

# Monday Montessori Moments



Monday January 4, 2016

## A Message from the Curriculum Specialist:

Did you know that 6 of our teachers were nominated for “Teacher of the Year” through the [Indie Ogden](#) foundation?! We’d like to thank our community members for taking the time to recognize the great work that Amy Otto, Rachel Fields, Amity Rockwell, Brittany Herrera, Nicole Householder and Kirsten Gonzales do. It is such a privilege to work with all of the incredible and dedicated teaching staff of MMA and celebrating some of their accomplishments with the larger community was a wonderful opportunity! Teaching children is the daily reward of being an educator and we all agree that living the Montessori philosophy of responsibility, independence and hands-on learning is a most fulfilling calling.

You can click [here](#) to view the video that parent, Teara Galbraith, put together to spotlight the night.

We are now enrolling for next school year! If you or someone you know would like to join the MMA community please enroll now! We are accepting students Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade! Your enrollment places your child’s name in the lottery. The first lottery will be pulled in the first week of February. If your child is pulled, an automated email will be sent to you to finalize their acceptance to MMA for the 2016-2017 school year!

If you are interested in learning more about whether the Montessori philosophy is right for your child and family, please plan on attending one of our upcoming parent nights. This will be an opportunity for you to meet the teaching staff and administration, see the classrooms and ask any questions you may have specific to our unique philosophy of education. We don’t expect to fill many spots for the coming year and we will stop enrolling once we meet our budgeted numbers so don’t wait to join our incredible community!

As always, never hesitate to contact me with questions or comments. Our community is great because of the role that YOU play!



## JANUARY

January 12<sup>th</sup>

Jr. High Parent & Student Night  
7:00-8:00 pm

January 15<sup>th</sup>

~No School PD  
~End of Jr. High Qtr

January 18<sup>th</sup>

No school MLK Day

January 19<sup>th</sup>

~Parent Info Night for Early Childhood & 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>  
7:00-8:00 pm  
~Jr. High Second Semester Starts

January 27<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Snowball Dance 5:30-7:00 pm

## February

February 1<sup>st</sup>

MMA Skate Night

February 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

~PTC  
~Early Out

February 12<sup>th</sup>

No School, Teacher Compensation Day

February 15<sup>th</sup>

No School, Washington and Lincoln Day

# What's New at MMA?

## MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

New student Open Enrollment for the 2016 - 2017 school year has begun. The first lottery will be held on February 1st, 2016. Succeeding lottery pulls will be held on an as needed basis.



Visit our website for more information:

[WWW.MARIAMONTESSORIIACADEMY.ORG](http://WWW.MARIAMONTESSORIIACADEMY.ORG)

### Science Fair Volunteers Needed!

Maria Montessori Academy will be having our annual science fair for the 4th and 5th graders on the 17th and for the 6th and 8th graders on the 18th of February. This is always an exciting time for our students and we need your help to make this a fun and memorable event. We need parent volunteers to help with a variety of tasks from set-up/clean-up, judging, judging coordinators, score keepers and snacks. No experience necessary for most of the tasks. Please contact Paula Dugan at [pdugan@mariamontessoriacademy.org](mailto:pdugan@mariamontessoriacademy.org) or your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer.

### Enrollment for Maria Montessori's Early Childhood classes is now open!

Early Childhood is SO important to your child's Montessori education. This is where the magic happens! This is where it all begins. This is where they get a strong foundation. In order for our Kindergarteners to get the full experience from an early childhood classroom they need to complete the first two years AND they need younger students to lead! This is a great opportunity to have your 3 or 4 year old child complete a FULL three year cycle with Ms. Joy and Ms. Karen, or Ms. Jen and Ms. Martha! We have already had a huge response, so get your child's application in quickly for next year! You can fill out a registration form here:

<http://thechildrensgardenmontessori.com/childrens-garden-at-mma/>

If you have any other questions please contact:  
Becky  
Children's Garden Montessori  
(801) 644-1318

\*Parents should note that registering a Pre-K student in the Children's Garden Montessori does not register them at Maria Montessori Academy or guarantee a spot in the next school year.

### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Now is the time to declare your students intent to return for next year! Follow the link below to let us know if your student will be returning for the 2016-2017 year.

<https://charterenrollment.org/MariaMontessoriAcademy1516/DeclareIntent.aspx?App=6FDCA451>

You will then receive an email in a few months to finish the returning student's registration packet.

### School's Fundraising Purpose

Maria Montessori Academy is a free, public charter school that prides itself not only on academic success, but also on creating a school culture with relationships and community at its heart. As part of this, we actively encourage all students to get involved in fundraising activities for both local school efforts as well as larger community charities.

Each year, we see a growing number of students with the confidence to come forward with their own fundraising ideas. Seeing these ideas through to fruition involves determination, planning, negotiation, hard work and risk taking and a supportive school community. The joy students experience when they succeed and the pride they feel when they realize a sense of accomplishment in fundraising efforts is unmistakable. Staff has also seen this increased confidence and can-do attitude carried through into students' attitude to learning.

With team effort and community support, fundraising can mean so much more to MMA than just raising money for a good cause. Like many successful charter schools, we are expected "do more" with less, but it is inevitable that, like others, we turn to philanthropic sources to support unique and innovative aspects of our program, such as the annual trip to the Redwoods for the 6th grade class.

*Save The Date*

*6th Annual  
Maria Montessori Academy*

*Gala*

*Friday March 18, 2016*

*Dinner Music - Auctions*

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*A Special Night of Celebration and Generosity*