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DR. STEVE HUGHES, RENOWNED MONTESSORI RESEARCHER, VISITING BAY AREA IN FEBRUARY

San Francisco, California, JANUARY 15th, 2014 – From February 3rd through 7th, Dr. Steve Hughes will speak at five Montessori schools across the Bay Area about the benefits of Montessori education for young children.

[Steven J. Hughes](#), PhD, ABPdN, is a child development expert through his work as a pediatric neuropsychologist and an advocate for activity-based, developmental education. He is a frequent speaker and consultant to educational organizations around the world. Dr. Hughes is a past president of the American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology and serves as Chair of the [Association Montessori Internationale](#) Global Research Committee and is a member of the [American Montessori Society](#) Research Committee.

The [talks by Dr. Hughes](#) are a great opportunity for parents, educators and the general public to learn about Montessori education and to understand how it helps children reach their full potential. “Dr. Hughes is an amazing speaker. His presentations are informative and engaging, and I find myself reinvigorated about my calling as a Montessori educator and as a parent, each time I attend one of his talks”, says Amanda Hyer, Outreach Coordinator for the [Bay Area Montessori Association \(BAMA\)](#).

“As we build the parent community for our [new Montessori school in San Francisco](#), we’re excited to bring Dr. Hughes to town to speak”, says Heike Larson, Vice President of LePort Schools. “Many parents have heard of Montessori, but can’t quite place it in the range of preschool or elementary school options for their children. I highly encourage all parents who want to make an educated choice about their children’s preschool to attend this event. You’ll leave not just much better informed, but also inspired by what is possible for your child!”

Dr. Hughes will be hosted by five Montessori schools all over the Bay Area. All talks will start at 6 pm and run for two hours, including a Q&A session. Please contact the hosting school for more details, and RSVP information.

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| 02/03 | Bowman International School
<i>Event open to the public at no charge.</i> | 4000 Terman Drive, Palos Alto, CA 94306
Phone: (650) 813-9131 |
| 02/04 | One World Montessori School
<i>Event open to the public at no charge, donation requested to cover speaker fee.</i> | 1170 Foxworthy Drive, San Jose, CA 95118
Phone: (408) 723-5140 |
| 02/05 | St. Helena Montessori School & Sunrise Montessori of Napa Valley
<i>Event open to the public, admission is \$15 per person/\$25 per couple.</i> | 880 College Ave., St. Helena, CA 94574
Phone: (707) 963-1527 |

02/06 **Grand Lake Montessori School & American International Montessori School**
Event open to the public, donation requested.

Lake Park United Methodist Church
281 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610
School phone: (510) 836-4313

02/07 **LePort Schools**
Event open to the public at no charge, donations requested toward scholarship fund. RSVP at www.LePortSchools.com/San-Francisco

Holiday Inn Civic Center
50 Eighth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103
School phone: 415-992-8388

During his trip, Dr. Hughes is available during the day for media interviews and other events. You can contact Dr. Hughes [via his web site](#), or email Amanda Hyer, Outreach Coordinator for the Bay Area Montessori Association at akhyer [at] gmail [dot] com and we can coordinate your interview request.

LePort Schools has been educating California children since 2000, and operates eight preschools and private schools, serving over 900 children from infants through 8th grade. For more information please visit www.LePortSchools.com, or email to info@leportschools.com.

High-resolution photos are available upon request. Contact Info@LePortSchools.com.



In his two talks on February 6th in Oakland and on February 7th in San Francisco, Dr. Hughes will speak on *Igniting the Flame Within: Montessori Education and the Development of Self*. [For a 3-minute video preview, click here.](#) Both of these talks are open to the public. To RSVP, please contact [Grand Lake Montessori](#) (Feb. 6th, Oakland) or [LePort Schools](#) (Feb. 7th, San Francisco).



In [Montessori programs](#), children have a lot of freedom to work with hands-on materials, such as these Montessori Color Tablets. They have autonomy and time to explore things deeply, to get into a “flow” stage, and to satisfy their innate curiosity about how the world works.



Montessori education is known for making [advanced academics](#) accessible to children. Here, a group of children is working with the Montessori Golden Beads, one of the [Montessori Mathematics](#) materials for ages three to six, and gaining a concrete understanding of the number 1,000.