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# Dayton Montessori Society News

“An education capable of saving humanity is no small undertaking: it involves the spiritual development of man, the enhancement of his value as an individual, and the preparation of young people to understand the times in which they live.” — Maria Montessori, *Education and Peace*

## Contact Us

Send a message through the website at [www.DaytonMontessori.org](http://www.DaytonMontessori.org) or leave a message at 937-435-4572

## November Hours

Tours and conferences are by appointment only. 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 our shared space, inside and out. Thank you!

Hello! I hope everyone is staying healthy and happy, enjoying this unseasonable and welcome weather. What a wonderful time to investigate plants and animals and play in the leaves!

Thank you all for your generosity, sacrifices, and hard work to make this challenging time enjoyable.

## Open House

This is the time of year when we would normally be inviting parents to an open house to observe your child working on some of their favorite works. One of the bonus parts of the Virtual class is your ability to see all of the wonderful works your children are doing!

Since we can't have the Open House for in-person students this year, we'd like to invite you to sign up for a solo Open House. Your child can show you their classroom and demonstrate a few of their favorite works. Teachers will not be present, except for Ms. Mary.

Time slots are available any school day from 4:00-4:30 by appointment starting after Thanksgiving break, November 30. Sign up by emailing Ms. Mary.

## Calendar Reminders

- Nov. 16 -- Virtual Independent Work Day
- Nov. 23 -- Teacher Work Day
- Nov. 24-27 - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 7 -- Virtual Independent Work Day

## Staff Spotlight: Ms. Debbie

Though Ms. Debbie has been an honorary Montessorian for years now as a parent and an assistant, this is her first year as a Montessori teacher. On top of leading a class during a pandemic, which would be enough to keep anyone busy, she is doing an impressive job of teaching the Montessori curriculum as she finishes her own Montessori training. The icing on the cake is how she demonstrates her loving nature at every turn to every student. Her daily displays of patience and kindness are inspiring.

Thank you for your hard work and generosity of spirit, Ms. Debbie! We are so grateful you are a part of our community.

## Classroom Happenings

**Virtual elementary** has been working with the globe and land and water forms. Older students have been doing research on holidays and important dates. They enjoyed a presentation about Day of the Dead by Isaac's family.

**Virtual 3-6** have been working on the parts of the plant and with their metal insets. Both virtual classes have been working on learning about peaceful choices and exploring works of art from famous artists.

**In-person 3-6** learned to fold their clothes and started prickle practice. They also learned Christmas tree decorating (with much excitement) and are studying the Solar System.

**In-person 6-9** is learning about biomes, noun phrases, and parts of a root. They did leaf art this week and will be exploring geometric solids soon.

**9-12** learned about the election process during election week. Students finished reading a book of African stories and wrote their own Morality Tales to share with the 6-9 class. They are also practicing measuring angles with a protractor and classifying the types of triangles.

## Social Time and Music Lessons

Email Ms. Mary if your child would like to sign up for Virtual Social Time on the following dates:

**Monday, November 16, 4:00-4:30** **Craft:** Ms. Mary will send a craft idea that everyone can make at home, or just bring supplies to color.

**Zoom Music Classes** with Ms. Erin are on every Tuesday at the following times for all students.

4:00-4:30      Group 1 PreK

4:30-5:00      Group 2

5:00-5:30      Group 3

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## At Home Readiness

If your child is attending in-person classes, please check on your home work space now and get prepared for possible working from home. Though we hope you won't have to work from home due to quarantine, isolation, or lock down, we want to be as ready as possible.

To have a successful at-home school work experience, your child should have:

- a dedicated work space with a desk area and a rug work area
- a quiet space where no TV or other distractions are happening
- internet compatible device with wifi
- Zoom and Seesaw log in information
- working printer with ink refills ready
- printer paper, cardstock, construction paper in various colors, writing paper, drawing paper
- writing pencils, colored pencils, scissors, glue stick, (ruler for older children)

## Quarantine Guidelines

This is a friendly reminder to alert DMS if your child or anyone in your household has been exposed to a confirmed Covid-19 case. Quarantining is required when exposure has been confirmed for 14 days from the date of exposure.

As always, if symptoms develop, please stay home and call your doctor. We are happy for students to work on Seesaw and Zoom when they are quarantined but healthy enough to work. Thank you for your help in keeping us all safe.