



## **A New Year, A Continuous Journey!**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! We are excited to embark upon another journey with all of you. Our classrooms are set, refurbished, and awaiting little hands and great minds. Our Extended Day room had a beautiful makeover and our relocated Toddler and Little Steps classrooms are so inviting. Our school façade received further improvements in our ongoing facility upkeep. We are ready and waiting!

I hope your summer gave pause for rest, reflection, reading, family, fun and friends. Here at Westmont, as we planned and prepped, we also enjoyed a wonderful camp experience with new and familiar faces. Each day brought energy, enthusiasm, laughter and learning. We took some wonderful trips down memory lane in the presence of our junior camp counselors.

We are entering our 53<sup>rd</sup> amazing year in the community. I have been fortunate to be associated with Westmont for over 30 of those years, first as a teacher and, in the last ten years, as an administrator. I have seen hundreds of students come through our doors and there is no greater satisfaction than seeing students return as counselors to give back to their first school.

Our Junior Camp Counselor Program, now in its 6<sup>th</sup> official year, has allowed us to reconnect with many of our former students. Our campers and our alumni create amazing bonds, and the learning on both ends is extraordinary. This summer, for the first time, we awarded two Alumni Legacy Scholarships. The recipients were Samantha Bittman and Renee Safran, both long time Junior Counselors and entering college freshman. We welcomed them along with other Westmont Alum High School graduates for our annual alumni billboard photo.

Looking at all of these alum, seeing their growth, listening to their stories, hearing of their interests, community involvements, personal accomplishments and goals, reinforced the great foundation and value of individualized learning. Our students, current and past, have the world at their fingertips; their opportunities know no bounds. We are pleased to be part of their educational journey at such a pivotal stage. Our partnership with you, our Montessori heritage, our commitment to our children, and our mission will pave the way for successful outcomes as we nurture and inspire today's students.

Warm regards,

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