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## New Montessori Academy opens in Suffolk

SUFFOLK, Virginia (August 30, 2013) The Montessori Academy of Virginia will open its doors to its first Suffolk classes on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are located at 5805 Harbour View Boulevard. To celebrate, they are hosting a Grand Opening – Ribbon Cutting ceremony on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Vice Mayor Charles F. Brown will be on hand for the event which is open to the public.

The Montessori Academy of Virginia is a newly constructed private Pre-school and Elementary school. The school's educators follow a Montessori-based curriculum as their teaching method. The method was founded in the late 1800's and focuses on a holistic approach to teaching. Students are arranged into age groups and are encouraged to learn at their own pace to encourage independence and critical thinking.

"Our program is committed to standards of excellence in quality of our teaching, our faculty and in the overall aesthetic and social environment," said Administrator Pali Divitotawela. "We are so excited to bring these principles to the students and families in Suffolk."

"Access to quality education for all age groups is one of the most important facets of a well-rounded community," noted Suffolk Mayor Linda T. Johnson. "With the opening of the Montessori Academy of Virginia, we are pleased parents have another outstanding option to consider when making decisions about their children's education."

The school has approximately 80 students currently enrolled for the coming year. Regular school hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with extended hours available. Mr. and Mrs. Divitotawela operate two other Montessori schools in Hampton Roads. They worked with Tri City Developers and Anderson Builders on the building project.

To learn more about the school and/or the Montessori philosophy, see [www.montessoriva.com](http://www.montessoriva.com) or call 757.484.4902.



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