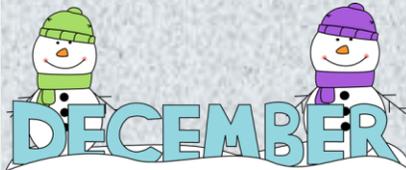


# Monday Montessori Moments



Monday December 5, 2016

## A Letter from Stephanie Speicher, MMA Director



### December 6<sup>th</sup>

Boys Basketball Game  
-Venture Academy

### December 8<sup>th</sup>

Boys Basketball Game  
-Highland Jr. High

### December 8<sup>th</sup>

Elementary Holiday Concert  
Students A-K 6 to 7 pm  
Students L-Z 7 to 8 pm

### December 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Early Out

AM Kinder: 8:30 - 10:30  
PM Kinder: 11:00 - 1:00  
1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: 8:30 - 1:00

### December 15<sup>th</sup>

Junior High Holiday Concert  
-7 pm

### December 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>

-International Festival

### December 20<sup>th</sup>

-Box Tops Store

### December 21 to Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### No School

- Winter Holiday

As 2016 comes to close, I wanted to thank the MMA community for all of your commitment and generosity to MMA. Specifically, this month I would like to thank Autumn Douglas and the entire Gratitude Feast committee for all their hard work in planning and delivering another top-notch feast for our community leaders. Our guests were overwhelmed with our thoughtfulness and delicious dishes.

During most times of the year, we find ourselves getting swept up in the hustle and bustle of our everyday happenings. It is so important to take time to reflect on what is truly important in our lives. In December, I find that many of us return to thoughts of generosity, warmth, and hope. The holiday season reminds us to think of the valuable relationships that we have with our family, friends, and community. I find at this time of year, people smile a bit more, speak a bit more kindly, and participate in acts of kindness. It is crucial to remember to be thankful for the blessings within our lives, appreciate those we love, let go of perceived wrongs, reaffirm than find their faults, and remember our loved ones who are longer with us. This is the time of year when we give to charity, buy gifts for friends, coworkers, and family, wish for peace, and reach out to those who need our help.

When we are bombarded with sales, deals, and buying the “perfect gift”, consider that real wealth is having a caring, loving, supportive community that loves us and who we love in return. In the end, this is the only real wealth that lasts. This is the time of year when we have the opportunity to demonstrate to our children all that we can become.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual International Celebration December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Hope for Peace and Happy Holidays!  
Ms. Stephanie

We do not learn from  
experience... we learn  
from reflecting on  
experience.

- John Dewey

# What's New at MMA?

Howdy MMA Families!

MMA is having a Winter Holiday Choir Concert on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Upper Elementary and Lower Elementary children are both performing. It will take place in the MMA gym. It will be about 35-40 minutes long. We have **very** limited seating. Because of this, we have split the student body in half by the students' last name. We will have TWO performances that same night, but, you only need to come once at your specified time.

**However, if you are in the Honor Choir you will need to be there for both performances.**

If your students' last name starts with an A-K, you will come at 5:50pm and it will start right at 6:00pm.

If your students' last name starts with an L-Z, you will come at 6:50pm and it will start right at 7:00pm.

For the families that come at 6:50, please do not come earlier; the other performance will just have ended and families will be exiting the building.

If your children have different last names and are scheduled to go at different times, please only come to one. You get to choose which one your family wants to go to, only if this applies, otherwise come to the appropriate scheduled performance.

This is a Holiday concert and appropriate attire is encouraged. It really makes the event feel special and it sometimes is fun to dress up. Knee length dresses with covered shoulders and tights or leggings look best. Slacks with button up shirts and ties would be nice....I call it Sunday best or if you were going to a wedding etc. It does not have to be school dress code, but, consider to wear the best you have. This is not required just encouraged.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at [Cstarks@mariamontessoriacademy.org](mailto:Cstarks@mariamontessoriacademy.org). I am looking forward to celebrating this Holiday with you and show casing what we have been learning in music. Hope to see you all there.

Happy Holidays,

Connie Starks  
MMA Elementary Music Specialist

Dear Parents,

I will be allowing students to participate in our own MMA RIO Olympic event, which will be a Kid's Marathon. I will allow students to run the last 1.2 miles at school in May, but they must complete 25 miles before the end of April. They must have an adult signature for each mile they complete. Students can run or walk in increments of their choice. There will be a run by the RIO Beach Award if they accomplish this marathon. They may also participate with me in the Provo City Half Marathon on May 6th at 10:00 a.m. Sign up information is on these links below. The marathon is the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian.

<http://www.run13.com/wp-content/uploads/PCHM-kids-marathon-log-2014-2.pdf>, <http://www.run13.com/races/provo-city/kids-marathon>

Thanks,  
Julia Gee

Attention Parents,

We would like to put together a table which showcases the many holidays that are celebrated by different cultures during the holiday season. If you have a special holiday that you would like showcased, please contact Kate Blake ([kate@serenitynowdayspautah.com](mailto:kate@serenitynowdayspautah.com)).

Thank you,  
Office Staff

## Club Invention is Coming to MMA!



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