

2020-2021
Spring
April 16

Dayton Montessori Society News

*"The Child who
concentrates is
immensely happy."
~Dr. Maria
Montessori*

Calendar Reminders

- April 16 -- Picture orders are due
- May 10 -- Teacher Work Day -- No school for students
- May 31 -- Memorial Day -- No School
- June 8 -- Interest Fair via Zoom
- June 9 -- Last Day of School -- All in-person students may attend full day. No afternoon daycare.

Contact Us

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

Music Lessons

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

4:00-4:30	Group 1 Pre-K
4:30-5:00	Group 2
5:00-5:30	Group 3

Office 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!

Picture Orders

Please submit your online picture order to **William Floyd Photography** using the
following link by **Friday, April 16**.

[Click here to order photos](#)

2021-2022 Calendar

Attached is the 2021-2022 school year calendar for your planning purposes. All
dates are subject to change.

Classroom Happenings

Virtual classes have been studying the parts and functions of the stems and leaves of plants. Both classes took a virtual field trip to a sugar bush to learn how maple syrup is made. **Elementary students** used our botany knowledge when learning about tree identification and the function of the sap and our physical science knowledge of states of matter, density, and viscosity as we learned how they boil the sap down to maple syrup!

We have continued to study North America. The **3-6 class** enjoyed learning about the lives of two children in Honduras and the Dominican Republic. The elementary students have been learning about Native American nations' history and culture.

In-person 3-6 has been celebrating Earth Day all month by reading books about caring for the Earth and discussing ways we can care for the Earth in our homes. We made a continent booklet to take home and will be making Earth Day crowns next week.

In-person 6-9 is learning about plant reproduction by dissecting different flowers and comparing them. We are observing the changes of a tree in spring. We are naming triangles by their angles and sides. Everyone is enjoying practicing their puzzle maps.

9-12 is enjoying studying the regions and countries of Europe. We are mastering our math facts with flash cards and enjoying seeing individual progress in math works. We are studying parts of quadrilaterals. We are reading aloud the classic [The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe](#). We enjoy drumming and running every week and can tell we are getting better.

Montessori Parent FAQ

What is Montessori?

One of the most frequent and challenging aspects of being a Montessori parent is explaining Montessori education to your adult friends and family. It is an especially ongoing task once your children get into elementary years since there will be the inevitable comparisons and questions at family birthday parties or soccer practices.

Since we live in the era of easily accessible and sharable media, I find it easiest to point friends to relevant websites and videos. Here are a few good websites and videos for you to enjoy, pass along to curious friends, or use to create the bones of your own Montessori elevator speech.

[AMS: 5 Core Components of Montessori Education](#)

[TED Talk: You Might Be a Montessorian](#)

[Video: What is Montessori?](#)

[Living Montessori: The Parent Perspective](#)

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