



Transition to a Traditional Middle School

We asked Alexander Montessori School students and parents about the transition to Middle School after 5th Grade.

What Will Your Alexander Montessori Student Take to Middle School?

- Powerful academic preparation for the challenges of Middle School
- Seamless transition to a traditional method of learning
- Comprehensive computer readiness and experience
- A sense of self-confidence and responsibility
- Awareness of self as a citizen of a larger community
- An openness and eagerness to learn
- An enthusiasm to join in, try new activities, and make new friends

Prepared for the Best.

Middle School is a major transition for your child. As a parent, you want your child to arrive at Middle School with the right skills to handle the increased demands, distractions, and developmental changes of this exciting time in his or her life.



Alexander Montessori School

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Alumni Forum

The second Alumni Forum was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 in the Maria Montessori Center at our Ludlam Road Campus. This was an event attended by both current parents and parents of prospective students who took the opportunity to learn more about where our AMS graduates go and how well they do.

Brette Rothfield, our current Business Manager and AMS alum '90, was the Moderator for our panel of 18 students. Our alumni ranged in age from middle school students to high school students. They attend Ransom Everglades School, Palmer Trinity School, Gulliver, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

The panelists were enthusiastic, thoughtful, charming, and funny. "I still skip count. I wrap my fives and cont the horse legs," said Nico Cantor, a Ransom Everglades Senior. He explained how the quick math problem-solving skills he learned at Alexander keep this school on his mind every day.

Another panelist said, "Nothing will ever come close to what I learned here... morals, etiquette... This school isn't just for learning from books, you learn about life. It's not just a school, it's a home."

The students spoke about their mastery of languages, geography, math skills, spelling, science, dance, physical education, and their best friends whom they met here. It was nostalgic for them, even though some graduated from Alexander only one or two years ago.

Alexander Montessori School graduates are entering the top colleges and universities, as well as appearing on Honor Rolls and as award recipients at all of the schools they attend.



Early Enrollment for 2012-2013

Returned signed contracts with the \$1100 Tuition Deposit are due before February 27, 2012 in order to receive the Early Enrollment Discount and priority placement, an opportunity to pay the tuition from the current school year and guarantee your child's spot.

You can pay online and send in your signed Contract, or drop everything off at the Office on your child's Campus.

We thank you for choosing Alexander Montessori School and we look forward to continuing to teach our students to learn to help themselves so that they may help others.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- JANUARY 5** Pet Day at RR/Peach Door
- JANUARY 6** Pet Day at OCR/LR
- JANUARY 16** School closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
- FEBRUARY 3** Rocket Launching and International Pot Luck Dinner and Family Dancing (LR)
- FEBRUARY 16** Middle School Prep Big Trip to NYC
- FEBRUARY 25** APA Spring Carnival 10 am (LR)
- FEBRUARY 27** Early Enrollment Discount/ Priority Enrollment deadline
- MARCH 12-16** School closed for Spring Vacation



Alexander Legacy

Louis Moll 1984
Sarai Pacheco Moll 2011

"I've shared countless proud moments with my daughter, but this one felt special..."

Alexander Parents Association Blog...

Your APA has hit the ground running this school year and has never looked back. The recycling program is in full effect at all of the campuses and the edible gardens at the Ludlam Road campus continue to thrive and reproduce! In November, the APA presented Omar Aleman, a former DEA agent, who spoke to the Middle School Prep and parents about current drug use trends and prevention. In December, we sponsored a charity drive to benefit His House, a local children's home for foster children and children who have been separated from their biological families, and also ran the Holiday Shop at the Ludlam Road Campus.

The new year will bring on our signature APA events: the Spring Carnival and the annual Dinner Dance & Silent Auction. The Spring Carnival takes place on Saturday, February 25, and promises to be bigger and better

than ever. This year's theme is music and there will be many new rides and surprises in store. Of course, the famous Dad's Grill will be featuring the best food in town headed up by Chef Graham Howland and his crew of Alexander Dads! Be sure not to miss this staple event! The Dinner Dance & Silent Auction will be held in April and will feature donations from all of the classrooms and Campuses, highly sought-after Teacher & administrative donations, as well as memorabilia and merchandise from local vendors. The Dinner Dance will once again provide great food, entertainment, and the opportunity for the Alexander Montessori School community to come together and celebrate! We hope that you will join us for the unforgettable evening.

The APA also is planning favorite children's Enrichment Activities such as Snow Day in January,

Chinese New Year presentations, and Wacky Wild Science, just to name a few.

As you can see, your APA continues to be hard at work. We hope that parents will support our efforts on behalf of all of our children, and we welcome fresh ideas and input. Volunteers are always welcome! We look forward to seeing you all at one of our upcoming events.

