



Montessori Radmoor celebrates 50 years



At the year-end 50th Anniversary Open House celebrating alumni and marking the retirement of administrator Susie Hyatt, a group of middle school, high school and college alums assembled on the elementary playground structure for a photograph.

Radmoor salutes Hyatt and marks golden anniversary

Montessori Radmoor School's Passages Ceremony tradition sees students crossing the bridge into a new classroom or a new stage of life, filled with challenges and opportunities.

Susie Hyatt, ending her 28th year as head of school, took that step June 7th and crossed into her season of retirement, walking to her husband Glen Hyatt. She thanked the parents and families of the school for their support and for the tireless devotion of the staff.

"Radmoor was blessed to have Susie Hyatt lead our school for 28 years and create an environment where our children could grow and learn not only academically, but also as people," says Board Trustee **Autumn Romig**. "Her passion to share Maria Montessori's mission touched countless lives and benefited us as a community."



Susie Hyatt addresses the audience at the 50th Anniversary Open House.



*Top, from left - **Susie Hyatt** crosses over into retirement to meet her husband **Glen**; elementary teacher **Christine Russell** and former student **Anjali Sardar**; art teacher **Jackie Alson** and former student **Spencer Hoag**; Susie Hyatt with former teacher **Sue Harrington** and **Bonnie Emmons***



*Primary teacher **Trish Murphy** and former assistant **Michelle Munson**; longtime volunteer and grandmother of alumni students **Marion Guthrie**; student **Jenna Settimi** surrounded by her teachers through the years, **Erin Thomson, Danielle Holland, Christine Russell** and **Rachel Babcock**; former Elementary teacher **Melinda Schultz** and Toddler teacher **Erin Thomson**; alum and Board of Trustees member **Autumn Romig** and her teacher Miss Shireen.*



Come to the 7th Annual Race for Radmoor

Sunday, September 29, 2019



We hope you will be able to join us for our 6th Annual Race for Radmoor. The course will begin and end at Montessori Radmoor School, winding through the beautiful residential neighborhoods off Mt. Hope on flat, paved roads with mature shade trees in bright fall colors. Events include a chip-timed 5K and 1-mile race, as well as a fun Toddler Trot around the school parking lot.

JOIN US, even if you don't want to run, it's a great time to meet other families and enjoy good conversation, and have fun watching the Toddler Trot, walking the grounds or playing on the playgrounds.

Proceeds from the race will help support the Lila Radway Scholarship Fund, providing resources to families to increase access to Montessori education and go toward the school improvement fund.

RACE DAY SCHEDULE

1:00 p.m. New Registrations and Packet Pick-Up begin
1:30 p.m. Pre-registered participants arrive
1:45 p.m. Warm-up in school parking lot led by Ms. Archana
2:00 p.m. Toddler Trot in school parking lot
2:15 p.m. 5K runners start
2:20 p.m. 1 mile runners start
3:15 p.m. Award ceremony

[Click here to register](#)



Welcome to Radmoor, Joseph Wood

Montessori Radmoor School has welcomed a new head of school, Joseph Wood.

Wood most recently served as the executive director of Small Savers Montessori, a year-round Montessori school located in Washington, D.C.

A former elementary teacher, he holds a master's degree of education in Educational Leadership from St. Thomas University (Miami, FL) and received his bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Mississippi State University. He has worked with children between the ages of three months and 12 years. He and his wife, Rosanne, have a daughter, Natalie.

He looks forward to meeting alumni!

Contact him [by email](#) here.

Alumni Features - Erik Schultz, Okemos High School Class of 2017 Lansing Community College student

Erik attended Montessori Radmoor from 3rd grade through 6th grade, and had Ms. Christine Russell as a teacher.

How did Montessori prepare you for high school and beyond?

It helped me develop individuality and I had more creative thought when approaching subjects.

More than just helping with school subjects, it also helped me learn to understand people because when you had problems with people at Radmoor you would have a discussion about it and create an understanding instead of just dishing out punishment.

What advice would you give to parents of elementary students about Montessori elementary programming?

I would recommend it because I think it's a better experience as a kid. It's more interactive than a traditional environment and more interesting.

What are your favorite Montessori Radmoor memories?

Learning geography, writing short stories and anything that had to do with the outdoors.



**Jon DeVries -
Okemos High School Class of 2019
Reed College student (Portland, Oregon)**



Jon attended Montessori Radmoor during his toddler and primary years, having Ms. Doree Mehretu and Ms. Deby Dantus. Jon (right) was photographed at the Alumni celebration with friend Hugo Fan.

How did Montessori prepare you for high school and beyond?

The Montessori experience, even at the preschool and kindergarten levels, really helped me find things I am interested in and learn to be interested in new things. I was allowed to focus on the things I really liked, but my teachers also helped me to explore beyond the activities with which I was comfortable.

Would you recommend Radmoor to parents?

Montessori reinforced my innate abilities, encouraged me to think, to explore, to be curious, to ask questions. I wish all schools were like Radmoor; wish I could have stayed longer.

What are your favorite Montessori Radmoor memories?

One activity in kindergarten involved simply writing down numbers, from 1 to as far as one could get. I remember competing against my friends with this activity and we would usually get up into the 700s or so before giving up, the ultimate goal we set ourselves always being 1000. It really was a fun way to become comfortable with numbers.

Alum gives back with Girl Scout Gold Award



Just a few years ago, I was a student at Montessori Radmoor. Now, I am a senior at Okemos High School and have just completed my Girl Scout Gold Award, which is the highest honor a scout can complete and involves completing a sustainable community service project.

For my project, I built 12 birdhouses and hung them around the school grounds. The students of the Radmoor summer camp decorated the birdhouses by painting them. These birdhouses will provide shelter for native birds such as wrens, chickadees, and nuthatches. Thank you to the staff at Radmoor for supporting my project.

By Jane Stephenson

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