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Fall
October 5

Dayton Montessori Society News

"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed."

~ Dr. Montessori

Welcome to Fall! We are enjoying observing the signs of fall on the school campus and out of our windows as the world changes around us. I love today's Montessori quote. It is hard, as adults, not to offer help as soon as we see a child is struggling. But we must resist *doing for* them. We must stand back and allow them to struggle, let them know we are there if they need us, encourage them to try and give them the tiniest bits of help, so that when they achieve success and feel that pride of accomplishment, it is theirs alone.

Contact Us

Send a message through the website at www.DaytonMontessori.org or leave a message at 937-435-4572

October Hours

While school is in session, tours and conferences are by appointment only when students are not in the building. 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!

Reminders

- All in-person students should now have a pair of snow pants and boots at school. It is also a good time to send in a cold weather change of clothes to trade out for the warm weather clothes.
- Students should bring all of the utensils/napkins etc. they require in their lunch every day. They can bring real silverware from home.
- Please help your children to choose layers when dressing and to bring a coat appropriate for the weather. We spend a lot of time outside -- eating, recess, lessons. We never force them to wear a coat if they are hot, but we always want them to be prepared.
- We have an optional Parent meeting on Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 PM.
- **Virtual Schedule Reminder:** Since students are off on Tuesday 11/3, the Virtual class will follow the Tuesday schedule on Wednesday 11/4 so that no one misses their individual lessons. The rest of that week will be normal.
- We will be scheduling individual photos (probably not group photos) sometime this year. Virtual students *will* be invited. In the meantime, please take pictures of your child doing their schoolwork at home throughout the year! We will be asking for those later when we put together a yearbook.

What do I do if my child is sick?

Symptoms to stay home with: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, difficulty breathing, fatigue, body aches, loss of taste or smell.

Use of Medications: Daily allergy medications are fine to take when coming to school. Students should not be given fever-reducing medications, decongestants, cough suppressants, or other symptom inhibitors and then sent to school.

Here are some specific steps to follow if your child has one or more symptoms:

- **If your child has one or more symptom on the list, keep them at home.** If they develop symptoms at school, pick them up as soon as you are called.
- **Call your child's pediatrician** to ask if they would like the child to be seen in the office.
 - **If they do not wish to see your child** in office, keep your child home until symptoms have all been gone without the aid of medication* for 24 hours straight. (Ex. If your child has a fever still at 9AM Monday but not at 10AM, and they have not received medication to lower their temperature, they may return to school at 10AM on Tuesday.)
 - **If they do see your child** in the office but do not test them for anything, send your child back to school when the doctor advises returning, with the doctor's Return to School note.
 - **If they test your child** for something (Covid, strep, etc.), stay home until you get the results. If results are negative, your child may return to school after 24 hours symptom-free and medication*-free. If positive, follow doctor's orders (and handbook procedures) about isolation and medicating. Alert DMS to the diagnosis as soon as possible.
- Students may return to school when they have been cleared by a doctor, or when a doctor has declined to see them **and** they have been free of symptoms without the aid of medication for 24 hours (not including allergy meds).

Classroom Happenings

All of the virtual students are getting the hang of Seesaw and learning in the virtual format. **Virtual 3-6 students** are exploring air, land, and water and what different living and non-living things you would find there. **Virtual elementary students** are learning about how humans evolved and developed language.

All in-person students are working hard on staying socially distant and doing a wonderful job of wearing masks appropriately. **3-6 students** have been enjoying using their cloud viewers each day after lunch. They have also begun air, land, and water studies and enjoy sorting vehicles into those categories.

All elementary students are practicing art techniques inspired by Edward Degas and Marcel Duchamp. **Lower Elementary students** are learning about the evolution of life, starting with the seed of life, the prokaryotes. Some elementary students are making beautiful maps of the continent they are studying. **Upper Elementary students** are studying atoms and elements in physical science and doing comparative readings from various perspectives in American history.

Tips to Cut Down on School-to-Home Germ Transmission

We are doing everything we can at school to stop the spread of Covid as well as other more common diseases. As colder weather approaches, we will be forced inside more often than we are now, and so, the risk will rise. Here are some easy ways you can cut down on germ transmission from school to home and back again as we all do our best to stay in school this year (Though we know you are likely doing most of these already):

- Change clothes as soon as you get home from school.
- Never re-wear clothes without laundering.
- Use a clean mask every day.
- Leave shoes and coats (anything that can't be washed daily) at the door or even in the garage/car.
- Spray or wipe down lunchboxes daily with disinfectant.
- Bathe daily.
- Sanitize hands as soon as you get in the car.

Social Time and Music Lessons

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

Wednesday, October 7, 4:00-4:30 Building Toys: Bring a building toy (Lincoln Logs, K'nex, blocks, etc.) and build as you chat. Be prepared to talk with your friends! Students can always bring a sharing.

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

Seeking Recommendations

There are a few items which have been delayed due to not being a high priority during this time. We do plan to have individual photos for all students taken in a safe, distant way. We also plan on ordering DMS t-shirts etc. this year. However, we have to find new vendors for both.

If you have any recommendations for businesses that might work well with us, please feel free to send Mary your recommendations.