

Monday Montessori Moments



Monday December 7, 2015

Letter from the Curriculum Specialist:

Have you ever wondered what it takes to become a public Montessori teacher?

Those who choose to become Montessori teachers do so with a great responsibility. The amount of time spent acquiring a Montessori training certificate is substantial. In order to be considered for a Montessori education program, a person must possess a Bachelor degree from an accredited institution. They must submit letters of recommendation along with a personal narrative about their desire to become a Montessori certified teacher and be screened through an interview process.

The accepted candidate must then attend an intensive program focusing on the educational philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori along with concentrated instruction in the use of the Montessori materials. This training is equivalent to graduate credit hours and can be used toward obtaining a Master Degree through a number of reputable universities. Teachers are responsible for classroom observations, lesson plans, in-depth reading, literature reviews, research papers and an internship. Teacher candidates must then pass a written and oral exam proctored by an experienced and certified Montessorian. While the amount of time spent in a teacher-training program varies, a typical program takes two to three years to complete.

[MACTE \(Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education\)](#), recognized by the US Department of Education is dedicated to assuring that Montessori education is a rich and supported pedagogy. Most Montessori teachers do not come to education as a first career. They are inspired by the experiences of their own children and driven to increase their impact on the world through becoming Montessori guides. Those who desire to enter the teaching career without a traditional education degree must take a number of methodology and content courses and pass the state mandated standardized test, as well as receive approval from the state and their employer, prior to receiving a teaching license; all in addition to the Montessori training.

Montessori education is spreading throughout the nation as a viable, valuable and meaningful education for children. There are currently over 112,000 students attending 450-public Montessori programs in the United States. The National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector, along with a number of other organizations supports the growing population of public Montessori Schools and teachers. There are currently 6 Montessori charter schools in the state of Utah, all which operates under state educational sanctions and Montessori authorizations.

If you're interested in learning more about Montessori training please don't hesitate to connect with me. You can also visit the [MACTE](#) or [NCMPS \(National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector\)](#) websites to learn more.



What's New at MMA

All K-9 students at MMA have access to thousands of enhanced digital books that meet their interests and are at the appropriate reading level to engage them and help them grow as readers and learners.

All families are encouraged to spend time together reading and learning with myON. All digital books are complete with optional reading supports- highlighting and audio- and dictionary to help increase reading achievement.

MyON is available for online reading anywhere, anytime. Your child can read online using any internet-enabled device. They can read offline using free mobile apps for Android, iPad, Chrome, and Kindle Fire HD. Learn more at: <http://thefutureinreading.myon.com/overview/myon-reader-goes-mobile>.

Use this information to login: www.myON.com, find our school

Username: Your students SSID number (contact your child's teacher or office to get this number if you don't have it)

Password: books



Don't forget Our Holiday Concert!

The Holiday Concert will be held this Thursday December 10th. If the beginning letter of your child's LAST NAME is between the letters A-K, you will perform at 6 o'clock. If it's between the letters L-Z, you will perform at 7 o'clock. If you have children with different last names that conflict with each other's time, you choose which performance you go to. Please remember this is a "best dress" event.

Please Participate in our Angel Tree!

We are so excited that this year MMA is doing an Angel Tree to help support the families in our community. If your family would like to help, come to the front office and we will help you pick your angel! Gifts will need to be turned in to the front office by December 17th. Please bring the angel tags back with your gift. Thank you!

MMA December Basketball Game Schedule:

Please come support our players at their games!

Tue Dec 8	@ North Davis Prep	North Davis Prep, 1765 W. Hill Field Rd, Layton, UT	6:30 PM
Thu Dec 10	@ Syracuse Arts	Syracuse Arts Academy, 2893 W 1700 S, Syracuse, UT	6:30 PM
Tue Dec 15	@ Ogden Prep	Ogden Preparatory Academy, 1435 Lincoln Ave, Ogden, UT	6:30 PM
Wed Dec 16	North Davis Prep	Weber County Fairgrounds, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden, UT	4:30 PM



December 4th-18th

MMA Angel Tree

December 7th

Jr. High Midterm

December 10th

Holiday Music Concert:

A-K Last Names- 6:00

L-Z Last Names- 7:00

December 15th

Box Tops Store

December 16th

International Festival

9-11am UE & AM EC

December 17th

International Festival

12:30-2:30 LE & PM EC

December 18th

~Early Out Day

~International Festival

9am-11am Jr. High

December 21st- January 1st

Winter Break

JANUARY

January 4th

Early Childhood & New Student Open Enrollment

January 12th

Jr. High Parent &

Student Night

7:00-8:00 pm

January 15th

~End of Jr. High Quarter

~No School

January 18th

No school

January 19th

Parent Info Night for

Early Childhood & 1st-6th

7:00-8:00 pm