

# Monday Montessori Moments



Monday November 9, 2015

## A Message from the Curriculum Specialist:

Our unique philosophy doesn't typically encourage comparison of ourselves to others; however we know that you consider many aspects when choosing to send your children to MMA. With the recent release of the 2015 SAGE (Student Assessment for Growth and Achievement) test results and PACE school report card, we'd like to be sure that you are informed of our ranking, our growth and our goals for the future.

The state office of education has grouped 213 of the state's 738 elementary and junior high schools as a 'C' level school. While we know we are offering an *above average* education, we are proud of our grade at this time. We sit in the *average* range with numerous Davis, Weber, Ogden and local charters schools. We have reached this ranking while still maintaining the Montessori philosophy of individualized and interest based learning with a focus on peace education, grace and courtesy and the growth of the whole child.

As a new school, we have spent the last 6 years refining our process and growing with each family that enters our doors. We improve the curriculum and adjust our practices along with current educational research and student needs. We strive to prepare our students for more than one standardized test; our goal is to prepare them for life. We dissect each child's test scores and craft lessons to meet their specific needs.

We continue to meet the states AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) goals and we do this in a way that we believe Maria Montessori would be proud of. Thank you for your continued support of our mission. If you have questions about state grading procedures or your own student's achievement, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, myself or Ms. Steph Speicher.



## Drop-Off/Pick-Up Reminders

We would like to remind parents and carpools to remember a few guidelines when dropping off or picking up students. Please remember that cars need to pull as far forward next to the curb in front of the school as possible, to allow as many cars to drop off as possible. Also, Students must exit on the right side of the car. If your student needs help getting out of the car, please park and walk them up.

Please be aware that students traveling to North Shore are technically off school property. We do provide teachers to try to help monitor these students and get involved in dangerous situations, but they cannot monitor every child all the time. We would ask that you review grace and courtesy with your students and talk about what is appropriate and inappropriate behavior while waiting to be picked up. Parents should also remember to not ask their students to run across streets to cars, use only crosswalks and sidewalks to approach vehicles.

Follow the link below to see our school drop-off/pick-up map and guidelines.

[http://www.mariamontessoriacademy.org/wp-content/themes/MariaMontessoriAQ/downloads/policies/MMA\\_Pickup\\_Dropoff\\_Procedures.pdf](http://www.mariamontessoriacademy.org/wp-content/themes/MariaMontessoriAQ/downloads/policies/MMA_Pickup_Dropoff_Procedures.pdf)

Dear MMA Families,

Fall is in the air, can you smell it? Come to the school to enjoy some chili and vote for your favorite at our annual chili cook-off on Thursday November 12, 2015 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

If you have a great chili recipe, please join in on the fun and participate as a contestant. There will be a fabulous prize for the chili with the most votes.

Please use this wejoinin link [here](#) to sign up to bring chili or volunteer to help out at the event.

Excited to see you,  
Teara Galbraith

# What's New at MMA?

## November

November 11<sup>th</sup>

Picture Re-Take Day

November 12<sup>th</sup>

Chili Cook-Off  
6:00-7:30 PM

November 13<sup>th</sup>

Early Out  
Kinder AM 10:30  
Kinder PM & 1-9  
1:00 pm

November 17<sup>th</sup>

Box Tops Store

November 19<sup>th</sup>

Gratitude Feast

November 23-27

No School,  
Thanksgiving Break

November 28<sup>th</sup>

Holiday Light Parade

MMA Café is open Wednesdays at Lunch Time!  
(no café on early release days)

This is run by the 6th grade and all proceeds  
go toward the 6th grade field trip!!



Fruit Leather	\$ 0.50
Frozen Gogurt	\$ 0.50
Fruit Snacks	\$ 0.50
Pirate Booty	\$ 0.75
Bunny Crackers	\$ 0.75
Juice	\$ 0.75
Pancakes	\$ 0.75
Chocolate Milk	\$ 1.00
Bagel Bites (4)	\$ 1.25
Mac N Cheese	\$ 1.50
Cheese Sticks	\$ 0.50

Thank you for supporting our students!

Hello MMA Families,

On Thursday, November 19th at noon we are having our annual Gratitude Feast for members of our community. So many residents and local businesses support our school and this is our way of giving back. We are inviting members of our city council, local policeman and firemen, local businesses who support our school, and residents at Emeritus Estates. This is an event that everyone looks forward to. Students help honor these fine people by making decorations, performing and writing thank you cards.

This feast would not be possible without the generosity of our MMA families who donate prepared food, paper products and time. **We still need lots of help, please take a minute to look over the wejoinin link to see where you can help.**

<http://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/ghkpe>

Thanks again for your continued support!

Events Committee, MAPA

## Fridays Early Out Schedule

Grades 1-9: 8:30-1:00  
AM Kinder: 8:30-10:30  
PM Kinder: 11:00-1:00



### Check It Out!

This week we wanted to spotlight one of our many talented students Ayden Tatton.

Follow the link below to see a claymation video about worms he did for his home project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gp2gLiHxukM>

Dear Montessori Parents and Families:

The Holidays are coming fast! We are excited to celebrate the holidays with music this year. The children are so excited to perform for you. We would like you to know the Upper and Lower EL children will do a choir celebration on the evening of December 10<sup>th</sup>. You and your family and friends are invited! Because of the gyms size, we have arranged half of the children to perform at different times. 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 will get to choose which performance you go to. The performances will be about a half an hour. The children are encouraged to wear their best most beautiful holiday clothing, a shirt and tie if you have them for boys, and dresses with tights or leggings for girls if you have those. This experience will be very memorable for them as well as for you as they dress up nice and celebrate the Holidays with their smiling faces!

*Join Us For Dinner*

Thursday November 12, 2015

**6:00-7:30 PM**

For Our Annual

# **Maria Montessori Academy**

**CHILI  
COOK-OFF**

**Come  
vote for  
your  
favorite  
chili  
and  
enjoy a  
bowl**



**Or make  
your  
famous  
chili and  
enter to  
win a  
fabulous  
prize!**

*NO ENTRY FEE for  
contestants*

*\$5 per person, family of 5 is \$23, each  
additional only \$3, age 4 and under FREE*