



HEAR IT FROM OUR PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

My son Rafe was at Manor for 6 years - he started in 2000 when he was nearly 3 and completed 3rd grade this past spring. He was sad to leave and be separated from his friends, but he was ready for the next steps.

This September he entered the new 4th grade Extended French program at Eglinton PS. The wonderful teachers Rafe had and the Montessori approach provided a basis that made the transition unbelievably smooth. We give credit to the high academic standards, but it's also due to the intangibles like a sense of accomplishment and independence that grew during elementary. At Manor, Rafe became excited about learning - which has been the most important thing to us and a great benefit for him.



Lorie Scarfarotti - mother of 3 graduates

In 1999, I first visited Manor Montessori at the recommendation of a friend. The minute I walked in, I knew it would be a perfect school for my daughter. I had never seen a group of young children so engaged in learning.

Fast forward to 2008 with the graduation of my youngest daughter.

Both of my daughters thrived at Manor Montessori. I can't think of a better environment for children or more caring and capable staff who give 150%. I feel so lucky that my daughters were given such a strong foundation for learning.

As graduates of the school, they will always be part of the Manor Montessori family. Two years after graduation, my daughter's teacher sent her a Christmas card. All I can say is wow!

Ginny MacDonald - mother of 2 graduates

Last June, after 5 amazing years at Manor Montessori, my daughter Lindsay graduated from the Elementary program. We were sad to be leaving Manor, but the transfer to the public school around the corner from our home seemed like the appropriate thing for her to do in Grade 4. Going into Grade 4 as the new girl would be a social transition as well as an academic one. We figured she would be academically ahead in a lot of areas, while some subjects would be approached differently and thus would be able to hold her interest. She settled in very well and I believe that the strong academic base that Lindsay received in Casa and the further development in Elementary helped her. Her confidence level is high, both socially and academically. Much of this is due to the mentoring that she received as a younger student and then later reciprocated as an older student in the Casa and Elementary programs. I know that if she had changed schools right after Casa, she would have never received the further academic base and social confidence that the Elementary program provided for her. I truly believe that the values instilled at Manor Montessori have helped her to develop the conscientious study habits that she has brought with her to her new school.

So thank you, Manor Montessori, for nurturing our daughter and providing her with the tools to help her succeed in the future!

Christine Tohana - mother of 2 graduates and 1 attending



Being a teacher at Manor Montessori School was my first job after leaving university. Ten years later... I left to start my own family! Manor Montessori was a huge part of my life and in a way was like my second home! There are so many positive aspects about the school that kept me coming back. The location is spectacular with many young families living in the neighbourhood, a young and friendly staff, wonderful administrators and fantastic families

and children who attend the school. Most importantly, Manor Montessori's reputation for achieving such high academic standards enables children to make the transition to new schools much easier. I truly miss teaching at Manor Montessori but a part of me will always be connected to the school.

I look forward to sending my children to Manor Montessori to receive this spectacular education!!!!!!

Suzanne Chisholm - teacher

In June 2006, my daughter Sasha left Manor Montessori after attending for 5 years. It was a bittersweet moment for us – she had grown and developed from a toddler to a confident young girl and was off to face new challenges at a new school.



My husband and I have been strong advocates of the Montessori philosophy and Manor Montessori was the perfect environment for Sasha. The teachers, from Casa to Elementary, provide a safe and comforting environment in which the children are encouraged to learn at their own pace. Manor has also given Sasha more than an academic experience; at an early age she was exposed to athletic activities such as skating, skiing and golf at an early age; she was able to perform and present to audiences; she was a mentor to younger children; and she was involved in charitable activities.

Sasha's current teachers have indicated that the Montessori philosophy and Manor's program have been a great foundation for their IB program. Academically, Manor has helped Sasha become very strong in the traditional subjects of math, science, spelling and reading comprehension. However, it has also helped her in other areas such as doing independent research, learning a new language (French) from an early age, and presenting/performing in front of an audience. Finally, Sasha has developed a strong work ethic, which is being carried forward to her new school – her teachers have indicated that she dives into new work without any fear – something she learned at Manor Montessori.

Manor Montessori has been a tremendous school for us and we have come to realize that the school has a fantastic reputation “out there”. Our son currently attends Manor because of our comfort with the school and our confidence in the program.

Supriya Kapoor - mother of 1 graduate and 1 attending

I really like going to Manor Montessori. The materials from the school help me to learn a lot and the teachers show us how to use them. I think it is a very good school. I have made lots of nice friends. Our school has good sports activities like tennis, skiing and golf. The teachers take us on interesting field trips and it is very fun. I like being a Manor Montessori student because the teachers are nice.

Andrew – Manor graduate

I am Katie's very proud and adoring grandmother. Since she joined your school I have attended every occasion possible. However, I have never let you know how pleased I am with the progress Katie has made at Manor Montessori. In particular I wanted to congratulate you on your recent Science Fair, Bravo! It was terrific! Katie was very excited to work on her project, "Magic Sand", and then to show it and explain how the silicone works to the parents/grandparents visiting the fair. Many of the other students did a super job of telling me about their projects too.

Our children are always the only future the human race has, so it is crucial that we teach and care for them well. Events in and around our world have convinced me that it is essential that our children be encouraged to be mindful of the needs and feelings of others, to have respect, to strive to be their personal best, to achieve, and to honour principles even at personal cost, to have courage. This is only possible when their educators are modeling the values that, presumably, we most want our children to absorb. For teaching often occurs when we least expect it, not in the lecturing but in the living, not in the theory but in the behaviour. With all its challenges and uncertainty, it is an exciting world, therefore it is especially important that they grow up feeling loved and special, but not entitled and assuring them that they too can make a difference for good in their world.

As a grandmother I am grateful for the values you are instilling in the children that have been entrusted to your care.

Keep up the great work and know one grandmother really appreciates all you are doing.

Kindest Regards

Marilyn Quinton