

# Monday Montessori Moments



Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

## JANUARY

January 24<sup>th</sup>  
Skate Night, 5-9

January 26<sup>th</sup>  
Junior High Open House  
Yurt – 6:30 to 7:30

February 8<sup>th</sup>  
Science Fair  
Gymnasium – 8:30 to 3

February 20<sup>th</sup>  
**No School**  
President's Day

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> to Mar 3  
Literary Week

February 28<sup>th</sup>  
Spelling Bee, 9 to 2:30

March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Literacy Night, 6 to 8

March 13<sup>th</sup>  
History Fair

March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Love and Logic, 6 to 8

March 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Half Day**, PD

A Message About Erdkinder, From Erdkinder Teacher and Peer Mentor, Leigh Owen



### Erdkinder-“Children of the Land”

“My vision of the future is no longer of people taking exams and proceeding on that verification from that secondary school to the university, but of individuals passing from one stage of independence to a higher [one], by means of their own activity, through their own effort or will, which constitutes the inner evolution of the individual.” Maria Montessori.

Montessori felt that economic independence was as important to the development of the adolescent as personal independence (dressing and feeding themselves) is to the development of the 3 year-old. The land gives them the opportunity to explore the entire economic cycle. The students could be responsible for not only growing and selling the produce grown on the land, but all the billing and accounting as well. The money could be invested back into the land or put towards other projects.

Dr. Montessori envisioned an Erdkinder (translated as “Children of the Land”) as the best environment for adolescents to study and work. Montessori called it a “school of experience in the elements of social life.” At Land Lab, the students study the ideas of permaculture and sustainable communities. Students develop a strong sense of community working together on meals, maintaining the environment, working on needed projects, and having time to participate in the change in rhythm of living in harmony with nature. Students also have time for academic pursuits and apply their knowledge of astronomy, biology, ecology, math, and geometry to real-life situations. Projects are done in groups, allowing the students to work with others towards a common goal. This course helps students understand and cope with personal, family and social challenges. Emphasis based on communication, decision-making skills, and building stable relationships with family and peers as well as contributing to the larger school community.

To read Dr. Maria Montessori’s writing on Erdkinder simply follow click the title: [“THE ERDKINDER and THE FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY THE REFORM OF EDUCATION DURING AND AFTER ADOLESCENCE” By Dr. Maria Montessori](#)

- Leigh Owen



# What's New at MMA?

MMA is excited to offer First Lego League Jr!



Each year, *FIRST* LEGO League Jr. presents a new and exciting Challenge to ignite the creativity of children age 6 to 10. While exploring the real-world theme, teams will use basic engineering concepts to build a model made of LEGO® elements. They will also learn to present information through a Show Me Poster. Throughout their experience, teams will operate under the *FIRST* LEGO League Jr. Core Values, celebrating discovery, teamwork, and Gracious Professionalism®. At the close of each season, teams come together on a regional basis to share their *Show Me* poster and model, celebrate, and have fun!

**Ages:** 6 – 10

**Cost:** \$60.00

**Dates:** Classes will be held on Tuesday afternoons Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>- March 28<sup>th</sup> (8 sessions)

**Time:** Immediately after school for 90 minutes (3:15pm- 4:45pm)

**Location:** MMA Library

\*\* If you would like to register your child, or if you are interested in volunteering as a team mentor/coach, please contact Melanie Singleton in the front office at [msingleton@mariamontessoriacademy.org](mailto:msingleton@mariamontessoriacademy.org)

## New Inclement Weather Guidelines

The administrative team at Maria Montessori Academy has reviewed and revised the Inclement Weather Guidelines. Please review the new Guidelines.

All policies and handbooks can be found at this link;  
[http://www.mariamontessoriacademy.org/?page\\_id=61](http://www.mariamontessoriacademy.org/?page_id=61)

The link is labeled, *Inclement Weather Guidelines*

## 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/ftfhm>

\*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

## 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 \$3 for Unlimited Activities

School Spirit Night - Wear Your School Colors!!

Come Have a Rollin' Good Time!!



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

Skate at Your Own Risk

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AND

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