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Dayton Montessori Society News

“It is not enough for the teacher to love the child. She must first love and understand the Universe. She must prepare herself and truly work at it.” ~Maria Montessori

Student Enrollment

We are currently taking applications for our waiting list. Only returning students have guaranteed spots for fall 2020 until we know what our allowable class sizes will be. When we know, we will award spots in the classes to those on the waiting list, starting with siblings of current students.

Please contact Ms. Mary via email, website, or school phone if you have questions this summer.

Happy Friday to you all! We hope you are all staying healthy and finding ways to safely have fun this summer. I've heard some families are doing awesome things like hiking challenges, online art camps, and learning new skills together. Keep up the socially-distanced fun!

What is our plan for Restarting school in the fall?

Thank you all for your patience and understanding. This is a huge task we (and every school district) are undertaking, as we try to balance the necessity of the health and safety precautions we must take, and our urgent desire to get the students back into the classroom physically to continue all aspects of their education.

I have attached our Restart Fall 2020 plan as a separate document so that you can download it and have access to it separately. Also attached is a link to the Montgomery County Public Health page where they have curated much of the information parents need to navigate this year. We have adjusted the DMS school calendar. Please note the [new start and end dates](#).

Please read all of the points on our Restart Plan carefully and thoroughly and note that much of the language in the health guidance section is borrow directly from the Public Health guidance documents. I will send out a survey early next week to gather your feedback and questions.

[CDC COVID-19 Webpage](#)

[DMS Restart Fall 2020](#)

[DMS Calendar 2020-2021](#)

Early Payment and Smart Re-enrollment

If your family is planning to take the Early Payment discount by paying your tuition in full, please submit your check or money order to Dayton Montessori Society by **July 15, 2020**. If you are planning to use Smart tuition to make payments on your tuition throughout the year, please make sure you enroll or re-enroll **by July 15**. If you are a new family, you will be sent instructions on how to sign up for Smart when your enrollment is confirmed.

We understand that some of you may be making different educational choices this year due to the pandemic. If you choose to withdraw your students from DMS this year, please submit a letter of withdrawal (via email is fine) so we have it for our records and can offer that spot in the class to the next person on the waiting list.

Welcome Our New 3-6 Teacher!

I would have much rather devoted this entire newsletter to this announcement, but nonetheless, this is indeed wonderful news. We have hired our new 3-6 teacher and it is none other than our very own Ms. Debbie! Debbie Tarr has been a Montessori parent since 2010. She has worked as a trusted substitute teacher and daycare assistant since DMS opened.

This summer Ms. Debbie is doubling down on her commitment to Montessori by diving into 3-6 training through the North American Montessori Center's program with Ms. Stephanie as a mentor. Her hobbies include kayaking, hiking, reading, studying, and creating an environment of joy and security for her two sons, all of our students, and everyone who knows her. Welcome and thank you for your ongoing commitment to our community, Ms. Debbie!

Now Hiring

We are currently hiring for the positions of

- Classroom assistant (part or full time)
- Daycare assistant (before and/or after school)
- Substitute teachers (half or full days when needed)

If you know someone well-suited to working with our students, please give them our contact information. We always appreciate recommendations from our trusted parent community. We are also considering hiring some parents this year with education experience in order to keep our community as close as possible. If you are interested in being added to our sub list, please contact Ms. Mary for details.