



**Application for Enrollment for the 2012/2013 School Year
Enrolling grades K-6**

Mission: To inspire passion for learning in an intentionally diverse Montessori community.

Vision: Bright Water seeks to be a school without an achievement gap and a model for North Minneapolis. Bright Water School is inspired by the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori and sets high expectations for all children. In partnership with parents we guide children to develop their individual gifts while preparing them for life in a cooperative community and a changing world. We nurture independence, a love of learning, cooperation, creative thinking, and respect for self, others and the environment.

Parents who wish to enroll their children at Bright Water Elementary must be committed to a Montessori education for their child as well as attending all parent teacher conferences, parent education events, 5 hours of volunteer service and working in partnership with Bright Water to meet your child's academic and social/behavioral needs.

Bright Water Elementary is located at 2410 Girard Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55411
Phone 612)302-3410 Fax 612)302-5911

Student's Name: _____

Grade Entering in September 2012: _____

Age as of September 1, 2012: _____

A kindergartener is a child age five by September 1 of the school year.

Last school attended: _____

School address: _____

Does the student have a sibling who currently attends Bright Water? _____

If yes, sibling's name _____

Is a sibling of this student applying for enrollment for the 2012/13 school year? _____

If yes, sibling's name _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address including zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

*The enrollment period for Bright Water Elementary runs from November 1 through November 30. During that time, Bright Water Elementary collects enrollment forms from any person who wants to enroll their child(ren) at Bright Water Elementary. If the School receives more applications than the number of spaces available, Bright Water Elementary will have a lottery to determine which students will be admitted to the School. If necessary, the lottery will be held on Thursday, December 1 at 1:00 pm at Bright Water Elementary at 2410 Girard Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55411.

Montessori education was developed by Maria Montessori, the first female physician in Italy and a respected scientist. This method is based on her careful and scientific observations of children worldwide for over 50 years. Based on her experiences and successes working with children all over the world whether from the slums of Rome, Italy to the children of Adyar, India, Dr. Montessori observed that children are able to realize their innate potential when given certain freedoms and a carefully prepared environment (classroom). The freedom to repeat, choose work, move, and communicate are all afforded children in Montessori Education. Montessorians provide children with a carefully prepared beautiful environment that entices the child to explore it with the guidance of the Montessori trained adult. The activities in the environment are called "work", a term given by the children. In the Children's House this work ranges in preparing the child for writing, refining fine motor coordination, and social development to scientific exploration of the world through classification. At the elementary level the children's work involves carrying out independent research in areas of interest, creating journals detailing work they have mastered, as well as lessons in cosmic education that inform the child of his/her place in the universe.

For more information, please contact Martine Smaller or Ann Luce at 612-302-3410.

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Date Received _____ Notice of Enrollment sent and date _____