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Head of Valley Montessori School elected to Board of American Montessori Society

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Mary Ellen Kordas, the Head of School at Valley Montessori School in Livermore, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the American Montessori Society (AMS), the country's largest professional organization for Montessori education headquartered in New York City.

As a visionary for Valley Montessori School since it opened in 1976 with six children in a rented space, Mary Ellen has led the charge to grow the school and purchase land to build the current facility located at 1273 N. Livermore Avenue.

In 2005, Valley Montessori School became the first Montessori school in California to receive full accreditation from both the American Montessori Society and Western Association of Schools and Colleges for preschool through eighth grade. The school currently serves over 500 children from toddler through middle school.

Speaking on education, Mary Ellen says, "I understand and appreciate the work of educators and the ability of a few to make a difference in the lives of children. My passion is to have Montessori heard and understood when any conversation turns to educational options. The joy one gets back is an added bonus!"

As an AMS board member, Mary Ellen will be at the forefront of educational research and decision-making affecting the lives of children at national and local levels.

Valley Montessori School is an independent, non-profit organization that has been serving families of the Livermore Valley for over thirty years. For more information visit www.valleymontessorischool.com

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