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Winter
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Dayton Montessori Society News

“Development is a series of rebirths.”

Maria Montessori,
The Absorbent Mind

Happy New Year! We hope that all of you had a fun and healthy winter break. It seems like all of the students came back ready and eager to learn. We always enjoy seeing how much they grow and change over these short breaks. It's amazing how much change can occur in such a small amount of time.

Contact Us

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

Calendar Reminders

- Jan 18 -- Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- No School
- Feb. 1 -- Teacher Work Day
- Feb. 1 -- EdChoice Scholarship Application window opens
- Feb. 2 -- Progress Reports will be sent home.
- Feb. 15 -- DMS Re-Enrollment Survey due

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!

Mask Reminder

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, please remind all of those who drop off and pick up students here at DMS to wear a mask whenever they are out of the car and to get out of the car to receive and deliver students. Our goals in creating our rules is always to maintain the safest environment and be the best examples possible. Even though you may not agree with our policies, by following the rules as we have communicated them, you let us know that you respect us and value our role in your child's life. Thank you.

Staff Vaccines

Dayton Montessori Society is working with a provider to get our staff vaccinated as soon as possible in February. We view this as one more way we can reach our goals of maintaining a healthy school community and getting back to a normal classroom experience. We are so grateful to be included in group 1b in Ohio.

Staff Spotlight: Ms. Kelly

Ms. Kelly has been with us since her college days as a part-time daycare assistant back at Montessori Children's Center. She has loyally and enthusiastically served our Montessori community in about every possible way, including being an active parent member of the PTO. Having studied and received her Montessori certification while teaching and parenting, she has been our lower elementary teacher for the last few years, working collaboratively with both Ms. Beverley and Ms. Mary as we adjust to each year's needs. We appreciate Ms. Kelly's flexibility and willingness to always be there for whatever the school needs. She is a true believer in the Montessori method.

Classroom Happenings

Virtual elementary has been doing experiments about the states of matter and how roots grow.

Virtual 3-6 has been enjoying exploring the geometric solids and practicing their listening skills. **Both virtual classes** have been learning about the Circles of Self Awareness with a focus of finding peace in our bodies.

In-person 3-6 are enjoying learning about the flags of the world. When they choose a flag to study, Ms. Debbie reads a book about that country with them. They are also enjoying sewing shapes from the classroom.

In-person 6-9 have been reading poetry aloud and practicing meter. We are taking a deeper dive into the circles of self to study parts of our body. We are exploring even more land and water forms! Students are enjoying learning to weave with yarn on small looms.

9-12 have been writing essays and practicing other research skills. They are enjoying longer, more in-depth works in the cultural subjects

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, Jan. 25, 4:00-4:30

Drawing

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 4:00-4:30

Building Toys

Zoom Music Classes with Ms. Erin are on every Tuesday at the following times for all students. Even if your child has not previously attended, they can pop in when they are available.

4:00-4:30 Group 1 Pre-K

4:30-5:00 Group 2

5:00-5:30 Group 3

Covid Guidance and Guidelines

As more data becomes available to scientists and state leaders, the guidance offered to school leadership has been refined. New guidance has been issued regarding quarantine times for *in-school exposures* to Covid-19. We will keep current on the recommendations as they are adjusted, but at this time, our procedures are working. We appreciate all of the in-person families taking such care and being so proactive about maintaining our community health.

As always, we are experiencing a rise in the normal colds etc. in our student population. Be aware that, even though we are so focused on Covid, all of those normal illnesses are out and about. Thank you for checking in with your pediatrician, keeping students home whenever they have symptoms, and communicating their symptoms to us when they are absent.