

January 20, 2010 Report from the Sherwood Montessori Admissions Committee

A random drawing was held at the office of David Green, Edward Jones, on Monday, January 4th. The meeting lasted from 6 pm until 9:30 pm. At the time of the draw, Sherwood Montessori had received 106 applications for 79 openings in grades K-8. Of these 106, four were removed due to duplication. The results are as follows, and reflect the admitted students by grade and in comparison to the petition model:

SUMMARY OF DRAW				
Grade	Total	Model	Male	Female
K	15	15	4	11
First	12	11	6	6
Second	13	11	7	6
Third	10	10	4	6
Fourth	11	7	8	3
Fifth	7	5	4	3
Sixth	4	7	2	2
Seventh	4	8	2	2
Eighth	1	5	1	0
TOTAL	77	79	38	39

It is interesting to note that a school total of nearly equal male-female ratio was received even though there was no preference for gender. All parents have been called and we had 99% acceptance. As of this report (2:00 p.m., January 20, 2010), there have been an additional 32 applications received for a total of 136 applications. Applications are added to the waitlist as they are received. Currently, the waiting list is as follows: K=24; 1st=15; 2nd=10; 3rd=3; 4th=5; 5th=2. There is no waiting list for grades 6-8.

Additional Statistics:

The Interest Form asked parents to voluntarily respond, "Has the student previously attended a Montessori school?" The response was: 72 yes, 42 no, and 22 no answer.

Schools Currently Attended by Applicants:

The Interest Form asked parents to list the current school. Based on the responses, we feel that all areas of local educational options are represented. Below is the list of schools:

ASCDL	Forest Ranch Charter School
Blue Oak Charter School	Glenwood Academy
Butte College Child Development Center	Hamilton Elementary School
C.O.R.E. Butte Charter School	Homeschool
CARD/Kinder-readiness program	Hooker Oak Elementary
Chico Center for Learning	Innovative Preschool
Chico Christian School	Marigold Elementary
Chico Country Day School	McManus Elementary
Chico Country Day Home School	Mi Escuelita Maya
Chico Montessori Childrens House	Mickie's Magical Moments

Chico Montessori Elementary Chico Nursery School-Co-op Clairemont Elementary CSU Chico Child Care Lab E center Headstart Emma Wilson	Oak Street Children's Center Rosedale Elementary Shasta Elementary Sierra View Elementary River Road Early Learning Center
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Future Work:

The committee still needs to verify birthdates, addresses, and other legal information. A complete application packet is being created and it is the goal of the committee to send this out to parents by the end of next week. It is anticipated that we may see a few students withdraw in the next few weeks. For classes that are not overenrolled, parents on the waiting list will be contacted. Meanwhile, the committee will work on revising the enrollment model to allow for more students while keeping focused on the mission of the school. Once a model is developed, we will discuss with representatives of both the curriculum and budget committees to discuss feasibility before bringing the matter to the Board for a vote.

We will also work on ways to target increasing enrollment in grades 6-8 once we have funds to allocate toward advertising.

Presented by Joseph Cobery, Lead Admissions Committee.