

We are often asked why we send our kids to The Montessori School instead of Wilton public. Why do we pay for school when there is a perfectly fine school that we are already paying for with our taxes? This question ranks up there with politics and sports as a way to start a passionate discussion.

The answer to the question is personal and we can only provide the answer for us and our family. It starts with core values. The values of The Montessori School fit with our personal values as well as the values that I try to cultivate in the workplace - responsibility, respect, communication, teamwork. I have seen more people fail at work even though they are technically capable because they do not know how to be a strong team player or how to be responsible in their work. While we do our best to establish these values at home, our children are at school more than they are with us, so we want a school that reinforces them as well.

We also appreciate all the things that "are" Montessori - multiple years in the same classroom, self-directed learning, outdoor expeditions. As the years have gone by, it is clear that the teachers and administrators know us and our children. This gives me confidence that as issues come up (as they always do) that we have the right structure in place to address them.

Finally, the sense of family that you feel as soon as you walk in the door at both the Whipple Road campus and the Middle School is real. While I admit that it can be challenging to take an early day from work to attend the many events offered, the community built by the faculty and staff at The Montessori School through these events creates an environment which I am proud to say we are a member.

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