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### **Hammer Montessori Celebrates Dual Anniversaries!**

**March 14, 2007, San Jose, CA:** – San Jose Unified School District's Hammer Montessori Elementary School, located at 1060 Bird Ave, San Jose, 95124, will join more than 5,000 Montessori schools across the U.S. and around the world, including over 200 sponsored by public school districts, to recognize the **one hundred year anniversary** of the beginning of Montessori education. What makes this celebration even more significant for Hammer Montessori is the simultaneous celebration of its **10-year anniversary** as a San Jose Unified elementary magnet school of choice.

There are many unique qualities to a Montessori environment. Qualities include a variety of lesson formats, freedom within limits, choice on a student's part, and peacefulness. Classrooms are specially prepared to help children develop into successful, independent thinkers. Lessons and materials are set up from simple to complex and from concrete to abstract to assist the child in learning skills easily and without undue stress.

The school is inviting members of the community to join in the celebration and take a firsthand look at the child-centered, individualized approach developed almost 100 years ago by Italy's first female physician, Dr. Maria Montessori.

**Celebration Date:** Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Includes student performances and presentation of materials

10-year timeline of Hammer Montessori events

**Kindergarten Parent Tour Dates:** March 15, 23 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Includes 15 minute classroom observation; guided tour and Question/Answer Session

**Spring Open House:** Tuesday April 24, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Self-Guided Tour and Access to all classrooms.

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