

**ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD
ARLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD**

A Joint Resolution

Montessori Day

WHEREAS, 2007 is the centenary of the opening of Casa dei Bambini by Maria Montessori in San Lorenzo, Italy; and,

WHEREAS, the Montessori movement has blossomed into a worldwide effort to champion the welfare of children and seeking to place children at the center of society and to assist them in becoming the transforming elements leading to a harmonious and peaceful humanity; and,

WHEREAS, Arlington County was the site of one of the first publicly funded Montessori programs in the country, having celebrated thirty-five years of Montessori education in the county in 2005; and,

WHEREAS, Arlington's public Montessori program has grown to include 17 primary classrooms for students 3-5 years old, five multi-age lower elementary classrooms for students 6-8 years old, and two upper elementary classrooms for students 9-10 years old; and,

WHEREAS, the Arlington Montessori program has seen the establishment of a highly qualified and credentialed teaching force and on-going professional Development; and,

WHEREAS, the APS Montessori program has endured in the public setting due to the broad support of teachers, parents, administrators, and School Board Members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Arlington County Board and the Arlington School Board, in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Montessori movement and of the significant development of Montessori instruction in a public school setting, do hereby declare Wednesday, March 21, 2007, as Montessori Day in Arlington; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Boards congratulate the teachers, parents, and students on this occasion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Boards encourage the citizens of Arlington County to celebrate Montessori Day with appropriate festivities and commemoration of the movement by dedicating themselves to efforts to place children at the center of society and to assist them in becoming transforming elements leading to a harmonious and peaceful humanity.

Adopted this ____ day of March, 2007
by the Arlington County Board

Adopted this ____ day of March, 2007
by the Arlington School Board

Paul Ferguson, Chair
Arlington County Board

Libby Garvey, Chair
Arlington School Board