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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

### Maria Montessori Methods Needed More Than Ever

After 30 years in childhood education as a teacher and administrator, Providence Montessori Director Kathy Regan is retiring this spring more committed to her mission than ever before.

In an era marked by teacher burnout, Kathy's story is refreshing.

Three decades ago, she started as a playground mom and evolved into a classroom teacher at Providence, serving 18 years on the front lines.

And for the past 10 years, she guided Providence with a gentle hand as its director, convinced that the educational theories of Dr. Maria Montessori (Aug. 31, 1870 - May 6, 1952) are needed more than ever.

"What still excites me about the work of Maria is that she was so ahead of her time," Kathy says.

"All the latest research about brain development has long been embraced by Montessori."

The hallmarks of Montessori, Kathy says, include: **Child movement** -- Learning involves the whole body.

**Intrinsic rewards** -- A Montessori child does not depend on praise for satisfaction and becomes self-motivated. "The phrase 'good job' has just got to be thrown away," Kathy says.

**Individual development** -- Every child develops at his own pace. "In Montessori, the teacher is a guide who follows the child. If a child is not ready to read until 6, that's OK. It's going to happen."

Montessori education trusts children to find their way. Kathy achieved two of her goals at Providence by securing a \$100,000 scholarship endowment and adding a toddler program for 18-month-olds.

The school has named the toddler playground Regan Park -- a fitting legacy to a valued educator. Enjoy your retirement, Kathy. You have earned it.



**JOHN LYNCH**  
Editor



**Kathy Regan**

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Boy Scout Mason Wade, 9, son of Kim and Mark of Nicholasville, is all set for summer camp.

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### The Guide to Great Summer Camps

It's not too late to sign up for summer fun! Whether it's scouts or soccer, canoeing or computers, we've got a camp that's right for your kids.  
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