

Monday Montessori Moments



Monday February 29, 2016

March

March 2nd

Dr. Seuss Day

March 9-10th

Maturation

Programs for 5th, 7th,
8th and 9th grade

March 15th

Boxtops Store

March 17th

Half Day AM Kinder
out at 10:00
PM Kinder and 1-9
out at 1:00

March 18th

~No School,
Professional
Development
~ Gala, 5:00-9:00 PM
at Hub 801

March 24th

Ski Night @ Powder
Mountain

March 28th

SAGE testing begins

March 28th- April 1st

Literacy Week

March 31st

Literacy Night 6:00-
8:00 PM

April

April 4th -8th

Spring Break

April 12th

Spring Pictures

A Message from the Director:

This past month was filled with numerous opportunities in which students had the chance to demonstrate rigor and commitment to their education. From student led conferences, Science Fair, and our first History Fair, students from MMA excelled and exemplified rigor. I thought a great deal about this during the month because the call to increase rigor in schools increases daily. For more than 20 years, reports have described the lack of rigor in our schools. Since the release of A Nation At Risk (National Commission on Excellence in Education, 1983) the debate about the quality of America's schools has grown exponentially. Only when a school creates a culture of high expectations and provides support so students can truly demonstrate understanding do we have a rigorous classroom.

Rigor in the classroom is coupled with conversations on the state level as well. One of the ways that the state of Utah is looking to build rigor and solid content mastery is through the SAGE (Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence). Please take the time to review details about the SAGE and how it will affect your children. The following link: <http://sageportal.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/UTFamilybrochureD211.pdf> contains key information. You can also take a practice/training test at www.sageportal.org. It will be helpful for you to gauge the wording and rigor of the questions to support your child throughout the testing window beginning at the end of March.

I would like to formally thank Ms. Paula for her leadership in planning and executing the 5th Annual MMA Science Fair. It truly is a capstone experience for many of our students and provides a springboard for numerous life-long educational skills.

Enormous amounts of gratitude also go out to the MAPA Teacher Appreciation Committee, whose hard work helped feed the entire staff during Parent Teacher conferences. They provided nutritious meals and satisfying desserts to give us the brainpower to ensure the success of conferences. Thank you to Mandee Stephens and the Book Fair Committee for another dynamic and fruitful Book Fair as well.

This month I look forward to seeing many, if not all, of our families at our 6th Annual MAPA Gala. The Gala is a wonderful way to spend an evening mingling with friends, make new connections, and help financially support the school with a variety of initiatives for the 2016-17 school year. Get your bidding paddles ready! Ticket purchasing information is this newsletter or on your teacher's blogs.

Sincerely,
Ms. Stephanie

What's New at MMA?

Dr. Seuss Day!

Dr. Seuss Day is on March 2nd. This is also National Read Across America Day. If you would like some fun projects to do at home please follow this link:

<http://www.seussville.com/parents/themes/hats-off-to-dr-seuss-s-birthday>



Spirit Squad!

As MMA is adding sports teams and hosting sporting events, the students are ready to form the first ever MMA Spirit Squad!

In order for this to happen we will need two parents who are willing to help run this program and make it a reality. If you are interested in volunteering to run the spirit squad, or you are willing to help, please email Anna in the front office for more information:

ahafen@mariamontessoriacademy.org

Buy Your Gala Tickets!

MAPA will be selling Gala tickets for \$25 before and after school on the following dates:

- * Friday, March 4th
- * Friday, March 11th
- * Monday-Thursday, March 14th-17th

You can also purchase them online at:

<https://squareup.com/market/mapa/gala-attendee-ticket>

. If you are purchasing your tickets online be sure to note your meal choice if you are vegetarian in the notes section provided on the payment page.

Tickets purchased the night of the Gala at the door will be \$30.

Introducing MMA Hiking Club!

Thursday, March 10th there will be a mandatory parent meeting at 6:00 in the school library. Spots are limited, so make sure to come to get your student placed in the Beginner or Intermediate group. More information will be given at the meeting. If you have questions you can email Joy Baty at:

jbaty@mariamontessoriacademy.org.

You Are Invited
To The 6th Annual
Gala
For The Benefit Of
Maria Montessori Academy
Friday March 18, 2016 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tickets: \$25 per person or \$30 at the door
Get your tickets by using this QR Code or contact MAPA
Music Dinner Auctions
A Special Night of Celebration and Generosity
HUB801 3325 Rivendale Road Ogden, Utah 84404



From the Student Council:

Congratulations MMA!!!! Now that our book drive is complete we have counted up all the donations. The goal for the book drive was 500, but thanks to everyone who donated our total was 603 books! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed!

