



### SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

Penfield Montessori Academy  
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### INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING

**Enrollment:** 109  
**Grade Levels:** K3-2nd  
Penfield will add a new grade each year and will be fully enrolled - K3-8th grade - by September 2024.

**Average class size:** 24  
**Total Instructional Hours:** minimally 1,050  
**Average Attendance Rate:** 88.8%  
**Special Education Rate:** 39%  
**Student/Teacher Ratio:** 1:15

Penfield Montessori provides a child-centered, personalized approach to learning. Our integrated classrooms include holistic programming, emphasizing peace education, a love of nature, social-emotional learning and early literacy. Each child is celebrated for his/her abilities, diversity and personal interests.

**Early Literacy:** PMA utilizes two approaches based in neuroscience-the Orton Gillingham (OG) approach and Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP) to teach literacy. OG is a direct, explicit, multisensory, structured, sequential, diagnostic, and prescriptive way to teach literacy when reading, writing, and spelling does not come easily to individuals. LAMP uses motor learning approaches and voice output to promote communication.

**Technology integration:** Utilization of Augmentive and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices

**Arts and Music:** Partnerships with Music and Art Therapy institutions provide all students with opportunities to explore the fine arts.

**Social emotional learning:** On-site school counselor, partnership with Penfield's Behavior Clinic for in-home counseling and teachers trained in the ARC (Attachment, Regulation and Competency) Framework.

### 2018-19 HIGHLIGHTS

- From the 2017/2018 to 2018/2019 school years, the number of students who met their academic goals on the MAP assessment increased by 25% for math and 11% for reading.
- The Milwaukee Fire Department's Warm Up Winter campaign provided a new winter coat to every child at Penfield Montessori.
- Hosted the Montessori Inclusion Conference in collaboration with the Theodor Hellbrügge Foundation and sponsored by Montessori Medical Partnership for Inclusion. We welcomed attendees from all over the world addressed how to support children in culturally diverse communities, the role of developmental psychology, approaches to inclusion of children with social, emotional and cognitive differences and more!
- Hosted the Urban Autism Summit in collaboration with the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin.

### FAMILY CONNECTIONS

- Parent Ambassadors Program
- Parent Pantry and Family Room
- Parent Facebook Page
- Newsletter, Weekly Folders
- Family Engagement Coordinator

### CO-CURRICULARS

Penfield Montessori's key collaborations and partnerships include:

- Penfield Children's Center
- Annette Meyers Studios- Music Therapy
- Mount Mary College- Art Therapy
- Marquette University- P.E. Classes
- Best Buddies
- United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF)
- PEAK Initiative
- St. Michael's Church
- ACTS Housing

Penfield Montessori also offers a variety of student-enrichment activities and events such as spirit week, parent socials, movie night, Community Fun Fest, field day, Spring Sing, Changemakers Wax Museum, Family Heritage Potluck and more!

### TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Special Education Teachers - 3 (all DPI licensed 100%)  
Montessori Guides - 5 (5 DPI licensed 100%)

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

"If education is always to be conceived along the same antiquated lines of a mere transmission of knowledge, there is little to be hoped from it in the bettering of man's future. For what is the use of transmitting knowledge if the individual's total development lags behind?" - Maria Montessori

### SCHOOL CULTURE AND CLIMATE

**Vision:** Lead with Love, Grow with Us, Better Together, Do What it and Be Present

**Mission:** To demonstrate a pathway for more children to graduate from high school by tailoring the education experience to each individual child.

**Penfield Montessori's three pillars for success include:**

1. Inclusive Montessori Education for Children of all Abilities
2. Health and Wellness
3. Active Family Engagement

-Provide the best in Montessori education, fostering independence and critical thinking

-Led by a dedicated and engaged Board of Directors and staffed by a passionate team of faculty that surpasses the recommended teacher-to-student ratio set by the American Montessori Society (AMS)

-Supported by Penfield Children's Center, an experienced institution and a model for early childhood learning for more than 50 years

-Attended by happy, engaged, and connected families who strive to give their children the very best educational and developmental experiences available

### Parent Climate Survey Results:

98.6% agreed Penfield Montessori has high expectations for their child.  
95.7% agreed their child is being well prepared for his/her future.  
97.1% agree they would recommend this school to other parents

"We chose Penfield Montessori Academy for its friendly staff, the individualized learning plan for each child and the inclusion of extracurricular activities as part of a well-rounded education." -Lisa, Penfield Montessori Parent

"I highly recommend Penfield Montessori Academy to all parents! The staff is so hands on, cooperative, delightful and driven. The school as a whole has exceeded all of my expectations! Choosing this is the best decision I've made and I look forward to our future." -Chari, Penfield Montessori Parent