

# Monday Montessori Moments



Monday, October 17, 2016

## Counselors Corner: Valeri Cruze

The way you feel about yourself today has partly to do with messages you receive from yourself. These messages help you feel good or bad about yourself. When you identify, explore, and evaluate these messages, you can decide which you want to keep and which you don't. You can learn new ways to talk to yourself that help you develop healthy self-esteem. Having healthy self-esteem means you have a strong sense of self-worth. You understand and accept your weaknesses, and you appreciate and celebrate your strengths. When you have healthy self-esteem, you recognize the inborn value of all people, including yourself.  
~Schab

Our focus in the junior high this cycle is community and how we all as individuals work together to create a community. A community is made of diverse members. Community members share a common environment, follow patterns of growth and changes, and are groups of people working together to meet a common goal. We can help foster self-esteem in ourselves and in others by building each other up, showing compassion, and supporting each member of our community.

We, here at Maria Montessori Academy have shown great community and support for each and every unique individual. The students have this compassion and support within them, which fosters our community.

## Order Your Yearbook!!

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

Step 1: Visit [www.memorybook.com/parentpay](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>!***

The MMA lost and found will be emptied out on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> after Parent Teacher Conferences. If your child is missing something, please take this opportunity to go through it before it's taken to the DI!



## October

October 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

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

October 18<sup>th</sup>

- 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 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

No school, Fall Break

October 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

Red Ribbon Week

October 27<sup>th</sup>

DAT Meeting @ 3:30



# What's New at MMA?

## Boys Basketball!

Basketball tryouts are just around the corner! MMA is looking for 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade students with a great attitude and love of the game! Students of all skill levels are invited to tryout. Tryouts should run from 3pm - 4:30pm on Thursday and Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Spirit Squad!

MMA would love to form a school spirit squad! We are in need of two parents who are willing to support/coach this amazing group of students as they spread positivity and cheer on our sports teams! Please email Anna in the office if you are interested. This will count towards your 40 hours of school service.

## 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!

## Parent Teacher Conferences and Background Checks

Don't forget that the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 PM in the school conference room. For more information, please contact Anna in the front office.

## Are you DAT enough?

We're looking for parents, teachers & students to create a diversity action team.

Join us October 27 at 3:30pm at MMA



The DAT (Diversity Action Team) at MMA is a team comprised of students, staff, families and acquaintances for a better understanding of diverse people and ideas.



### DAT sample initiations:

- create a DAT team!
- **Aware Fair:** To educate about people with different special needs.
- **guest speakers and ideas**
- create ways to teach and introduce different cultures and all groups of diversity.

*If you're interested in being part of DAT or if you would like more information, please contact Kate Blake at [kate@serenitynowdayspaatib.com](mailto:kate@serenitynowdayspaatib.com).*

## Archery Club

*It's that time of year again! Archery club is back! Students grades 5-9 are allowed to sign-up! There will be a parent/player meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. For more information please contact Ms. Emily at [egoddard@mariamontessoriacademy.org](mailto:egoddard@mariamontessoriacademy.org).*

# Socktober!

We are still collecting socks through the end of the month! Parent Teacher Conferences are a great time to come drop your crazy socks off at the school.

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!!!



Help us Celebrate  
Maria Montessori Academy's  
4th Annual

## Red Ribbon Week

October 26-30, 2015

**MONDAY OCT 24**  
WRISTBAND  
DISTRIBUTION  
DECORATE THE FENCE  
(Ribbons given by  
MAPAP, EAST OF THE  
PORTABLES)

**TUESDAY OCT 25**  
DARE PRESENTATION  
1:00pm in the Gym  
(JR. HIGH)

**WED. OCT 26**  
DOOR DECORATIONS AND  
POSTERS DUE BY THE END  
OF SCHOOL

**FRIDAY OCT 28**  
SPIRIT DAY  
WINNERS ANNOUNCED



## 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 4<sup>th</sup>!

## Hiking Club

Hiking club is back! This fall session of hiking club will have a Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced group each with 20 sign-up slots available. There will be a parent meeting held on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the school Library. **At least one parent or guardian must attend the meeting for their child to attend the hiking club.** The cost is \$20/student. Please follow the link below to pay for Hiking Club, or pay the front office. The spots will be given on a first-come, first-served base, so sign-up quick!

<https://secureinstantpayments.com?Event=2430>

