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Montessori Kids Universe lease 11,000 s/f at Cummings Center

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Eden Joy Pacsial-Ong, co-owner of Montessori Kids Universe of Beverly, held the ceremonial scissors at the recent ribbon-cutting event. Immediately left of Pacsial-Ong are Thomas Boehm, co-founder and president of Montessori School Franchising; and Stephanie Aitchison, associate general manager of Cummings Center. Right of Pacsial-Ong are Nancy Poulos Boehm, co-founder and CEO of Montessori School Franchising; and Winston Ong, co-owner of Montessori Kids Universe of Beverly.

Beverly, MA Montessori Kids Universe will open soon at Cummings Center. The 11,000 s/f space at the 600 building is one of the first New England locations for the national franchise.

The center offers the Montessori-based method of education, with a low child-to-teacher ratio and a focus on children's natural instincts of curiosity and imagination. It will also incorporate Montessori Kids Universe's proprietary DaVinci Kids, a Reggio Emilia-inspired curriculum covering all aspects of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) programming.

"Beverly is an ideal location for us, as it is at the center of the North Shore," said Eden Joy Pacsial-Ong, Ph.D., the franchise co-owner. "And Cummings Center is a great place to deliver quality early education services because there are so many companies on campus that have employees with young families."

Pacsial-Ong worked with Cummings Properties business development officer Michelle Paul on the lease, which included improvements to the indoor space and more than 2,300 s/f of outdoor play area.

"We added windows and fresh paint, created a new teachers' lounge and director's office, and enhanced the reception area with a large window and granite shelf," said Stephanie Aitchison, associate general manager of Cummings Center.

"The result is a pristine and welcoming environment."

"The Cummings team helped us customize the space to fit the needs of our school and the children," said Pacsial-Ong. "The beautiful outdoor play space that faces the park and pond is just perfect."

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