

Monday Montessori Moments



Monday April 25, 2016

A Message from the Jr. High

Maria Montessori Academy supports and encourages art in many forms. The junior high school offers a selection of fine art classes. Fine Arts include painting, sculpture, music, poetry, film, photography, & performing arts. Earlier this month, we hosted a school-wide Variety Show. It included many talented performing artists including: violinists, vocalists, dancers, guitarists, a harpist, and even a performer who shared the ancient Maori tradition of poi balls.

Be prepared to get your socks knocked off! Students have been taking photos of classroom activities, school wide, all year. This kinder-9th grade yearbook is a beautiful reminder that we, students and faculty, are one in not only name, but purpose.

The Thespian club, a performing arts extracurricular opportunity, is open to the 5th-9th grades. This talented group of students just had a marvelous performance last week. The club covers many elements of theatre including: set design, voice projection, stage blocking, costuming, character development, props, and more.

Did you know that MMA has our own literary magazine? The spring addition will be available in May for three dollars a copy. The proceeds support the Thespian club as well as the freshman trip.

Ms. Andria, the junior high art teacher, welcomes all to visit the Yurt Art Gallery which features the latest creations by junior high artists. Some of the pieces that have been on display include; Charcoal still life drawings, ceramic coil pots, oil pastel scratch art, & symmetrical mandalas.

We are happy to introduce some additional fine arts to the Jr. High program, which will begin next year to include Creative Writing, Musical Theatre, Advanced Theatre, Art II, and Art III.



April 25th-29th
6th Grade Field Trip to
the Redwoods

April 28th
Freshman Field Trip
Final Meeting @ 6:30



May 3rd
SPED Parent Meeting
@ 6:30

May 5th
MAPA Meeting @ 7:00
PM

May 6th
No School

May 9th-13th
Freshman Field Trip

May 16th
Dress as your favorite
book character

May 17th
~Crazy Sock Day
~6th grade Dance 5:00-
7:00 PM

May 18th
Crazy Hair/Hat Day

May 19th
~Pajama Day
~Spring Choir Concert
6:00-8:00 PM

May 20th
~Field Day
~9th Grade
Graduation

What's New at MMA?

MMA BAZAAR!

Dear MMA Community,

The Junior High is leading a Bazaar (garage sale with food and craft booths) as a fund-raiser for the 9th grade classes of 2016 and 2017.

The sale will be in the MMA parking lot on Saturday, April 30th from 9am to noon. There are 3 ways for you to help and support the MMA 9th graders:

1) Donate. Bring items to be sold in the garage sale (no clothing or stuffed animals please).

Good condition toys, games, books, household items, knick-knacks, art, picture frames, sports equipment or other items can be brought to the yurt beginning Monday, April 24th.

Contact Marie Griffith for more information or to arrange storage of larger items:
mgriffith@mariamontessoriacademy.org

2) Buy a Space. For \$25, you will be assigned a space (three parking stalls) in the main MMA parking lot to sell your items. You will need to provide your own tables, collect your own money, etc. Spaces must be reserved and paid for in advance by Thursday, April 28. Contact Lora Dipoma to reserve a space and get details:

ldipoma@mariamontessoriacademy.org

3) Come to the sale and buy something!

Bring your neighbors and friends too!!

The MMA SPED Department has scheduled a Parent Info Night. Three workshops will assist you in understanding the IEP, IDEA, and How to Deal with Difficult Behavior. The info night is scheduled on Tuesday May 3rd from 6:30-8:00 pm.

All parents are invited but the focus will be on helping families who have a child with a disability. More information to come. We would love to see as many people there as possible. Please save the

Mandatory Freshman Student and Parent Meeting:

Students who are attending the Freshman Field trip the week of May 9th-13th are required to come to this last meeting with a parent. The meeting is scheduled for April 28th at 6:30 PM.



Watch the following video, which has been created to assist teachers, parents, and students in interpreting the individual student reports -

<http://stream.schools.utah.gov/videoarchive/assessment/SAGE.mp4>.

*3rd Annual
MMA
T-Shirt Design
Contest*



All MMA students are invited to show off their amazing design talents by creating a one-of-a-kind MMA T-Shirt!

The winning design will appear on 2016-2017 MMA T-Shirts.

Entry Deadline: May 16th
to the office

T-Shirt Contest Rules

Computer design or drawing on 8 ½ X 11 Paper, name & grade on back.

Design must be in Black and White, please no pencil designs.

Submission Deadline: May 16th to the Office.

Submissions must be Original Student Artwork.

Winner will receive a free T-Shirt with their design.

Winning artwork becomes the property of MMA.