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**LEPORT MONTESSORI SCHOOL TO OPEN AT  
ORCHARD HILLS VILLAGE CENTER**

Irvine, California, October 31, 2011 -- LePort Montessori School will open a preschool campus at Orchard Hills Village Center in early 2012. This school, the third LePort location in Irvine, will open in January 2012, and is now accepting enrollment for 2- to 6-year-old children.

The new preschool will be open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and will offer a choice of part-day, full-day and extended day preschool programs, as well a parent and child “Mommy and Me Montessori” program for 18- to 36-month-old children.

“Many families have been commuting from East Irvine to our two other campuses in Woodbridge and near the Civic Center Park,” explains Monica LePort, head of operations at LePort Schools. “There’s been a tremendous interest in a high-quality Montessori school in East Irvine. I’ve met with many families who are excited to be able to gain immediate enrollment at the Orchard Hills campus, as many Montessori schools have long wait lists.”

The school will offer an authentic Montessori education, enabling each child to develop personal, life and social skills, and to learn reading, writing and arithmetic in preschool.

“My wife and I were pleased to learn of LePort’s intention to open a new school in Orchard Hills”, says Lee Pooler, whose 2 ½ year-old daughter will transfer to LePort Orchard Hills in January. “We live in north Irvine, so the commute to other campuses is not ideal. Having a high-caliber school such as LePort come to our neighborhood will make major quality-of-life improvements for our entire family.”

While many preschools have struggled over the past few years, LePort Schools has consistently maintained high enrollment. Both existing Irvine campuses are filled to capacity, and enrollment at LePort’s other campuses has grown by 20% in the past year.

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“I think it speaks to parents’ commitment to providing their children the best education possible,” explains Lindsay Journo, LePort’s Academic Director. “Many of our families tell us that while finances are tight, they are willing to make personal trade-offs to ensure their children have a great first experience at school. With cuts in public education budgets, it is crucial for children to learn how to learn, and to develop a solid foundation early on in preschool.”

LePort Schools expects the Orchard Hills campus to fill quickly. In addition to accepting enrollments now for January and February 2012, a waitlist process is in place for enrollments later in the year. To learn more about LePort Schools, visit [www.LePortSchools.com](http://www.LePortSchools.com). The Orchard Hills campus is now accepting applications for enrollment in January 2012.

Families are invited to attend an Open House event at the LePort San Marino campus at 1055 San Marino in Irvine from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, November 5. Staff from the Orchard Hills campus will be available at the Open House to answer questions about the new location.

Orchard Hills Village Center, owned and managed by Irvine Company, is located at Portola Parkway and Culver Drive in Irvine. The center is anchored by Pavilions and CVS with a convenient drive-through pharmacy, and also has 18 other stores, restaurants and services.

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*The Orchard Hills LePort campus*



*Primary classroom (ages 3-6 years) at the Irvine – Lake campus*