

# Adventures at AIMS...coming together as a community

## *In the Service of the Child*

You may have noticed this closing signature on emails and letters from me and wondered exactly what “**in the service of the child**” represents. To me, the work of the entire faculty and administration at Amelia Island Montessori School surrounds the intention to serve our students, or in Dr. Maria Montessori’s words, to help the student “become a complete human being, able to exercise in freedom, a self-disciplined will and judgment, unperverted by prejudice and undistorted by fear.”

As teachers and caretakers it is our hope to serve the needs of our students so that they may become complete, engaged, and eventually full-functioning adults. It does not mean that we meet every need or whim of each person. Instead, we offer a long-term collaborative relationship, tending to the genuine developmental needs of students, using the values and resources we have. Our objective for children aged 0-12 years is to “help them **DO** for themselves” and adolescents aged 12-24 years to “help them **THINK** for themselves”.