



# Parker Woods Montessori

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Dear Parker Woods Montessori Families,

This is written to share bittersweet news with you.

Ms. Suzanne Nall has a new job! She has become the District's Fine Arts Instructional Coach. Because of her new position, Ms. Nall will not return to Parker Woods Montessori for the upcoming school year.

As a result of Ms. Nall's leaving, Ms. Tess Warner has been hired and will move from being an assistant teacher here at Parker Woods Montessori to our new art teacher. Ms. Warner is also a Parker Woods Montessori parent and has been the Art Club advisor for the last two years. She is overwhelmingly excited about becoming the new art teacher!

Written below is a letter from Ms. Nall to our families.

*July 29, 2018*

*Dear Parker Woods Montessori Families,*

*I am sending this letter to you with deep appreciation and gratitude. After 13 years at Winton Montessori, then Parker Woods Montessori, I can honestly say that these years have been the most rewarding of my career. Through your vision and generosity, art at Parker woods Montessori went from an almost completely unfunded program with little or no art supplies, to a program where students could learn about any process, culture, or topic readily, with all the tools and materials they needed.*

*In those 13 years students at Winton/Parker Woods have developed a deep appreciation for art and have won 31 awards at the District art show "City-Wide". We have been recognized nationally through articles in the art education journal "School Arts". Former students have gone on to win awards for artistic achievement and have grown up to have careers in related visual art fields.*

*Parker Woods Montessori is now thought of as having one of the strongest art programs in the city, and this reputation has been earned in no small part by the extraordinary efforts of the Parker Woods families.*

*Sometimes success brings change, in a classroom, in a school and in a school district. Cincinnati Public Schools recently created a Fine Arts Teaching Coach position at the district level. I was offered this position and I accepted it. I plan on taking what I have learned about building a successful art program to other teachers across the district. And I want all of you to know, the first thing I will tell them, is just how valuable a partnership between an art teacher and the families at a school can be for every student.*

*Love,*

*Ms. Nall*

*Suzanne Nall M.A.*

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We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

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