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### NEW MONTESSORI UPPER ELEMENTARY PROGRAM FOR AGES 9-12 STARTING IN LA JOLLA, SEPTEMBER 2016

LA JOLLA, California, August 23, 2016-- The Montessori Institute of San Diego Children's House is excited to offer a **new upper elementary program (ages 9-12)** starting this September with expanded learning opportunities in science, outdoor education, music, and technology! They will also be welcoming a new staff member, Jeff Major, as their STEM and Outdoor Education Coach. Mr. Major will coach an afterschool **robotics team** ("Jr. Botball") and a climbing club.

One of the goals of the new elementary program is to introduce students to experts from the broader community. "Jeff Major certainly qualifies," says Tom Donahue, Head of School. "Degrees in engineering and physics, a passion for coaching and outdoor education, and the leader of the San Diego Area Jr. Botball engineering and programming competition—Jeff brings a strong array of competencies. We are very excited about recruiting him to join our faculty three days a week."

[The MISD Children's House](#) (18 months-12 years) is the model school for the Montessori Institute of San Diego, a world-renowned teacher training center founded by Dr. Silvia C. Dubovoy in 1996. In addition to work with the classic Montessori materials, the MISD Children's House Elementary Program relies heavily on science experiments, storytelling, research, collaboration with experts in the local community, field trips, and community service. Music, art, dance, drama, organic gardening, and culinary arts further enrich the core Montessori curriculum. This program is **full bilingual immersion (Spanish/English)**.

Applications are being considered for the 2016-17 school year on a rolling basis while space is available.

To learn more about the Upper Elementary Program, or to apply, visit: [www.misdami.org](http://www.misdami.org) or email [children@misdami.org](mailto:children@misdami.org).



Jeff Major, head of Junior Botball League for the San Diego Region, teaches children as young as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade how to code in C++! He has recently joined the MISD Children's House as the STEM and Outdoor Education Coach.