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MONTESSORI ACADEMY OF CHICAGO EXPANDS Booming West Loop School Responds To Lack of Full-Time Options

CHICAGO – The Montessori Academy of Chicago announces the expansion of its programming to include children ages six through nine in an Elementary I program.

The now 24,000 square-foot school, which has grown rapidly as a full-time, year-round institution, has opened a new floor at its existing location for new, primary classrooms. The dramatically rehabbed third floor includes classic wooden lockers, a gym with skyline views, saltwater aquarium, expansive classrooms with hardwood floors, and a full-sized kitchen where children will prepare organic meals.

Husband-and-wife team Bill and Fosca Shackleton White founded the Academy after finding few childcare options for their two young sons. Ms. White stepped down from her career as a real estate attorney, determined to establish educational programming that met the needs of her community.

“Our self-correcting materials and specialized classrooms encourage self-reliance and foster a love of learning,” Ms. White explained. “The Montessori method has boomed as parents and private institutions embrace active participation in the academic experience. Extensive research demonstrates the enhanced mental capabilities derived from such a tailored curriculum.”

The Academy opened its doors in the West Loop last year to 126 children and serves 185 children this fall. “The West Loop is a burgeoning area,” said Ms. White, who is originally from New York. “There’s an influx of families moving here, staying and having multiple kids.”

The Montessori philosophy was originally conceived in the 19th century by Maria Montessori, a physician and educator who opened her first school in 1907 in Rome.

The Montessori Academy of Chicago is currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 academic year. The school is located at 1335 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL. For more information, please call 312/243-0977 or visit www.montessoriacademychicago.org

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