

Monday Montessori Moments



Monday, November 7, 2016

A Message from the Director: Stephanie Speicher

Although it is good to set aside a day of Thanksgiving to celebrate with family and friends, truly every day should be a day to give thanks. Expressing gratitude is an important theme throughout our daily interactions at Maria Montessori Academy and it is crucial to remember the spirit of gratitude in our daily lives as well. Below are three reasons why it is important to continually give thanks:

1. Giving thanks is a way to remember the goodness in all people.
2. Giving thanks reminds us to be present in the moment and savor the beauty in each moment.
3. Giving thanks shows our appreciation to the earth and the environment that sustains us.

With each day I spend within the community of Maria Montessori Academy, I am grateful for all the hard work that families, staff, and students contribute to the success of the school. I would like to formally express gratitude for the following:

- Thank you for your participation in Parent-Teacher conferences. Conferences provide an opportunity to learn about your child's progress and to build a team with your child's teacher.
- The Book Fair is always such a fantastic event for our students, especially seeing the students get so excited about books! Thank you to Mande Stephens and her committee for all of the hours spent to bring this opportunity to our school. The money/book credits earned for the school will be put towards building our classroom libraries.
- Our annual Fall Festival was a huge success, filled with laughter, wonderful costumes, and new activities. A huge thank you is extended to Autumn Douglas for coordinating our Fall Festival this year.

It is with immense gratitude that I thank each of you for the opportunity to serve as Director of our school. Thank you again for your commitment to our school, your children, and to a desire to be the change we wish to see in the world.

Sincerely,
Ms. Stephanie

MMA's third annual Spelling Bee is quickly approaching! We are looking for a parent or community member to help Ms. Kacee organize and facilitate the fun and educational event. If you are interested please contact Ms. Kacee at kweaver@mariamontessoriacademy.org no later than November 30th.

November 9th

- Picture Retakes
- Last Day of School Food Drive

November 10th

- Chili Cook-Off @ 5:30 pm

November 11th

-Early Release

AM Kinder: 8:30-10:30
PM Kinder: 11:00-1:00
1st -9th Grade: 8:30-1:00

November 15th

- Box Top Store

November 16th

- 6th Grade Redwoods Money is Due

November 17th

- Gratitude Feast
- Thespian Society Performance @ 7:00 pm

November 18th

- Mustache November

November 21st

- 9th Grade Crow Canyon Money is Due

November 21st- 25th

- No School

What's New at MMA?

Original Works

Parents don't forget to order your students artwork by November 14th. This fundraiser will benefit directly to your student's classroom. Your student should have brought home an original works sheet that has all the information to order students artwork online. If you have any questions you can contact Rachel Bush at 801-390-8624.

Mustache November

The Jr. High will be selling mustaches on November 18th. Each mustache will cost \$1, and can be worn that day by the students. Sales will be made in the morning on the 18th by the front office. Make sure to pick yours up!



School Food Drive

We have the opportunity to earn some big money for our school by participating in the Best Realty "Curse of the Hungry Child" 4th Annual Food Drive. Donations will be accepted October 25th-November 9th. The school will be accepting donations in the morning during drop-off and in the afternoon during pick-up! There will also be a box in the front lobby to drop the donation off anytime during the school day. Please don't bring anything with water, seasoning packets, or Ramen noodles. "It takes more than magic to fill the food banks."

Celebration of Life Book Donations

Have you ever wondered what to do to celebrate your child's birthday at MMA? You can honor your child by donating a book to the school library during their Celebration of Life Ceremony. Look for recommendations on books here: <https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/awards/view.dT/outstanding-book-lists/international-literacy-association/childrens-choices-2016-reading-list>
<https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/awards/view.dT/outstanding-book-lists/international-literacy-association/teachers-choices-2016-reading-list>

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!

PUT YOUR COOKING SKILLS TO THE TEST
AND BRING A POT OF CHILI TO SHARE

at the ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF



To pre purchase tickets for your family, please do so here: <https://secureinstantpayments.com?Event=2442>

Admission
\$5 per person for Immediate Family (up to 4 people)
Each additional person \$3
Children 5 and under are free

If you would like to enter the chili cook off competition please sign up here: <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/wgkpp>

1st Place Prize Awarded For the Best Chili
NOVEMBER 10 @ 5:30 PM
in the School gym

Gratitude Feast

On Thursday November 17th we are hosting a Gratitude Feast for a number of local companies and people who have helped out our community. If you would like to donate your time or items please sign up on our WeJoinIn sheet.

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