

Monday Montessori Moments



Monday, October 3, 2016

A Message from the Director: Stephanie Speicher

Our normalization period has come to a close and we are moving out of our transition back to school. During the Normalization period, we are focused on helping your child settle in comfortably into their learning environment. We routinely make informal and formal observations throughout their day; and of course, through our engagement with students, we gain a sense of their comfort, and educational needs. These observations help teachers and staff understand exactly where your child is on the continuum of learning and with their content knowledge acquisition. As we reflect and gather data we are able to align reading, writing mathematics, and cultural subject instruction directly to your child's needs. By the end of Normalization, our teachers have a strong sense of where to carefully focus instruction for your child as well as help guide students towards independence.

Please refer to our past newsletters if you need more clarification on the purpose and positive effects of the Normalization process. At this point, we welcome you to make an appointment with your child's teacher to observe the classroom in action. There will also be an opportunity in January to "Go to school with your child" day. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities.

Should you ever have questions, concerns, or suggestions during the school year, please do not hesitate to call or email. Our purpose is to help each child become the very best he/she can be. Effective communication between home and school is extremely important in achieving this goal. It has been shown that strong parental involvement and interest in education is a crucial factor in student success in school. We encourage you to be well informed with up to date information about your child's class and our school. Enhancing communication lines with MMA can be made easier by subscribing to our blog to access important information about our school and stay abreast of current events and activities.

If you wish to discuss a matter that directly affects your child in the classroom, please speak with your child's teacher first. He/she is the person who interacts with your child on a daily basis and will be able to address your concerns. Your child's teacher would be the best person to help you in the areas of: your child's academic progress, any behavioral concerns you may have, any concerns or questions you may have about classroom routines or procedures, classroom discipline matters, and homework. In addition, the classroom teacher can share ideas to help you reinforce skills and concepts taught at school. If your concerns center on a school wide practice, please direct your call to a staff member in the main office. In addition, Mrs. Dana Archuleta will be happy to help you if you have questions about Child Find or special education programs.

The first parent/teacher conferences will be held October 17th-19th, which is coming up quickly! Each teacher is managing his or her own conference sign-ups with a WeJoinIn link posted on their blog. Please be on the lookout for specific information from your child's teacher to sign up for a conference slot. Our main office is willing to offer support in this process, if you do not have access to the internet. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your child's teacher and to share in your child's progress.

Thank you to everyone that participated in our annual 5k Run for the Redwoods and Pancake Breakfast. It was a huge success and helps fund our field experience programs. This month we also have our MAPA sponsored Fall Festival on October 14th. It is sure to be jam packed with fun, laughter, and great costumes. Please refer to the MAPA section of the newsletter for details.

As always, my door is always open.



October 3rd

- Normalization Ends
- Jr. High Fees due

October 6th

MMA Paid Substitute
Training 9:00 AM-
12:00 PM

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

October 20th-21st

No school, Fall
Break

October 24th-28th

Red Ribbon Week

What's New at MMA?

Maria Montessori Academy's

Annual *Fall* FESTIVAL

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14TH

4:00-7:00 PM

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

Game Tickets 4/\$1.00

Ride Wristbands

\$7.00 Pre-Sale \$8.00 At the Door

To purchase tickets online go to

<https://squareup.com/store/mapa>

Eat Dinner at Our

Food Truck Rally!

DRINKS AND TREATS SOLD SEPARATELY AT THE FESTIVAL



Feedback Rockin' Gourmet Grilled Cheese

Rickles Worlds Best Philly's

Harry's Mongolian BBQ

Rumbi Island Wednesdays!

Here is the link to pay for Rumbi Island Wednesdays. This is the last week it will be listed on the newsletter. A permanent payment link has been added to the school website under "Online Payments/Donations"

<https://secureinstantpayments.com?Event=2375>

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



Join MMA ART GUILD

Session 1

Oct 6-Nov 10
Thursdays 3:15-4:45

Collaborative and Colorful Art

Using recycled materials, students will plan, experiment, and refine techniques, while creating a collaborative work of art based on the blown glass sculptures of Dale Chihuly.

Cost:

\$50 per session
Jr High & Upper El

Location:

Art Room Behind Gym

Contact:

Ms Trudy & Ms Andria

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avost@mariamontessoriacademy.org

Session 2

Jan 5-Feb 9
Thursdays 3:15-4:45

Caring and Serving through Art

A service-learning project for The Christmas Box House will guide the artists during this session. Students will plan and organize an interactive display to bring beauty, peace, and encouragement to the abused, neglected, and homeless children of the Christmas Box House.

Session 3

April 13-May 12
Thursdays 3:15-4:45

Gallery Ready Works of Art

Students will refine and select personal artwork for presentation in the Ogden Heritage Festival, an annual juried art show. With artist statements, students will understand, evaluate, and articulate how works of art convey meaning for the observer as well as the creator.



Parents can sign their student up for whichever session(s) they wish. Each session is \$50.00. Please use the link below to sign-up:

<https://secureinstantpayments.com?Event=2398>

If you have any questions, please contact Andria Yost or Trudy Malan.

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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!!!



Check out the new MMA swag now available! New styles of the school shirts are now available to purchase! We've added black, as well as long sleeved, and women's v-neck.

Follow the link below to order yours now!

<https://squareup.com/store/beeyoutees/fundraising>

*Note: Orders are made in pre-order status. To maximize the benefit to MMA and minimize printing costs, all orders will be taken through the end of each month and available for pickup at the front of the school on, or after the 15th of the next month, before or after school.