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Trustee brings visions to reality

Local architect Michael Burns has retired from Princeton Montessori School's Board of Trustees after 27 years.

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PRLog (Press Release) - Aug. 16, 2013 - PRINCETON, N.J. -- Burns, Principal Architect and Professional Planner at Michael Burns Architects in Lambertville, designed all components of the school, located on Cherry Valley Road in Princeton. He states, "The inherent qualities of the Montessori philosophy became integral in the design. The various areas of the school are designed to reflect the age and scale of the children who use the spaces." For example, each of the classrooms in the Infant and Toddler wing has windows that start at ground level, ensuring that the users of the space, the young children, can enjoy the relationship between the inside and outside spaces equally. Each room is filled with light, and the view of the school's 20 acres is as much a part of the school as the interior spaces are. In addition, the fixtures, such as the sinks and counters, are all at a young child's height, ensuring that from the very earliest years the children know the school has been designed with them in mind.



Michael Burns

Burns says he has witnessed many wonderful and positive changes to the school over the 27 years of his Trustee tenure, all of which have "clearly enhanced the educational opportunities at the school." Now he will devote more of his time to his thriving architectural projects and teaching responsibilities at both Drexel University and the New Jersey Institute of Technology. At the latter, he was honored to receive the Excellence in Teaching Award for Teaching by an Adjunct Professor. His firm has been recognized with twenty design awards and has been published in numerous design journals.

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