

2020-2021  
Summer  
August 24

# Dayton Montessori Society News

“If salvation and help  
are to come, it is  
through the child; for  
the child is the  
constructor of man.”

~ Dr. Montessori,  
[The Absorbent Mind](#)

## August Office Hours

Ms. Mary will be in the office every Tuesday and Thursday 12-3 and by appointment. If you have payments, paperwork, or donations to drop off, you may use the drop box, shelves in the breezeway, or ring the bell.

Masks are required for anyone entering the building. Thank you!

*Questions?*

*Call 937-425-1577*

Hello! Here we are at the end of the summer, with the weather fluctuating between hot August days and chilly fall nights. As the teachers prepare their classrooms (both physical and virtual) for the start of the school year, we know you are working at home to prepare your children for the exciting return to our learning environments. While you are working so hard to take care of those kids, don't forget a little parental self-care! You deserve it!

We will be posting all of our newsletters and updates on the DMS website for easy access anytime at [www.DaytonMontessori.org](http://www.DaytonMontessori.org). The updated Parent Handbook is available on the website as well.

## Calendar Reminders

The current calendar is always available on the DMS website. Here are some upcoming important dates:

Friday, August 28 Paperwork Due

Thursday, Sept 3 Parent Meeting on Zoom (ID & PW in email on the day of)

Monday, Sept 7 Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept 8 First day of school 5-12 year-olds

Thursday, Sept 10 First day of school 4 year-olds

Monday, Sept 14 First day of school 3 year-olds

## Resources in Montgomery County

Keep apprised of the current information in our area and find resources at the Dayton and Montgomery County Public Health website

<https://www.phdmc.org/coronavirus-updates>

## K-12 School Reporting Guidelines

In the event that a DMS student tests positive for Covid-19, we are obligated to report this to the Department of Public Health. To make reporting and subsequent contact tracing easier, please provide us with the following information as soon as possible if your child tests positive:

- Symptom onset date
- Test provider name and location
- Lab collection date
- Lab result date

If we do have a student or staff test positive, you will all receive notice.

## Adjustments

We appreciate your ongoing flexibility as we all work to navigate this year. We have made some adjustments to our "What to bring to school" lists for the students.

- 3-6 year-olds may bring a water bottle to school **if** it is spill-proof and fits inside their lunch box.
- All students must have at least one spare mask at school, but 2 is recommended. You may also want to pack a spare in their lunchbox for changing at mid-day (we have observed how moist the kids' masks can get as the day goes on). We have disposables to give them if they run out of spares.

## New Student Orientations

If you are new to our school or moving from 3-6 to Lower Elementary, you will receive a call within the week from your child's teacher to schedule an orientation.

## Save the Date for Music Classes via Zoom

For the 2020-2021 school year, we will continue music classes with Ms. Erin via Zoom. All in-person and virtual students are invited to attend. Music will be on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00, with students divided into smaller lessons within that hour based on age. More details to come!