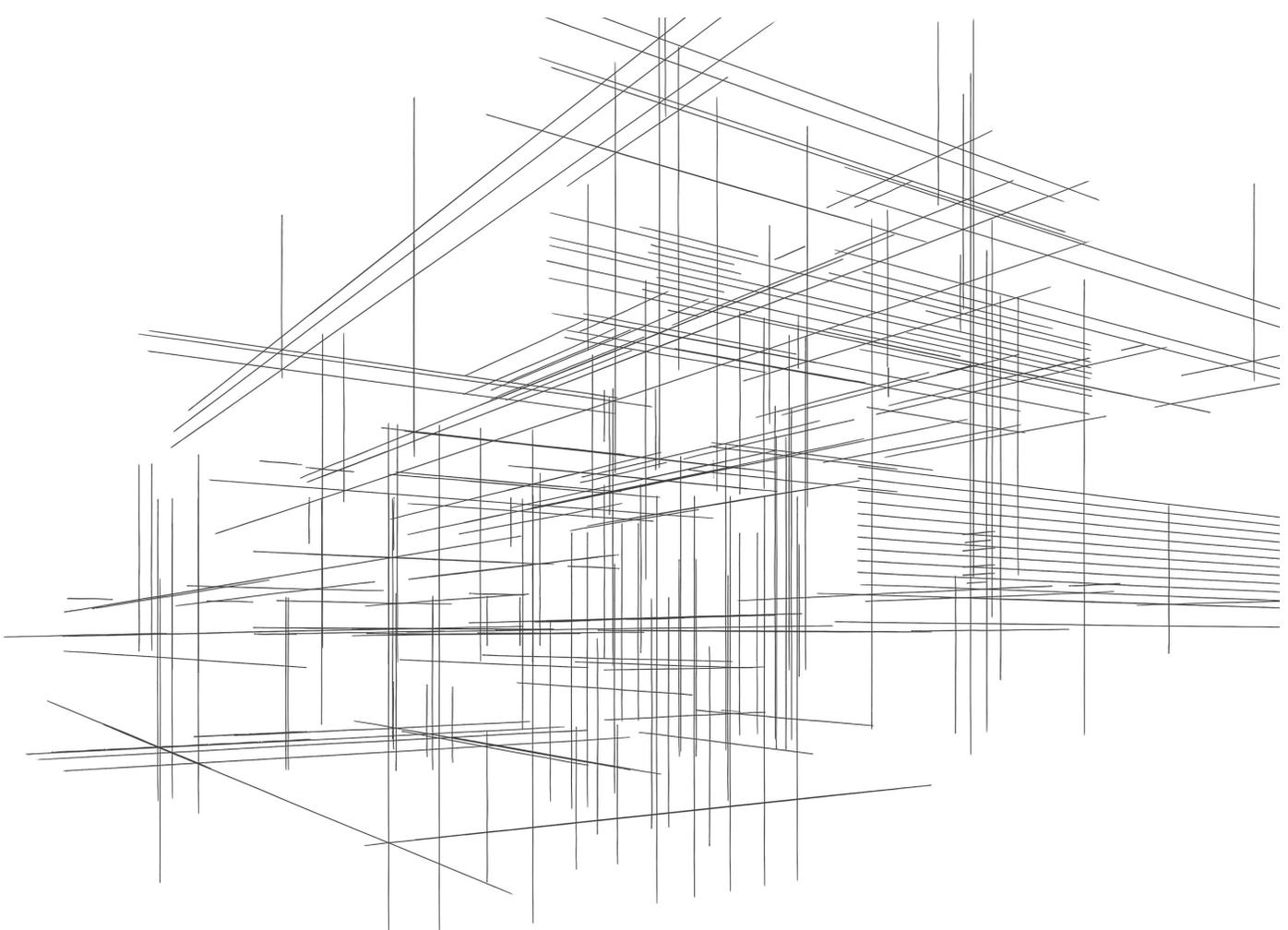




Montessori
Radmoor
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FERRIS ELEMENTARY WING

Projected completion August 2022

Named in honor of Jake and Maxine Ferris,
founders and supporters of the school

LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Montessori Radmoor is proud of our commitment to authentic Montessori pedagogy in each of our programs. We acknowledge that the children's environment is a critical component to their development as well as the implementation of Montessori education. With this dedication in mind, we are thrilled to formally announce our plan to expand the physical space of our school by adding the Ferris Elementary Wing, slated to be finished in time for the 2022-2023 school year.

We truly appreciate each and every family who is connected to Radmoor. We are honored to have this opportunity to invest in the community that we love.

We want to take a moment to send our deepest gratitude to Susie Hyatt, our former Head of School, for her nearly three decades of service. Without Susie's work we would not be in the position to take on this project. We are humbled by her stewardship, and commitment to the children of Radmoor.

Thank you to everyone that has been a part of our Radmoor Community over the last 50 years. Your ongoing support and dedication has made Radmoor the world-class Montessori school that it is today. We look forward to sharing additional details regarding the Ferris Elementary Wing addition and celebrating this new milestone with you all as we grow together.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees, Joseph Wood, & Expansion Committee



JAKE AND MAXINE FERRIS

Jake and Maxine Ferris, along with 6 other families, were the original founders of our school in 1968.

Jake served on the board from 1968-2018, a span of 50 years! He supported the school in a variety of ways, including taking care of the grounds for approximately 30 years. Jake could often be found taking pictures at school events.



Maxine served on numerous school committees over the years, and she organized fundraisers in the formative years of the school. One of her many contributions was writing the history booklet entitled *Thirty Years and Counting*, published in 2001.

Both of Jake and Maxine's sons attended Montessori Radmoor.

In 2017, Jake and Maxine started the Ferris Family Endowment fund with the sole purpose of supporting our scholarship program.

Jake and Maxine attended and were honored at our 50th anniversary event (pictured left).



MILESTONES IN OUR HISTORY

1968

Michigan Montessori Internationale Incorporated is founded. Commonly referred to as The Children's House, the primary program begins with 18 children in rented quarters in Okemos Community Church. Alice Hummel is the school's first Guide.

1969

The school moves to rented quarters at St. John's Student Parish East in East Lansing. Two Guides from Sri Lanka are hired as the school expands to three primary classrooms.

1974

The school purchases 8.5 acres of land on Mt. Hope Avenue in Okemos and begins construction of the new building. Classes begin in January 1976.

1981

The elementary program is established, and the building is expanded to accommodate the additional students.

1982

School is renamed Okemos Montessori Radmoor. The name memorializes Lila Radway and Amelia (Pat) Moore for their leadership in opening the elementary program.



1984

Pathway to Discovery, our nature trail, is established.

1989

The building is expanded to add a toddler classroom and the gymnasium.

1997

The Lila Radway Scholarship fund is established.

2002

The building is expanded to add a second toddler classroom and a new entrance to the school.

2010

A greenhouse is installed on school grounds and implemented into the curriculum. The greenhouse is named Serra Calde, Italian for House of the Earth.

2018

Radmoor turns 50! Founders and alumni are welcomed for a year-long celebration.

2022

Construction of the Ferris Elementary Wing is complete and classes begin in the new addition.



FERRIS ELEMENTARY WING

The Ferris Elementary Wing will be located on the west side of our building, connecting through the hallway next to the gymnasium and current Upper Elementary classroom.

The addition of the Ferris Elementary Wing will provide the following benefits to each program:

Elementary Program

- 3 Brand New Classrooms
- Student Kitchen
- Reading Specialist Room
- Courtyard & Outdoor Classroom
- 2 Student Bathrooms

Primary Program

- 4th Primary Classroom (P4)
- Dedicated Aftercare Space
- Dedicated Nap Room

Toddler Program

- Toddler-Only Nap Space

Whole School

- Large Library
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Maximize Gym Space
- Flexible Staff Space
- Additional Staff Bathroom
- Much-Needed Storage Space



HOW TO HELP

Please keep an eye out for exciting opportunities to contribute to this project in the coming months.

For now, the best thing that our current families and alumni can do to support our school is to help spread the news about our valuable programs, continued growth and exciting future.

*"Children develop their brains as well as their bodies through movement, and in the process of concentration, self-discipline, and perseverance with an active interest, the foundations of character are laid. To give our children a fine start in life we must see that their surroundings satisfy their need for activity and development, remembering at the same time that our own part is not that of instructor and interferer but of helper and friend."
- Maria Montessori*