

2021-2022
Summer
July 15

Dayton Montessori Society News

"When a child is given a little leeway, [they] will at once shout, 'I want to do it!' But in our schools, which have an environment adapted to children's needs, they say, 'Help me to do it alone.'"—

*Dr. Maria Montessori
The Secret of Childhood*

Contact Us

Email
Mary@DaytonMontessori.org
or leave a message at
937-435-4572.

Office Hours

July 19, 9-12
July 26, 9-12

Tours by appointment.

Masks are required for all unvaccinated visitors inside the building and encouraged for all others.

Happy Summer Break!

Hello! We are halfway through the summer break, and I hope you are all having a wonderful time relaxing and having adventures with your families. We are looking forward to getting back to some normal times with all of our wonderful students this coming fall. We are all especially excited to welcome our virtual and homeschooled friends back to the building. We missed you! And welcome to our new families! We hope to have some family events this year so we can meet and get to know you.

Calendar Reminders

- July 15 -- Smart Tuition registration due for payment plan users
- August 20 -- Paperwork Due
- August 23 -- Orientation Day for new students (by appointment)
- August 24 -- First Day of School for all 5 and older
- August 30 -- First Day for 4 year-olds
- September 6 -- Labor Day - No School
- September 7 -- First Day for 3 year-olds

Attachments

- Calendar 2021-2022
- Smart Tuition Enrollment Instructions
- Child Medical Statement

Contact Us

To drop off paperwork or payments, use the locked Drop Box in the breezeway or ring the bell during office hours posted on the website www.DaytonMontessori.org starting July 19 and 26, 9:00-12:00.

To contact an administrator, call the office and leave a message or email Ms. Mary.

To contact your child's teacher, send an email to the appropriate address below.

We have new email addresses: Please change our email addresses in your contacts if necessary.

Mary van Loveren (Ms. Mary)	Head of School Upper Elementary Teacher President of the Board	Mary@DaytonMontessori.org
Beverley Griffith-Precoda (Ms. Beverley)	Assistant Administrator Lower Elementary Teacher	Beverley@DaytonMontessori.org
Kelly Johnston (Ms. Kelly)	Lower Elementary Teacher	Kelly@DaytonMontessori.org
Debbie Tarr (Ms. Debbie)	3-6 Teacher	Debbie@DaytonMontessori.org

Child Medical Statements

If your child is enrolled in the 3-6 class or is entering their first year of Lower Elementary, you will need to submit a new Child Medical Statement. These forms must be updated every 12 months and be attached to up-to-date vaccination records. I have attached the form for your convenience. Please take this form to your pediatrician at your well-visit or submit it to them with plenty of time to turn it in by the paperwork due date. Note: Any other form your doctor might use is fine as long as it includes the child's identifying information, the date of last examination, the doctor's signature, and the vaccination record.

Parent Handbook and Student Forms Coming Soon

The 2021-2022 Parent Handbook with updated Covid policies **will be released in the first week of August**. As usual, we will be referring to the guidance offered by the CDC, Montgomery County Public Health, and ODE. Thank you for your continued patience, trust, and collaboration.

You will also receive the student forms required for all enrolled students by August. Please complete and return a copy of these forms for each enrolled student by Friday, August 20. If you lose your forms and need copies, please contact the office.

Montessori Parent Education

For our newest families or for anyone wanting a quick refresher, AMS, the American Montessori Society, offers this article [What Is Montessori?](#). There are many other reliable resources and reading suggestions also in the family section of their website.

Check out this brief article by Montessorian Matt Bronsil which explains why Practical Life activities are the foundation of the Montessori classroom, ["Polishing the Penny"](#). Though the penny polishing work is a 3-6 work, there are plenty of Practical Life works in the elementary classes that fill the same need.

And for our parents of incoming 3 year-old students, here is a short article on ["Toileting for Toddlers."](#)

Now Hiring

Dayton Montessori Society is hiring for daycare assistants and substitute teachers. If you know anyone who is interested in part-time work and meets the qualifications, please ask them to submit a letter of interest or contact Ms. Mary for an application. The qualifications are below:

- 18 years of age with high school degree or equivalent
- available during daycare hours (7:30-9:00 AM and 3:00-5:00 PM) and school hours for subbing (8-3:30); hours vary, 10-20 hours per week
- must submit FBI/BCII background check, Medical Statement, and proof of Covid-19 vaccine upon hiring
- must have or complete ODJFS required trainings within the first year of employment
- Applicant should display these qualities: attention to detail, ability to multi-task, effective communication, peaceful demeanor, enjoyment of children, willingness to learn.