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MONTESSORI RADMOOR SCHOOL OPENS NEW FERRIS ELEMENTARY WING

Celebrating the addition of 5760 square feet of learning and community space, and a legacy of one of its founding families, Montessori Radmoor School welcomes the press to this invitation only event for the dedication of the new Ferris Elementary Wing on Friday, Oct. 7.

The event will take place at 6:00 pm with a dedication and ribbon cutting, featuring remarks from former Head of School Susie Hyatt, current Board President, Jay Salliotte and Jake and Maxine Ferris' sons, Bill and John. Our Elementary students will be present to honor this celebratory event with a performance of the Radmoor school song, "Take My Hand". Tours of the new addition to follow the dedication ceremony. The school is located at 2745 Mt. Hope Ave., Okemos, MI 48864.

The Ferris Elementary Wing features three large elementary classrooms with an abundance of natural lighting and learning environments such as a student kitchen, outdoor classroom and reading specialist room. The addition will provide optimized learning space, in both the new addition and the current building, where Montessori Radmoor can continue to deliver authentic *Association Montessori Internationale* pedagogy to its approximately 200 students.

This \$1.5 million facility is named in honor of Jake and Maxine Ferris for their nearly 5 decades of dedicated service to the school. Although both Jake and Maxine Ferris passed away in 2022, their legacy lives on within this vision of bringing authentic Montessori to the community. Jake served on the school's Board of Trustees for 50 years, from 1968-2018.

The Ferris Elementary Wing addition was announced in the spring of 2021.

Montessori Radmoor School was founded in 1968 and educates children from 18 months of age through sixth grade with child-centered environments for toddlers, primary ages and elementary students.