



# Caurus Academy

Formerly

*Montessori at Anthem*

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Dear Parents:

We hope that you all have had a wonderful and relaxing summer. As you can imagine, summer is a hectic time for us as we get ready for the upcoming school year. One of the reasons we've been so busy is because of all the new students who have enrolled. We have had to move the office, add new classrooms, and hire more staff! Thank you for the confidence you have demonstrated by entrusting us with the education of your children.

You will notice that in addition to adding space and people, we have changed our name! We are now Caurus (pronounced karus) Academy. The name means north wind in Latin. Because the school is a part of Westwind Community Schools and Anthem is north of Phoenix, the board decided this name was appropriate. As the saying goes, "nothing has really changed but the name." We will still continue to offer Montessori instruction in grades kindergarten through third, as well as incorporating the Montessori philosophy in grades fourth through eighth. As you know, we have designed our middle school grades (seventh and eighth) to prepare students for the International Baccalaureate High School Program. The school's name is also designed to better encompass this part of our vision.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Rides in the school office at 623/551-5083.

Sincerely,

*Rhonda Rides*

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Director

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Superintendent