

Monday Montessori Moments



Monday February 1, 2016

A Message from the Director:

February is filled with visions of hearts, chocolates and cupids. For me, February reminds me of the importance of learning and demonstrating compassion. It has been said in a variety of ways that families are a child's first and most influential teacher. We, at MMA believe that and rely heavily on our partnership with you to educate your child. The following strategies can aid in our partnership to build compassion in our students:

- Believe that your children are capable of being kind.
- Model positive action- What you do and say is critical; let your child catch you in the act of being kind.
- Treat children with respect.
- Coach your child to pay attention to facial expression- This is the first step in learning how to understand others perspectives.
- Don't let rudeness pass.
- Acknowledge kindness. Be sure to show your child that you notice when someone does something kind.
- Be sensitive to the messages you child picks up from the media.
- Explain that calling someone names or excluding him from play can be just as hurtful as hitting.
- Show children how to help someone in need.
- Be patient with you little ones, because kindness and compassion are learned and life presents challenging situations.

Being a loving parent and a great role model will go a long way to raising a compassionate human being. Thankfully, there are many things we can do to encourage children to be kinder, gentler people.

Science Fair is just around the corner. I'm thrilled for this annual event. Your cooperation and assistance to prepare for this impactful learning opportunity is greatly appreciated. I'd like to thank our upper elementary staff, for their superb guidance and teaching of skills to help students find success with the Fair.

Please remember that Parent/Teacher conferences are upon us. We encourage all parents to attend their child's conferences in order to collaborate with our teachers. These conferences bring together a child's two most powerful influences (parent and teacher) to talk about academic and social progress. Face-to-face communications are much more effective than newsletters, e-mails, and other written communications.

Thank you for continued commitment to our school community. Please know my door is always open.

Ms. Stephanie



February 1st

MMA Skate Night
5 – 9 pm

February 9th-11th

~ 1-9 Early Out @ 1pm
~ PTC, Purchase Gala
~ Tickets and
~ Register for Ski Night

February 12th

No School,
Teacher Compensation Day

February 15th

No School,
Washington & Lincoln Day

February 23rd

Ski Night at Nordic Valley,
at 4pm



March 2nd

Dr. Seuss Day

March 9-10th

Maturation Programs

March 15th

Boxtops Store

March 24th

Ski Night at Powder
Mountain

What's New at MMA?

Please Help!

Maria Montessori Academy will be having our annual Science Fair. Our 4th and 5th graders Science Fair day is on February 17th, 6th and 8th graders Science Fair day is on February 18th. The Science Fair is an exciting time for our students. We Still need at least 7 parent volunteers to help handle set-up/clean-up, judging, judging coordinators, score keepers and snacks. No experience necessary for most tasks. Please contact Paula Dugan: pdugan@mariamontessoriacademy.org or your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer.

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.MARIAMONTESSORIACADEMY.ORG



Parent Teacher Conferences are coming!

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held **February 9th thru 11th**. Keep an eye out on your teacher's blogs for sign-ups.

The book fair will be set up in the library for you to purchase books after 1:00 pm. You may also purchase your Gala tickets, so don't miss out! Signups will also be available for the MMA Ski night.

There will be no school on the February 12th.

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BOOK FAIRS

Come fill up on books at the MMA Book Fair! The fair will be open after school, during parent teacher conferences, on the 9th, 10th and 11th of February.

MAPA is looking for parent volunteers to help run the fair as well. Please follow the link below if to sign-up to volunteer!

The book fair profits help the school pay for a subscription to the Scholastic News magazine that our Upper Elementary students use in class.

<https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/jamso>

Come Join Us on MMA Ski Night!

We're excited to announce our 2016 Ski Night dates!

The first night will be held Tuesday, Feb 23rd at 4:00pm- **Nordic Valley**. \$12.50 for pass, \$28.50 pass, and rental, \$48.50 pass, rental, and lesson.

The second will be held Thursday, March 24th- **Powder Mountain**. \$15 for pass or \$35 pass, rental, and lesson.

There will be a shuttle available at "Eden Park & Ride" for \$2 per person.

Registration for both ski nights will be during PTC Feb. 9th-11th from 1pm-6pm. Other registration dates TBA. You may pay with cash, check, or Credit Card (fees apply).

IS MMA JR. HIGH RIGHT FOR YOUR CHILD?

Join our curriculum specialist for a tour of Maria Montessori Academy Charter School. See if the Montessori Method is right for your child. If you have questions please contact kweaver@mariamontessoriacademy.org. Please plan on spending 30-45 minutes touring the school and observing the children work. Sign up for a tour [HERE](#).



It's Soccer Season!

MMA would really love to have a co-ed soccer team this year for grades 6-9. While nothing is yet set in stone, we are beginning the process of finding some coaches. If you are interested in helping coach, please email Anna Hafen at ahafen@mariamontessoriacademy.org.