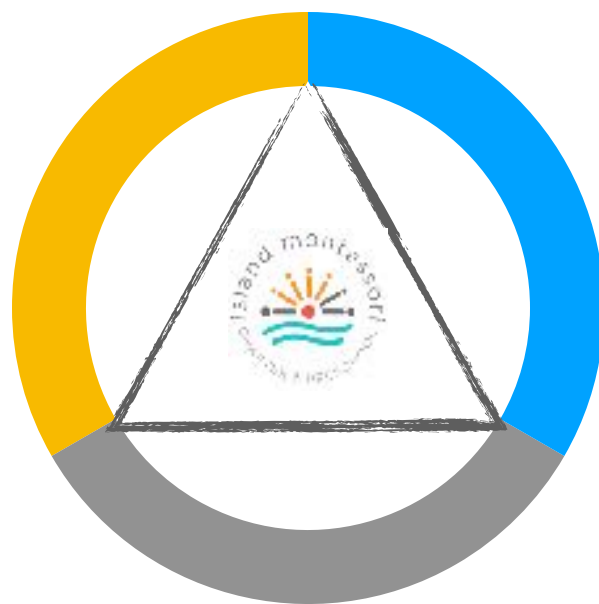


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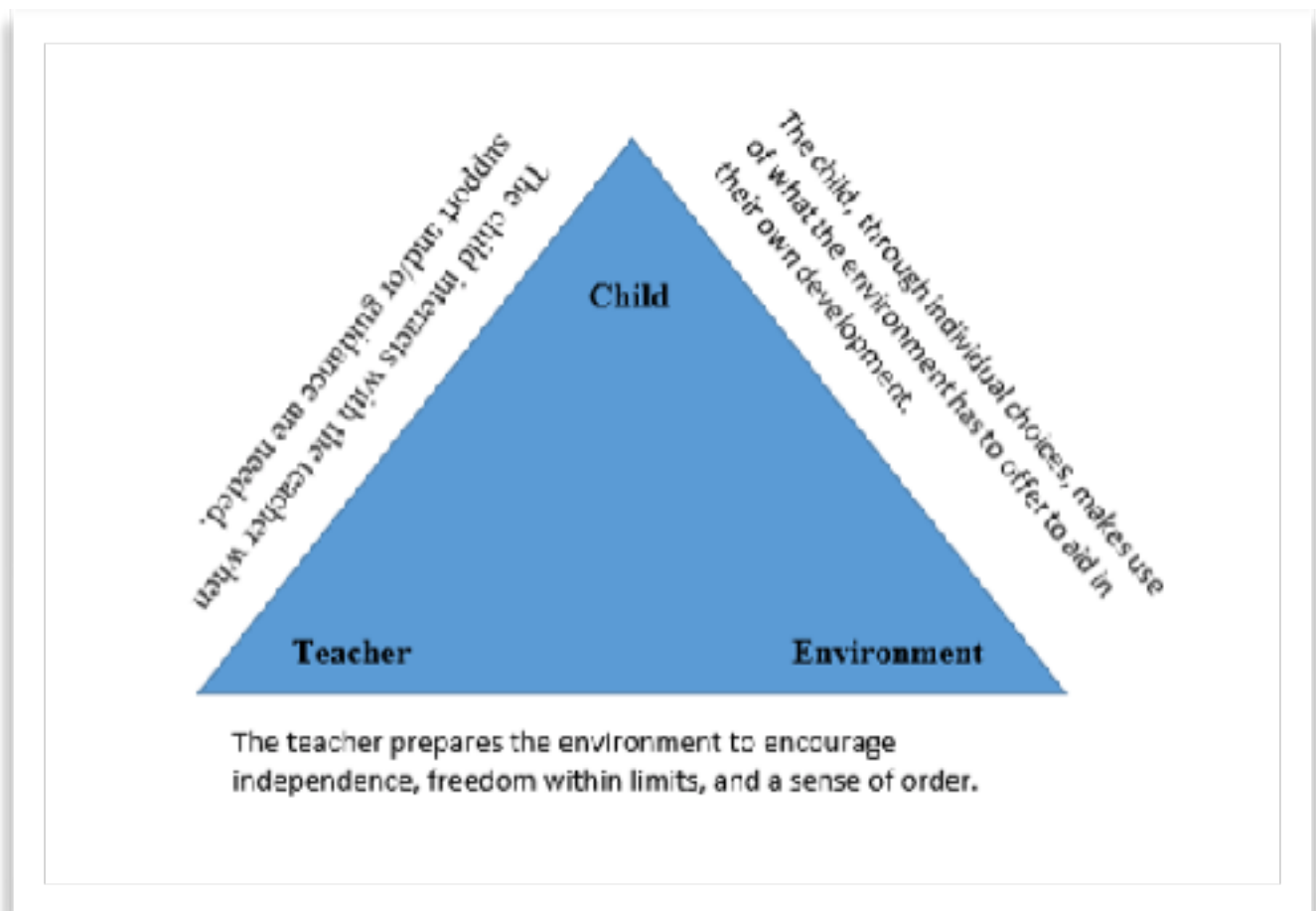


Be a Part of Every Angle

# Part I

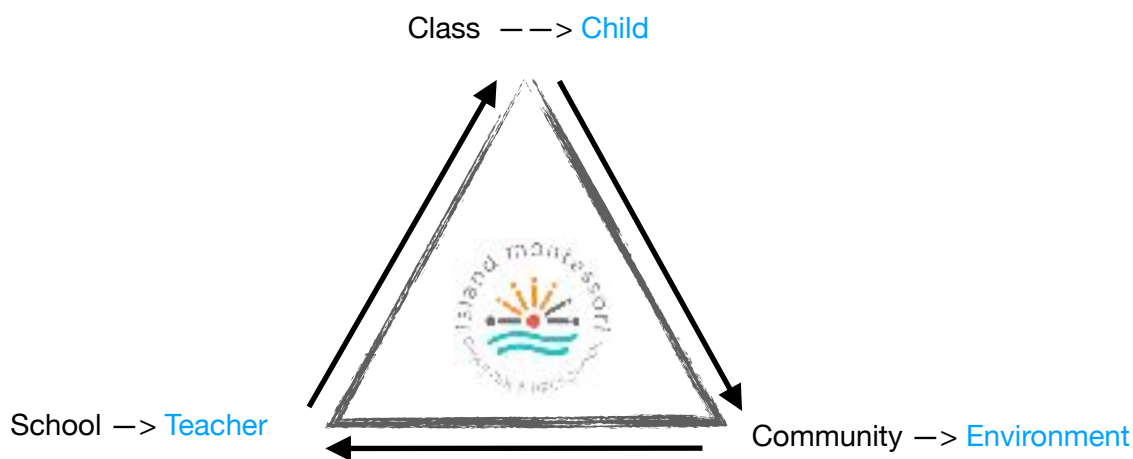
## What is the Montessori Triangle?

The Montessori Learning Triangle represents the three components that provide strength and support to uphold and provide the foundation for the Montessori Philosophy.

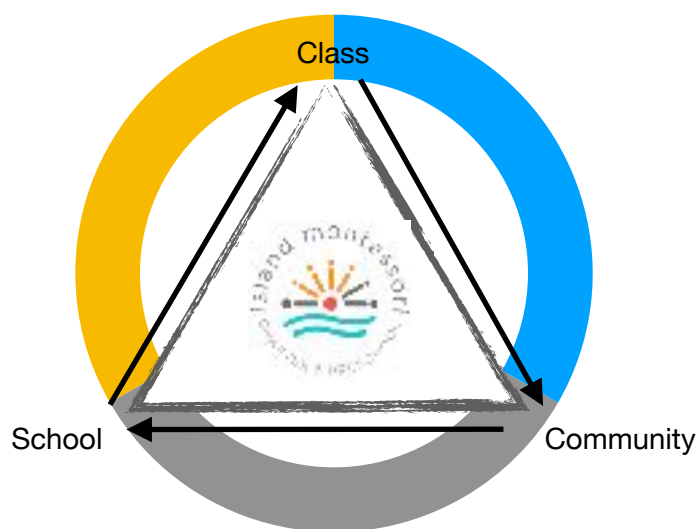


# Part 2

## What if the Montessori Triangle Became the Foundation for How We Work Together?



Volunteer for a class, help a child.  
Volunteer in the Community, extend the Montessori Community.  
Volunteer in the school, help the teachers.



- Families engage to strengthen the bond between the classroom and the community inspiring life-long learning.
- Families engage to strengthen the bond by connecting the community to the school to extend Montessori.
- Families engage to strengthen the bond between the school and classroom to build a positive culture.

# Part 3

## How Do We Envision Engaging Families Using the Strength of Connections in the Triangle?

We invite you to *Be a Part of Every Angle*:

- **Support the teacher's connection with the child, and strengthen the bond between the school culture and the classroom culture by embracing Montessori Parenting.**
- **Support the child's connection with the environment, and strengthen the bond between the classroom and the community by modeling life-long learning.**
- **Support the environment's connection to the teacher, and strengthen the bond by connecting the community to the school by spreading Montessori to others.**

**How do Families Help Connect The Classes to our School at IMS?  
By supporting the philosophy of our school and culture of the class  
while embracing a Montessori Parenting Approach.**

Strong parenting connects our classes and school. Strength in parenting is found in the process of promoting and supporting the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development of a child. We accomplish this together by promoting any of these developmental areas while present in the classroom, as their family member, and as a life-long learner.

**How Do Families Help Connect Class and Community at IMS?  
By supporting student lifelong learning and by modeling and  
supporting their own personal lifelong learning.**

Connecting our classes to our surrounding local community contributes to the betterment of student learning and family member's personal growth in character strength. When children see their family want to learn- they too want to be a part of it. This mindset of learning is then transferred into the classroom culture. Family members model for students that learning never ends. Being involved in the community and learning through volunteerism, service or simply participating in the school's parent education is the perfect way to have a child ask, "What did you learn today?"

**How Do Families Help Connect the Community and School at IMS?  
By supporting the school in volunteering and collaborating with the  
community to extend our Montessori Philosophy to others.**

Volunteering and collaborating with the community supports the connection between the school and the community. The Montessori philosophy supports the child interacting with the school and community using their skills of independence. Taking them out into the community to work independently through volunteering or service allows them to mirror the work they do at the school, and introduces them to the lessons learned through community participation. Families learning from student's volunteering together, as the child is able to show skills of independence they have mastered. This is a child's time to shine!

# Part 4

## What Happens When Families Engage and Become a Part of Every Angle?

If each of these interactions are equally fulfilled by a child's family between the class, the community and the school:

- Your child benefits!

Research shows children whose parents are involved are willing to work harder and experience meaningful growth socially and emotionally.

- We have fun!

It feels good to accomplish and be a part of the IMS Mission. Not everything we do is easy. But we know we're not balancing the national debt, either. We don't take ourselves too seriously, and we enjoy ourselves along the way!

- You Meet nice people who share your passion

We all have a common bond. We care about creating the best possible experience for our children. We are neighbors and peers who share many of the same experiences. And many friendships have developed as a result of those connections.

# Part 5

## Do I Have Time for This?



**How do you know if an IMS volunteer opportunity is a good fit for me?**

*Here is how we define it...*

### **How Long:**

Brief Commitment- 2 Hours or less

Moderate Commitment- can stretch over a few days

Long-Term Commitment- Can stretch over 1 week or more

### **Near or Far:**

Near- Must Be on site or at event to carry out volunteer work.

Far- Volunteer work is done completely off-site

# Part 6

## Ready to Be a Part of Every Angle?

*We bet you are! It is as easy as counting by three*

- In the school year 2019-20, complete 1 opportunity from each angle, for a total of **3** ways you have engaged.
- In the school year 2020-21, complete 2 opportunities from each angle, for a total of **6** ways you have engaged.
- In the school year 2021-22, complete 3 opportunities from each angle, for a total of **9** ways you have engaged.

**BUT WAIT....That is not all!**

Each year your engagement goal is achieved you will receive a pin to commemorate your dedication and commitment to your student's experience at IMS.



# Part 7

## How Can Families Be a Part of Every Angle in the 2019-20 School Year?

While we have listed a few guaranteed ways below, you are not limited to choosing from these. If you have a great idea you would like to share with

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	Children's School Campus	Lower Elementary	Upper Elementary	Middle School
<b>Angle 1 The Class</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mystery Reader</li> <li>2. Librarian</li> <li>3. Facilitate a reading Group</li> <li>4. Contribute to the "Travel"pedia</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mystery Reader</li> <li>2. Librarian</li> <li>3. Facilitate a Reading Group</li> <li>4. Contribute to the "Travel"pedia</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Librarian</li> <li>2. Host a Book Club</li> <li>3. Purveyor of Practical Life!</li> <li>4. Contribute to the "Travel"pedia</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Librarian</li> <li>2. Host a Book Club</li> <li>3. Purveyor of Practical Life</li> <li>4. Contribute to the "Travel"Pedia</li> </ol>
<b>Angle 2 The Community</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dragon Boast Race Volunteer, or Cheer and Attend</li> <li>2. Volunteer or participate in the Tinted Turtle Trot</li> <li>3. Attend/Participate/Support your student volunteer at the Holiday Bazaar</li> <li>4. Sign up to Volunteer together for Global Youth Service Day in April</li> <li>5. Volunteer at our Assigned Greenfield Lake Events- or select your own volunteer opportunity to complete with your child.</li> </ol>			
<b>Angle 3 The School</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attend all of our mindfulness, "Books with Brian" sessions this fall!</li> <li>2. Attend/ Volunteer/ Serve at any school event on our school calendar!</li> <li>3. Join the <i>Grounds Group</i> crew</li> <li>4. Be a Pilot Participant in our Montessori Google Classroom</li> <li>5. Get on out and sell all your IMS Lottery tickets when issued this year!</li> <li>6. Attend a board meeting</li> </ol>			

# Part 7

## Still Have a Few Questions?

### **What if I have more than one child at IMS?**

We hope that you will spend your class time equally for each child, but know that 1 of each angle is enough! So even if you have 5 children at IMS... 3 angles is all you need :)

### **How do you know our work with each angle?**

We have a Google Form that you will be filling out when you come to IMS to be a part of any angle. You will always see the check-in form or know to come in and fill it out.

### **What happens if we do not complete all the angles?**

Our days will be spent in despair...well it won't be that devastating, but we will feel a void without you! This year is three simple angles- we know you can do it!

