

Monday Montessori Moments



Monday, May 8th, 2017

A Message From Kacee Weaver, MMA's Curriculum Specialist

The enthusiasm in the school halls today, brought back by the 6th grade students' week-long excursion to *Alliance Redwoods* in California, is profound and inspirational. This weekend, as the 6th graders returned, the 9th graders embarked on their own culminating field experience to *Crow Canyon Archeological Site* in Colorado, and I know, they'll come back with new knowledge, independence, excitement for learning and experiences that they'll take with them throughout the rest of their lives.

I am profoundly grateful for our school that values the education and experiences that happen outside the school walls, as much as what happens inside. You and I grew up calling them *field trips*, Montessori called it *going out*. She said:

"When the child *goes out*, it is the world that offers itself to him. Let us take the child out to show him real things instead of making objects which represent ideas and closing them in cupboards." (*From Childhood to Adolescence*, 18).

Just since January, students at MMA have provided service for the North Ogden Community Gardens, observed the neighboring farm to use for their descriptive writing projects, extended their knowledge of prehistoric time by attending the Dinosaur Park and Natural History Museum. They've visited the bank and traveled to the grocery store. They will learn about geysers as they swim in Crystal Hot Springs, and reinforce their knowledge of the solar system as they travel to Clark Planetarium. These trips are an integral part of our curriculum. They support learning in a way that reading a book, watching a video or hearing a lecture could not. Students interact with science, social studies, math and conflict resolution in real-world contexts.

Thank you for supporting our students in these experiences. Without your time as a chaperone or driver or your financial support through fundraising and individual classroom donations we could not create this type of education for your students. I hope that you will all have an opportunity to attend at least one field trip with your child in the coming year. Taking the time to see the world anew through the eyes of a child remind us how important it is not to lose this sense of wonder.



May 8th – 12th
Teacher Appreciation
Week

May 16th
Final Box Tops Store

May 18th
3rd Grade Party
1 – 2:45 pm

May 22nd-26th
Early Out
AM Kinder: 8:30-10:30
PM Kinder: 11-1
1-9: 8:30-1

May 23rd
Early Childhood Bridging
10:00 am

May 24th
3rd Grade Bridging
10:30 am

May 25th
6th Grade Bridging
10:30 am

May 26th
Final Day of School

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4th Annual MMA T-Shirt Design Contest




All MMA students are invited to show off their amazing design talents by creating a one-of-a-kind MMA T-Shirt!

The winning design will appear on 2017-2018 MMA T-Shirts.

Entry Deadline: May 15th to the office

- ### T-Shirt Contest Rules
- Computer design or drawing on 8 1/2 X 11 Paper, name & grade on back.
 - Design must be in Black and White, please no pencil designs.
 - Submission Deadline: May 15th to the Office.
 - Submissions must be Original Student Artwork.
 - Winner will receive a free T-Shirt with their design.
 - Winning artwork becomes the property of MMA.

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