

Monday Montessori Moments



Monday, October 10, 2016

A Message from the Curriculum Specialist: Kacee Weaver

According to data collected by the [National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector](#) in 2014, there were more than 447 public Montessori programs in the US, with over 112,000 students enrolled. One hundred thirty-seven of these programs serve adolescents (ages 12-18). Utah is home to 6 public programs, which means about 2,500 students in the state are getting a Montessori education. MMA is the largest of the Montessori schools in the state, serving 652 students, and has reached capacity for the 7th straight year!

Back again this year is the Hiking Club, Thespian Society, Art Guild and Mad Science Program. Our cross country teams competed with the Ogden City School District and did phenomenal. Four of our junior high students serve on the [Tri City Youth Court](#), our student council just returned from a leadership retreat, our Erdkinder and Art II classes will be doing service for the Oasis Community gardens in Ogden this week, and our much anticipated annual Fall Festival is right around the corner!

We are often asked “what makes your school different?” and the answer is simple: It’s the community we have in our families and our students. It’s the cross country team running back out on the course to cheer on a competitor from another school. It’s the way our junior high students mentor the elementary students on a weekly basis. It’s the field experiences that our students take, and the feeling they leave complete strangers with, because of their generosity and stewardship. It’s the teachers that take the time to attend their students’ soccer games or piano recitals. It’s the volunteers that enter the building to help with reading groups, stocking the library shelves or organizing events like the 5K and pancake breakfast.

In addition to all of these incredible things we maintain academic growth and continue to meet state education standards. MMA is more than a school, it’s an amazing group of adults and children who desire and promote betterment for the world. In this time of political unease take a look at your children and the faces of the teachers and remember what is truly important.

October 10th
Picture Day

October 14th

- End of Quarter
- Fall Festival
4:00 PM-7:00 PM

October 17th-19th

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Early Out
AM Kinder: 8:30-10:30
PM Kinder: 11:00-1:00
1st-9th Grade: 8:30-1:00

October 18th

- Box Tops Store
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
for early out
- Finger Printing for parent volunteers, substitutes, and certified drivers @ 4:00 PM in the Conference Room

October 20th-21st
No school, Fall
Break

October 24th-28th
Red Ribbon Week

October 27th
DAT Meeting @ 3:30



What's New at MMA?

Parent Teacher Conferences and Background Checks

Don't forget that the 17th, 18th, and 19th of October are Parent Teacher Conferences! Check your student's teacher blog to sign-up for a time to meet with their teacher.

There will also be another opportunity for parents to be fingerprinted who wish to be volunteers or certified drivers. The fingerprinting will take place on October 18th starting at 4:00 PM in the school conference room. For more information, please contact Anna in the front office.

Maria Montessori Academy's

Annual Fall FESTIVAL

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14TH
4:00-7:00 PM

HAUNTED HOUSE 🦇 GAMES 🦇 UNLIMITED RIDES
AND SPOOKY GOOD FOOD!

Take home a **PUMPKIN** from our **PUMPKIN PATCH**
Have a **ROOT BEER** at the Garten

Game Tickets 4/\$1.00
Ride Wristbands
\$7.00 Pre-Sale \$8.00 At the Door

Eat Dinner at Our
Food Truck Rally!

DRINKS AND TREATS SOLD SEPERATELY AT THE FESTIVAL



EVOLUTION
SMOOTHIE

Rickle's
Small Text: Rickles World's Best Philly's

Feedback Rockin' Gourmet Grilled Cheese
Rickles Worlds Best Philly's
Evolution Smoothie

Fall Festival Reminders:

We are so excited for the upcoming Fall Festival! Families are welcome, and encouraged to wear costumes.

Please remember that this is a family event, so plan your costumes accordingly. Please, no masks or weapons.

Also, we encourage families to bring cash to pay for food, snacks, pumpkins, ect.

Hello MMA Families,

We are in need of volunteers for two big events at MMA in the coming weeks. This Friday is our annual Fall Festival. Please be sure to check your teacher's blog to sign up to volunteer at the Fall Festival. Also, please visit this sign-up:

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

to volunteer at our first Book Fair of the year on October 17-19th. We need your help to make this event successful and it is an easy way to fulfill your 40 hour volunteer hour expectation. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Festival on Friday and at Parent Teacher Conferences/Book Fair next week.

Ms. Stephanie

Normalization is Over!

We are well into the school year, and our Normalization period has finally come to an end! This means that parents and volunteers are welcome to come into the school during school hours to volunteer in classrooms, drop-off snack, and pick-up children. **All parents and visitors will be required to check-in at the front office during school hours.**

If you are coming to check your student(s) out, please plan ample time to sign them out, check-in, and walk back to get your children from class. If available, office staff may assist you in getting your children. Please remember that parents need to park in a parking stall and use the crosswalk when coming to check students out.

We appreciate your help and can't wait to see more parents in the building!

Socktober!

Lizzie Huff, a MMA 6th Grader, is collecting CRAZY, FUN socks for the kids at Primary Children's Hospital during the month of October or "Socktober" as she likes to call it.

Socks need to be brand new and can be baby, toddler, children and adult sizes – just as long as they are CRAZY (bright, fun, colorful, designs, cartoon characters, etc). Primary Children's treats kids from newborn to 21 years of age.

Lizzie does this project each year because she has personally spent a lot of time in Primary Children's and likes to give something to the kids there to brighten their hospital stay.

There will be a bin near the main office where sock donations will be collected during "Socktober".

THANK YOU!!!

Fall Literary Magazine

We are accepting submissions for the fall edition of *The MMA Review* (the school literary magazine).

Submissions may include:

Artwork, photography, short stories, poetry, wordles, illuminated texts, graphic designs, graphic novels, cartoons, and many more

All submissions must be original!

Turn in submissions to Ms. Lisa in the Jr. High.

All submissions due November 4th!

Order Your Yearbook!!

Follow these steps to order your 2016-2017 MMA Yearbooks:

Step 1: Visit www.memorybook.com/parentpay

Step 2: Enter your pay code **83444**

Step 3: Buy a standard yearbook for \$20 or a personalized yearbook for \$25

**Special early bird pricing ends
January 15th!**

Dear Parents,

Plans for our 7th annual Gala are now underway. If you have not attended our Gala before, it is a fun adults-only night of dinner, dancing, auctions, and more. The highlight of the evening is our live auction where we auction off beautiful artwork made by our very own students. Our auctioneer is very entertaining and you are sure to have a great time just watching it.

The Gala is a very important night as it serves as MAPA's main fundraiser and helps fund fun activities such as skate night and our upcoming Fall Festival.

Our main goal however is to provide MMA with a yearly gift of \$10,000 or more. That money has been used in previous years to purchase things like computers, playground and PE equipment and our brand new flashing crosswalk signs. This year our goal is to make \$15,000 to purchase a new MMA sign and marquee, and with any money left over we would like to give our teachers more storage in their classrooms.

The Gala is a huge event and it takes many people to make it happen. We need you. We are looking for volunteers to help plan the event, solicit donations from the community, package donations for our silent auction, artwork preparation and much more. It is a great way to earn your 40 hours of service. If you would like to help, sign up at this link <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/ygzsj>. If you signed up at our back to school pool party, please sign up again.

If you are a business owner and wish to donate to our silent auction please use this sheet as well. If you have any questions you can contact our Gala Chairperson Felicia Fernandez at 801-920-6361 or MAPA President Autumn Douglas at 801-458-1590

Thank you,
MAPA Gala Committee