



*“An education capable of saving humanity is no small undertaking; it involves the spiritual development of man, the enhancement of their value as an individual, and the preparation of young people to understand the times in which they live.”*

- Dr. Maria Montessori, *Education and Peace*

## Our Mission

We provide an environment where children feel emotionally and physically safe; are valued, grow and learn to their maximum potential; think independently; and contribute to the world and society in innovative and meaningful ways.

## The Montessori Approach

Children are grouped into mix-aged cohorts for 3-year learning segments; our approach is designed for the developmental phases beginning in the toddler years and carrying through to young adulthood. Our classroom is a balanced environment, every detail designed to foster a joy of learning and peacefulness. Attention is paid so that students have a complete social unit. We build independence, self-determination, and a respect for diversity; we inspire creativity and a passion for learning!

## St. Croix Montessori Snapshot

- ❖ Located in the U.S. Virgin Islands, our school is **founded on the basis of community**.
- ❖ As a non-denominational, 501(c)3 non-profit, we offer a **diverse group of families** a safe, stable environment in which to raise a child and **receive globally-recognized, comprehensive education**.
- ❖ In addition to our Montessori-certified instructors, we offer **enrichment programs** including Chess Club with a national chess champion, Yoga, African and Caribbean dance, Art, an Orff-Schulwerk music program, Bush Skills, and transportation to CalicoCats Community Theatre and martial arts.
- ❖ Through **private giving and fundraising**, 50% of our families receive a form of need-based scholarships (\$95,000 waived per year).
- ❖ Our culture is one of learning and social justice; we are all global citizens!

## Impact Investments

- ❖ Sponsor Teacher Training (M.Ed.) Career Pathways For Local Residents
- ❖ Provide Annual Full Scholarships For Low-Income Families
- ❖ Develop St. Croix's First Renewable Energy & Farm2School Campus
- ❖ Increase Access To Comprehensive Summer Programming

## Building The Path To The Future

Our focus is on developing a **healthy, sustainable learning community** for the **families of St. Croix** for generations to come; a collaborative campus that **celebrates** our unique **Caribbean heritage** and **models early childhood** best practices.

### Support Our Vision

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