

# Monday Montessori Moments



Monday May 2, 2016



May 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

Freshman Field Trip

May 16<sup>th</sup>

Dress as your favorite book character

May 17<sup>th</sup>

~Crazy Sock Day  
~6<sup>th</sup> grade Dance 5:00-7:00

May 18<sup>th</sup>

Crazy Hair/Hat Day

May 19<sup>th</sup>

~Pajama Day  
~Spring Choir Concert  
6:00-8:00

May 20<sup>th</sup>

~Field Day  
~Half Day for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Only  
~9<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation  
4:30

May 21<sup>st</sup>

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Prom

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Kindergarten Bridging Ceremony 11:00-12:30

May 24<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bridging Ceremony 10:30-11:30

May 25<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bridging Ceremony 10:30-11:30

May 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

Early Out, PTC

May 26<sup>th</sup>

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## A Message from the Curriculum Specialist:

As I reflected on my recent return from the annual 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Redwoods and watched as the 9<sup>th</sup> graders embarked on their own inaugural journey, I am profoundly grateful for a school that values the education and experiences that happen outside the school walls, as much as what happens inside. We grew up calling them *field trips*, Montessori called it *going out*. She said, "When the child goes out, it is the world that offers itself to him. Let us take the child out to show him real things instead of making objects which represent ideas and closing them in cupboards" (*From Childhood to Adolescence*, 18).

Just since January, students at MMA have provided service for the North Ogden Community Gardens, observed the neighboring farm to use for their descriptive writing projects, extended their knowledge of prehistoric time by attending the Dinosaur Park and Natural History Museum. They've visited the bank and traveled to the grocery store. They will learn about geysers as they swim in Crystal Hot Springs and reinforce their knowledge of the solar system as they travel to Clark Planetarium. These trips are an integral part of our curriculum. They support learning in a way that reading a book, watching a video or hearing a lecture could not. Students interact with science, social studies, math and conflict resolution in real-world contexts.

Thank you for supporting our students in these experiences. Without your time as a chaperone or driver or your financial support through fundraising and individual classroom donations, we could not create this type of education for your students. I hope that you will all have an opportunity to attend at least one field trip with your child in the coming year. Taking the time to see the world anew through the eyes of a child remind us how important it is not to lose this sense of wonder.

The lessons we learn outside the classroom are equally if not more important than the ones we learn inside. I can't emphasize this enough. We learn how to live life, the most important lesson of all.

- Unknown



# What's New at MMA?

Dear MAPA Board and Parents of MMA,

Thank you so much for your generous donation for the much needed PE equipment. Your kindness allows more students to have experiences with different forms of movement and fitness. The children need this foundation so they can have the confidence to try. I want them to feel confident enough to join a family, neighborhood, or if they chose, a competitive sports team. The children need the correct foundational skills so they can make an intelligent choice for their lifelong sports and fitness. Having this needed equipment allows these opportunities.

Your gift of volleyballs has allowed many students to try the skill of volleyball and feel a pillow soft ball. This allows them to try again and again without the sting of a regular volleyball. As they are learning, I want them to keep trying until they successfully learn how to perform a forearm pass and serve. When the ball doesn't hurt they are brave enough to keep trying.

The hockey sticks were received with much gratitude by our hockey enthusiasts. The big playground balls are a hit. The roller racers have been especially good for Special Ed, but I know all the students will enjoy them. We have also loved the football belts. The belts have been used for football, flag tag, and as a stage of the frog cycle. The tether ball pole attracts the students like a magnet.

I hope to build a track and field program someday, so thank you for the start with the shot puts.

MAPA has been an amazing program of service to children. I love seeing the volunteers helping our students stay safe every morning as we cross the streets. I appreciate all they do, which again includes your kind equipment gift.

Thank you!

Julia Gee  
PE/Health Specialist

Check out  
Some fun  
pictures  
from the  
6<sup>th</sup> grade  
field trip!



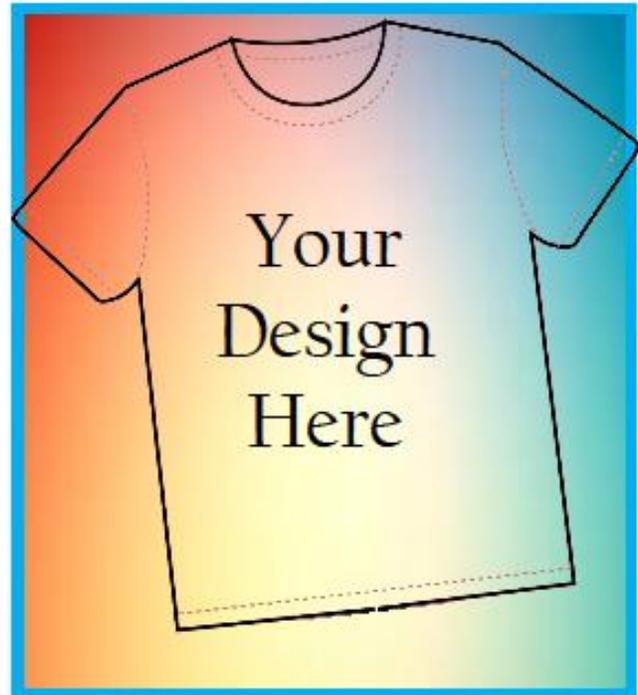
## *Calling All 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents!*

It's time to get ready for your child's trip to the Alliance Redwoods forest! There will be a meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the school library. This meeting will help you inform you of the first steps in preparing your student for their 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip.

## *MMA Café's Last Day!*

This Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, will be the last day for the MMA Café. Students should take advantage of this last opportunity to purchase lunch items from the Café!

*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
MMA  
T-Shirt Design  
Contest*



All MMA students are invited to show off their amazing design talents by creating a one-of-a-kind MMA T-Shirt!

The winning design will appear on 2016-2017 MMA T-Shirts.

Entry Deadline: May 16<sup>th</sup>  
to the office

### T-Shirt Contest Rules

- Computer design or drawing on 8 ½ X 11 Paper, name & grade on back.
- Design must be in Black and White, please no pencil designs.
- Submission Deadline: May 16<sup>th</sup> to the Office.
- Submissions must be Original Student Artwork.
- Winner will receive a free T-Shirt with their design.
- Winning artwork becomes the property of MMA.