

Monday Montessori Moments



Monday, March 27th, 2017

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March 29th

Love and Logic
6 to 8
For Dads

april

April 3rd – 7th

No School, Spring Break

April 10th

SAGE Testing Begins

April 18th

Box Tops Store

April 19th

Talent Show
6-8 pm

April 19th

Love and Logic
6-8 pm
For Dads

April 21st

Half Day, 8:30 – 1 pm
Professional Development

April 27th

Spring Concert
6 – 8 pm

A Message from MMA's JH Science Teacher, Mr. Rob

The Socratic Seminar

If anything, adolescents love to talk. Whether their communication method be verbal or via texting, there is no stopping a teenager from finding the time or seizing a moment to talk.

What cause underlies this insatiable propensity and how do we harness this garrulousness as teachers and parents for the betterment of the students and on occasion, our sanity? As it turns out there are scientific answers to why our adolescents do and think the way they do. As scientists have only recently come to discover, a lot is going on physically and physiologically in a teen's brain (and body). But, before we had the technology to plumb the depths of the adolescent's cranium, continually asking ourselves, "what were they thinking?" adults who dared wade into the dangerous waters of adolescents in search of such answers, observed. Out of these observations was renewed the concept of the Socratic Dialogue, also called the Socratic Seminar, Socratic Circle, or *paideia* as a modern teaching method.

The Socratic Seminar, as the name implies, came from Greek philosopher Socrates, who taught his followers through a method of asking questions. While Montessori secondary classrooms have been utilizing Socratic Seminars for years, it is only recently that the concept has been picked up and taught to university students enrolled in education classes, because it works to engage students and reinforce classroom teaching, and does so in a way that harnesses a teen's interest in sharing their opinions and experiences; doing so in a way that models not only how to voice these opinions respectfully, but models empathy, how to disagree without being destructive or condescending, and patience while waiting for others to speak.

Maria Montessori Academy's junior high has been teaching using Socratic Seminars since its inception. Students are given a text to read and annotate prior to the dialogue session. During the session, students follow outlined procedural rules, such as no side conversations and taking turns. Dialogues typically last for 20-30 minutes, and often become very lively as opinions and facts are shared. I encourage you to talk to your junior high student about the seminars they've had in the past. If you don't have a teen at the school, feel free to ask a teacher about the seminar, and even schedule a time to observe one in action.

-Mr. Rob

Hiking Club is here again!

Students in the club will be given an opportunity to learn about the beautiful natural world around them while enjoying good company and fun exercise!

Cost: \$20

Spots available per club:

- Beginning: 12
- Intermediate: 12
- Advanced: 20

Beginning and advanced clubs will meet on the following Thursdays: April 27th, May 4th, May 11th, and May 18th

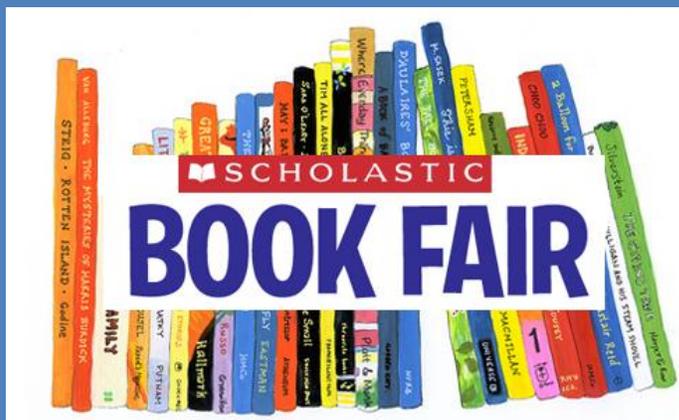
The Intermediate club will meet on the following Tuesdays: April 25th, May 2nd, May 9th and May 16th.

Payment must be received to ensure your child's spot. Pay at the front office to receive paperwork to finish registering your child. More information on hike locations will be given to those who register. Registration ends Friday the 20th.

Congratulations MMA!

Together, we raised more than \$3000.00 at our last Scholastic book fair.

Over the last 7 years, we have raised more than \$40,000.00 through our Scholastic book fairs.



Results of the Ritchey Engineering and Science Fair at Weber State University

There were over 300 projects competing - all of these projects had previously won a first, second or third place in a qualifying fair prior to the Ritchey competition.

We had 8 students compete and here are the results:

Troy Cox won Second Place and a special award which will allow him to continue on to the National Competition: Broadcom Masters

Halen McMullin, Hayden Ouderkirck, Farrah Baty and Tobin Bush all won Excellent.

Evin Smith, Mason Pocus and Brayden Rimhall won Honorable Mention.

They all had worked hard and done a wonderful job with their projects. Congratulations to all!



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Maria Montessori Academy | 2505 North 200 East, Ogden, UT 84414

July 10 - 14, 2017 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Directed by Amy Jo Proctor
aproctor@mariamontessoriacademy.org

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We are in desperate need of a crossing guard each morning, from 8:10 - 8:40. This is a great way to earn your Required Volunteer Hours! Please contact Autumn Douglas at mrsrougla@yaho.com

MAPA (Montessori Academy Parent Association) is the Parent-Teacher Organization for MMA.



MAPA is now accepting nominations for the 2017-2018 MAPA Board President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

We also need MAPA Committee Chairs for; Book Fair, Box Tops, Events, Fall Festival, Gala, Grant writing, Green Team, Fundraising, Room Parent, Parent Education, Safety, Teacher Appreciation, 6th grade Liaison, Jr. High Liaison.

Votes will happen at the Spring MAPA meeting Thursday May 4th at 7:00 pm. Please nominate yourself or someone you know who will make a difference in next year's MAPA world.

Submit nominations to Autumn Douglas mrsrougla@yaho.com or Heidi Bradley heidibradley81@gmail.com.

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- Avoid power struggles
- Teach your children to complete chores without reminders or pay

Dates:

March 15, 22, 29 and April 12, 19

Time:

6-8 PM

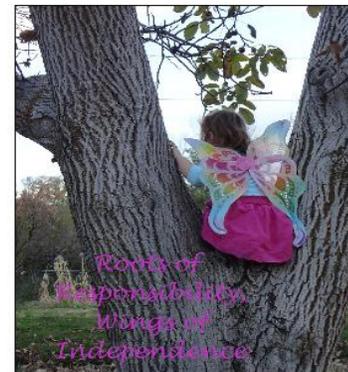
Location:

Montessori Academy
2505 N. 200 E. N. Ogden 84414

Register to attend at:

 HealthyRelationshipsUtah.org

Funding for this project was provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Grant #W5750075. These services are available to all eligible parents, regardless of race, gender, age, ability, or religion.



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