

# Monday Montessori Moments



Monday January 4, 2016

## A Message from the Director:

Happy New Year! I hope that all of you enjoyed your winter break and found some time to marvel in what the holiday season has to offer. On behalf of all of our staff, we would like to extend our gratitude for the generosity you showed us and to the charitable school efforts during the holiday season. The generosity was overwhelming! We had 12 MMA families from the Angel Tree with 29 children. We had approximately 145 gifts worth approximately \$1,450.

Our Annual International Festival was a huge success. International Festival is typical to Montessori schools and they provide parents an opportunity to experience up close the Montessori geography curriculum. Dr. Montessori believed that exposing children to the people and customs of the world would teach understanding and tolerance of our differences and our similarities. We accomplish this in our geography curriculum by providing children with in depth continent studies. The students rose to the challenge and did marvelous creatively highlighting their continent and/or country.

Again, I want to express my thanks to you for your active involvement in our school. We welcome your involvement and interest as we collectively celebrate the many talents of our students as learners. Please continue to take the time and ask your child how his/her day was, inquire about what he/she has learned, and take a look at some of the work your child is engaged in daily. These are all great ways to stay involved in your child's education.

Lastly, our open enrollment window is now open for families interested in joining the MMA community. The first lottery pull for the 2016-17 school year will be in February. We also have a Junior High Open House on January 12<sup>th</sup> and an Elementary Open House on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Please spread the word about MMA and feel free to attend these open houses to learn more about the amazing work we are doing at MMA.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Stephanie



January 4<sup>th</sup>

Early Childhood &  
New Student Open  
Enrollment

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 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

# What's New at MMA?

## 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.

## 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.

## *Illness Prevention*

As the cold and flu season is in full swing, we wanted to share some tips to staying healthy from the Department of Public Health:

### **Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette:**

Students and staff should always practice basic health hygiene practices like the 3 C's: clean, cover, and contain. Taking these precautions is vital to limiting the spread of illness.

- Clean—wash your hands frequently to prevent the spread of germs
- Cover—your cough or sneeze with your elbow or sleeve
- Contain—your child should stay home if they are sick.

### **Stay Home When Sick:**

Students and staff with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

### **Routine Cleaning:**

Routinely clean areas that are high traffic/high touch areas.

### **Report Symptoms:**

If your child stays home from school, please give detailed information regarding the illness to the school office staff or on the attendance line. School will be tracking these symptoms to look for high incidence or patterns. This information is very valuable to our school.

## **Health Food Policy**

Please read our [Wellness Policy](#) to get more information about MMA's goals for our student's health and wellbeing. You can also see examples of healthy snack options for your students to bring to school by clicking [here](#). Please remember that students need to be bringing healthy snacks and lunches. The school is trying to provide a healthy environment for learning and giving students a greater understanding of how the food we put in our bodies affects them. We appreciate parental support in this matter.