A Montessori Education Has

“Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world.”

- Maria Montessori -
In Houston, at St. Mary of the Purification Montessori, Beyoncé’s talents first emerged. In a school that valued both art and academics, a top student and world-class performer was born. Today Beyoncé has been nominated for more Grammys than anyone in history and is one of pop music’s most highly-regarded figures. In 2014 Beyoncé launched her charity foundation BeyGOOD which has been successfully raising funds for different causes since.

“When you love and accept yourself, when you know who really cares about you, and when you learn from your mistakes, then you stop caring about what people who don't know you think.”

—Beyoncé Knowles

“My focus is my art, and that's what I love to do. I have to be really passionate in order to do something. I've turned down many things that I just didn't believe in.”

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The Nobel Prize-winning Colombian author of "Love in the Time of Cholera" and "One Hundred Years of Solitude" attended a Montessori school as a child and is an avid supporter of the philosophy. His book, 'One Hundred Years of Solitude' has been named as the book that has most shaped world literature of the last 25 years.

"It is not true that people stop pursuing dreams because they grow old, they grow old because they stop pursuing dreams."
–Gabriel Garcia Marquez

"I do not believe there is a method better than Montessori for making children sensitive to the beauties of the world and awakening their curiosity regarding the secrets of life."
–Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Both Google’s founders went to Montessori schools. When asked about their success, Brin and Page say their Montessori education was key, specifically pointing to the curriculum of self-directed learning – where students follow their interests and decide for themselves what they want to learn.

"I think it was part of that training of not following rules and orders, and being self-motivated, questioning what's going on in the world and doing things a little bit differently."
–Larry Page

“Overall, there was resonance with the idea that education concerns inspiring students to become life-long learners with a love of education."
--Forbes on the founding of Google
"Every once in a while, you go down an alley and it opens up into this huge, broad avenue.” – Jeff Bezos

As a preschooler, Jeffrey P. Bezos displayed an unmatched single-mindedness. By his mother's account, the young Bezos got so engrossed in the details of activities at his Montessori school that teachers had to pick him up in his chair to move him to new tasks. It's a trait that goes a long way toward explaining why the company he founded has survived to become the dominant retailer on the Internet.

"Montessori students proved to be significantly better prepared for elementary school in reading and math skills than the non-Montessori children. They also tested better on 'executive function,' the ability to adapt to changing and more complex problems, an indicator of future school and life success.”

– Jonah Lehrer
“I've seen it around the world, in the poorest countries and in countries riven with conflict, –
It is women who are the key to breaking out of poverty, breaking out of stagnation. – It's women who can contribute to achieving real security -- not bombs and bullets and repressive
governments.”

– Queen Noor
Combs was born in Harlem, but after the murder of his father, the family moved to Mount Vernon, NY where he attended the Mount Vernon Montessori School. His mother worked three jobs to provide the best opportunities possible for the education of her children. "I feel like I was nurtured into wanting to be somebody special," recalls Combs.

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"Is there something going on here? Is there something about the Montessori approach that nurtures creativity and inventiveness that we can all learn from?"

--Wall Street Journal on the creative elite
"I remember when I was growing up. My great wish was to understand who I was and how I fit in the world."

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United Nations Peace Ambassador, winner of 15 Grammy Awards, Presidential Medal of Freedom and National Medal of the Arts recipient, famed cellist Yo Yo Ma was not only Montessori educated, but chose to send his daughter Emily to Montessori School as well. “Structure is an absolutely important part of the creative life, and Emily got this from her Montessori experience.”