

Monday Montessori Moment



Monday, August 28, 2017



August 28

First day of Early
Childhood classes
AM 8:30 – 11:30
PM 12 – 3

August 30 & 31

Junior High – Weber
Ropes Course



September 4

No School, Labor Day

September 7

Parent Open House
6-7 pm

September 12

6th grade trip, parent
information meeting
5:30, Library

9th grade trip, parent
information meeting
6:30, Library

Normalization – A Montessori Tradition



*The ancient saying, "There is nothing in the intellect
which was not first in some way in the senses",
and senses being explorers of the world,
open the way to knowledge.*

Maria Montessori

In Montessori education, the term "normalization" has a specialized meaning. "Normal" does not refer to what is considered to be "typical" or "average" or even "usual." "Normalization" does not refer to a process of being forced to conform. Instead, Maria Montessori used the terms "normal" and "normalization" to describe a unique process she observed in child development.

E.M. Standing (*Maria Montessori: Her Life and Work*, 1957) lists these as the characteristics of normalization: love of order, love of work, spontaneous concentration, attachment to reality, love of silence and of working alone, sublimation of the possessive instinct, power to act from real choice, obedience, independence and initiative, spontaneous self-discipline, and joy. Montessori believed that these are the truly "normal" characteristics of childhood, which emerge when children's developmental needs are met.

Montessori observed that when children are allowed freedom in an environment suited to their needs, they blossom. After a period of intense concentration, working with materials that fully engage their interest, children appear to be refreshed and contented. Through continued concentrated work of their own choice, children grow in inner discipline and peace. She called this process "normalization" and cited it as "the most important single result of our whole work" (*The Absorbent Mind*, 1949).

She went on to write,

*Only "normalised" children, aided by their environment, show in their subsequent development those wonderful powers that we describe: spontaneous discipline, continuous and happy work, social sentiments of help and sympathy for others. . . . An interesting piece of work, freely chosen, which has the virtue of inducing concentration rather than fatigue, adds to the child's energies and mental capacities, and leads him to self-mastery. . . . One is tempted to say that the children are performing spiritual exercises, having found the path of self-perfectionment and of ascent to the inner heights of the soul. (Maria Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*, 1949)*

<http://www.montessori-namta.org/The-Process-of-Normalization>

Make sure to register for the 5K [here!](#)

What: MMA's Annual 5K Color Run

When: September 23, 2017

Where: Meet in the MMA parking lot.



Montessori Academy Honor Choir

Practices:

Wednesday Mornings
7:30 AM in the Library

Performances Include:

Holiday Concert
Spring Concert

Cost:

\$20 for 2017-18 School Year
Cost Includes Choir T-shirt

**Upper Elementary students
are invited to join. Our first
practice will be held on
October 4th
for the Fall Session.**

**Choir directed by Rachael
Larson, Montessori
Academy Music Specialist.**



NO CHOIR APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 18TH FOR THE FALL SESSION.



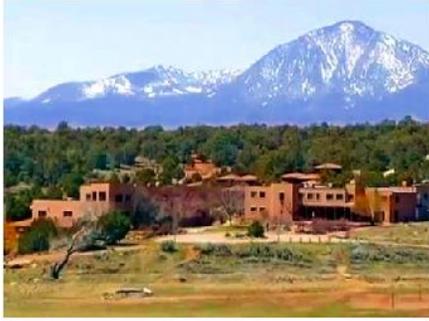
Parent Open House

**September 7
6-7 PM**

Come meet your
student's teacher, see
the school, and get a
feel for the Academy.

6-6:30 walkabout
6:30-7 MMA 101
7-7:30 Walkabout

6th grade parents - please plan to attend a mandatory 6th Grade Redwoods Field Experience Parent Meeting. This meeting is on September 12th, in the Library, 5:30-6:30.



THE MISSION OF THE CROW CANYON ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER IS TO ADVANCE AND SHARE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE THROUGH ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, EDUCATION PROGRAMS, AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH AMERICAN INDIANS.



SEPT 12 6:30PM
9TH GRADE
CROW CANYON
PARENT MEETING

Join us on Tuesday, September 12th in the Jr. High Yurt to discuss our upcoming 9th grade trip to Crow Canyon in Cortez Colorado. This is an amazing opportunity for our students. This is a mandatory meeting for parents of students wishing to attend. We will be discussing itinerary, cost, fundraising, and potential chaperone opportunities
We look forward to seeing you.

MARIA MONTESSORI
ACADEMY
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**MMA is looking for
Basketball Coaches for
our upcoming season
Please contact Autumn
Douglas in the office for
more information**



**MMA
Cross Country Meet Schedule**

Date	Time	Home Team	Meet Address
Sept 7th	4:15 pm	Highmark Charter	South Ogden Nature Park 1175 E 5875 S South Ogden UT 84405
Sept 14th	4:15 pm	Ben Lomond High School	Big D Park 1375 Park Blvd Ogden UT 84401
Sept 21st	4:15 pm	Syracuse Arts Academy	Syracuse Arts Academy 2893 W 1700 S Syracuse, UT 84075
Sept 28th	4:15 pm	Mt. Ogden Middle School	Mount Ogden Park 3144 Taylor Ave. Ogden, UT 84403

***additional meets may be scheduled**

Directions for Carpool – 2017/2018 School Year

Attention Parents and Stakeholders, please follow the link to watch the video describing the carpool scheme for 2017/2018.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Av109AjuwQ&feature=youtu.be>

