

# Monday Montessori Moments



Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## JANUARY

January 13<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

No School

End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

January 17<sup>th</sup>

Box Tops Store

January 17<sup>th</sup>

Basketball Game, 4:15  
vs. Mound Fort JHS

January 19<sup>th</sup>

Basketball Game, 4:15  
vs. Utah Military Academy

January 19<sup>th</sup>

6th Grade Social 5-7

January 24<sup>th</sup>

Skate Night, 5-9

January 26<sup>th</sup>

Junior High Open House  
6:30 to 7:30

February 8<sup>th</sup>

Science Fair, 8:30 to 3

February 20<sup>th</sup>

No School

President's Day

## A Message From MMA's Curriculum Specialist, Kacee Weaver

### What is Grace and Courtesy?

"It means to be respectful and responsible"~ 9 year-old

"It means being kind"~6 year-old

"It means being helpful"~7 year-old

"It's like the golden rule; treat others as you want to be treated"~ 8 year-old

Our school culture is built on the foundation of the Grace and Courtesy Lessons. We create both direct and indirect opportunities for students to practice kindness, compassion, manners and other social skills through the Grace and Courtesy lessons.

*"The skills often cited as most important [by employers] are self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy and social skills. In addition, the most frequent cause of job failure is lack of self-control and an inability to get along with others" (Vitto, 2003, P. 10).*

Grace and Courtesy lessons support students in learning the following;

- Self-regulation
- Flexibility
- Persistence
- Planning
- Communication
- Collaboration and Compassion

### Parent Testimonials about Grace & Courtesy

"I've seen such a difference in my child already! He's much more patient and kind to his younger siblings!"

"The conversations we have at home are incredible! My children talk respectfully and use appropriate vocabulary to express their frustrations!"

"My child is much more willing to help out at home with chores and other responsibilities since coming to this school."

\*As part of our grace and courtesy lessons we do not allow personal cell phones in any of our classrooms. If you need to get a hold of your child please do not contact them on their cell phones.

- Kaycee Weaver

# What's New at MMA?



## MMA is excited to offer a before school Honor Choir!

This choir is open to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. These classes are about 45 minutes long and take place most Wednesday mornings at 7:40am in the MMA library. The MMA Honor Choir will perform at different locations, special events, graduation ceremonies, and of course the school's concerts! The Honor Choir only costs \$30 for the rest of the year! Sign-up sheets are in the office.

If there are any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. Connie Starks: MMA Elementary Music Specialist [cstarks@mariamontessoriacademy.org](mailto:cstarks@mariamontessoriacademy.org)

## Archery Club Tournaments

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Ascent Academy,  
22 S 650 W Farmington, UT, 5 pm

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – NASP Tourney,  
Salt Palace Convention Center  
90 S West Temple SLC, UT, Various Times

Archery Club Members can reserve a flight for the NASP Tourney at: <https://wejoinin.com/sheets/ftfhn>

\*No Archery Practice Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

Contact Emily Goddard for more information  
[egoddard@mariamontessoriacademy.org](mailto:egoddard@mariamontessoriacademy.org)



"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment."

*Maria Montessori*

## Maria Montessori Academy 2017-2018 Open House

Jr. High Parent & Student Night  
January 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 pm

## INTENT TO RE-ENROLL FOR 2017-2018

On Friday January 6, we sent out the intent to re-enroll email. Please declare your intent for the 2017-2018 school-year no later than January 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you have siblings of current students that you would like to attend MMA next year, you should add them to the declaration of intent. Please contact the office with any questions.

## Maria Montessori Academy

### FREE Family Skate Night

Free Admission For You & Your Whole Family  
Tue. January 24<sup>th</sup>  
5-9p.m.

Regular Skate Rentals - \$1  
Blades-\$3 & up  
Scooters-\$3  
You may bring your own Skates, Blades & Scooters



Discount Activities Available Only \$3 Ea.  
Extreme Inflatable Park, Pirates Cove, Laser Tag, Bowling or \$5 for Unlimited Activities

School Spirit Night - Wear Your School Colors!!

Come Have a Rollin' Good Time!!



NEW Gravity Ropes Course \$7 for up to 30 min. session

\$3 Dinner Deal Available  
Nachos or Pizza & drink or Hotdog, Chips & Drink

Skate at Your Own Risk

867 N. 1200 W. Layton 544-3456

## MMA Science Fair – Volunteers Needed

MMA will be hosting our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Fair on February 8, 2017. This is always a very exciting event that offers our students an opportunity to explore, and present a science or engineering topic that interests them. This year we will be having only the Jr. High fair, which will include all the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The students will compete in the morning from 9:00 – 12:00, with an Open House showcasing the projects from 3:30 – 5:30 that evening (students will not be required to be at the Open House). The Science Fair team is looking for volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, scorekeeping, judge coordination and snacks.

Please contact Paula Dugan at

[pdugan@mariamontessoriacademy.org](mailto:pdugan@mariamontessoriacademy.org) or Rob Garrett  
[rgarrett@mariamontessoriacademy.org](mailto:rgarrett@mariamontessoriacademy.org) if you would like to help support this event.