 16 people; minimum is 7.*
- *No child care is available for these morning classes.*





Montessori 101

Thursday, September 12, 8:30 am

Join us for a look inside the Montessori Primary classroom, focusing on the two areas your child is immersed in during the first year: Practical life and sensorial. It may appear the child is only folding,

polishing, or stacking cubes, but when you look a little deeper you will find they are setting the stage for future academic and life success.

- *No child care is available for this morning event.*

Adolescent Program Slice of Life

Thursday, September 19, 5:45 – 8:30 pm
(program 6:30 – 8:00 pm)

What is the AP? Join us for a snapshot of a day in the life of an Omni adolescent student. Both adolescents and faculty will paint a picture of what a day in the life might look like. The presentation will include a tour and description of the adolescent program.

We are offering a fun alternative for transportation: drive to the Blakeney Campus where you'll drop off your car, check your younger children in with childcare at the activity center, then board the bus with your elementary students for a trip to the Waxhaw Campus. You are, of course, welcome to meet us down there by driving yourself and your elementary student in your own vehicle.

- *All parents are invited to attend.*
- *Elementary students are welcome to attend with their parent(s).*
- *Child care will be available. Pre-registration is required.*



Morning Book Club hosted by Portia Williams

Wednesdays, October 16, 23, 30, 8:30 am

Montessori Today by Paula Polk Lillard is a wonderful book that gives detailed accounts

of both the theory and practice of the Montessori approach to education.

Lillard explains and gives great examples of how children acquire the skills to answer their own questions, learn to manage freedom with responsibility, maintain high levels of intellectual curiosity, and become active learners at all levels. Our discussion of this book will focus on the elementary years and will include lesson demonstrations, some samples of materials and hands-on activities.

- *This event is designed for parents of Elementary students.*
- *No child care is available for these morning book discussions.*

November/December 2019

Primary Share My World

**Thursday, November 14,
3:00 – 4:00 pm**

Do you ever wonder what your child is doing at school? It is often very hard for him or her to explain. At Share My World, you will have the opportunity to come visit the classroom with your child and to have your child teach you a lesson and or share some favorite work.



- *This event is for second and third year primary students and parents only. (First year primary students and parents are invited in February 2020.)*
- *Paid child care will be available in the Encore! program. Pre-registration is required.*

Importance of the Third Year

Thursday, January 9, 8:30 am

Ask questions and learn more about Montessori's multi-age classrooms and the benefits of the third year at each developmental level. Parents of first and second year Primary students, first and second year Elementary students, and Adolescent Program families are encouraged to attend.

- *No child care is available for this event.*



Success and Montessori

featuring Jesse McCarthy

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 pm

Jesse McCarthy offers parents insight into how Montessori education contributes to a child's success and enjoyment in life, both throughout his/her Montessori schooling—from preschool into adolescence—and well into adulthood. Jesse answers questions often on parents' minds:

"What does Montessori elementary actually look like in the classroom—and how does it aid children to flourish as young adults and beyond?"

"What are the benefits of Montessori over traditional schooling?"

"What should I expect my adolescent to experience when they enter traditional high school at tenth grade?"

- *Child care will be available. Pre-registration is required.*

Jesse McCarthy has experiences as a parent, teacher, Head of School, executive, and consultant.

He received his B.A. in psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles and his AMI Diploma Children's House (ages 3-6) from the Montessori Institute of San Diego.

Learn more at montessorieducation.com

Transitions: Primary to Lower Elementary

Wednesday, January 22, 8:30 am

This event is open to all parents, but is especially designed for those with students transitioning from one program level to another next year.

- *No child care is available for this morning event.*



Transitions: Lower to Upper Elementary and Upper Elementary to Adolescent Program

Thursday, January 30, 6:30 pm

Join us in the Activity Center to discuss Montessori Upper Elementary and Adolescent levels. This event is open to all parents, but is especially

designed for those with students transitioning from one program level to another next year.

- *Child care will be available. Pre-registration is required.*

Primary Share My World

Saturday, February 1, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Do you ever wonder what your child is doing at school? At Share My World, you will have the opportunity to come visit the classroom with your child and to have your child teach you a lesson and or share some favorite work.

- *This event is for all Primary students and parents only.*
- *Child care will be available. Pre-registration is required.*



6th Year Family Conversation

Thursday, February 6, 4:30 pm

Join Omni alumni and AP faculty for this informative event designed to answer all of your questions about the Adolescent Program at the Waxhaw Campus. This will be an informative and casual round-table styled event designed to be attended by Upper Elementary students and their families in preparation for their impending transition



into adolescence. Included in the discussion will be an explanation, by former students, of how and why the Waxhaw Campus is the ideal environment for the young adolescent.

- *Paid child care will be available in the Encore! program. Pre-registration is required.*

March/April/May 2019

The Parallel Planes of Primary and Adolescence

Tuesday, March 3, 8:30 am



Both ages are realizing their new forms of independence, either with toileting or driving, and so their manners and ways of dealing with challenging situations are similar as well. If you have toddlers, adolescents, or children of in-between ages you will want to join us as we compare stories, commiserate about the true to life similarities between primary aged children and adolescents, and discuss how best to guide our children through these intensely beautiful times in their development.

- *No child care is available for this morning event.*



Materials Across the Planes

Wednesday, April 1, 8:30 am

The vast and inspiring Montessori curriculum encompasses concepts and skills in all subject areas at each age level. Students begin working with materials in the Primary and these

lessons are developed, expanded and connected to other subjects during the Elementary years. The same lessons are further expanded and practically applied in real life situations during the Adolescent years. Join Omni guides as they demonstrate materials, lessons and concepts to show how your children experience Montessori work as they move from Primary to Elementary and to the Adolescent Program.

- *This event is designed for all Omni parents.*
- *No child care is available for this morning event.*

Coffee and Conversation: Summer Activities for Your Children

Tuesday, May 19, 8:30 am

We will be sharing fun family activities that keep the children active and their brains engaged during the summer. Bring your own good ideas to share with others.

- *This event is designed for all Omni parents.*
- *No child care is available for this morning event.*

