

What Makes a Great Montessori Leader?

Part One

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◆ What makes a great Montessori Leader?

◆ Set a Strong Vision & Direction

- ◆ consistent message
- ◆ over communicate

◆ Sense of Passion

- ◆ inspire community to achieve vision
- ◆ believe deeply in what you're doing

◆ Clarity of Purpose & Mission

- ◆ align
- ◆ realign

◆ Montessori's Transformation of the Adult

◆ Prepared adult

◆ reflective

◆ responsible

◆ resilient

Self-awareness – the ability to know one's emotions, strengths, weaknesses, drives, values and goals and recognize their impact on others while using **gut feelings** to guide decisions.

Self-regulation – involves controlling or redirecting one's disruptive emotions and impulses and adapting to changing circumstances.

Social skill – managing relationships to move people in the desired direction

Empathy - considering other people's feelings especially when making decision

Motivation - being driven to achieve for the sake of achievement.

- ◆ **What can leaders do to prepare themselves as adults in the lives of children, families and faculty?**
 - ◆ **self-care - physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual**
 - ◆ **professional & personal growth**
 - ◆ **ask... who am I in the lives of those I serve?**
- ◆ **What can leaders do to develop the skills and attitudes necessary to lead, inspire and align for success?**
 - ◆ **surround themselves with masters and mentors**
 - ◆ **stay open to continuous learning**
 - ◆ **be willing to be wrong - suspend certainty**

Great Leaders need
courage, conviction,
and consistency

Many Leaders struggle
because they continue to
compromise their programs
and principles in hope of
becoming more attractive
to parents.

World-class Montessori schools are schools that have achieved a level of excellence, stability, and widespread public appeal that make them highly attractive to prospective parents and teachers.

There is a Montessori way
that we can and must
follow to produce, time
and time again, the
results that made
Montessori schools famous
around the world.

Clarity is the Key to Success

The Essential Need for Consistency

The need to avoid becoming
a shopping market of
independent and very
different classrooms

The Blueprint of Fundamental Values and Operating Principles



