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Fall
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Dayton Montessori Society News

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."

~ *Dr. Maria Montessori*

Contact Us

Email
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or leave a message at
937-435-4572.

Office Hours

Tours by appointment.

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

Happy Holiday Season!

Here we are, entering the holiday season. We hope you all have found safe and fun ways to spend Halloween with your kids. We will not be celebrating with costumes or candy at school, but, as always, we will be appreciating the seasonal change, and I'm sure the students will enjoy telling their stories to their friends.

Please note that all conferences next week are via Zoom. Your child's teacher will send you the correct link and a conference time reminder. Thank you.

Calendar Reminders

- November 1 & 2 -- No School - Teacher Work/Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 2, 3-4 PM -- Open House for prospective parents
- November 22-26 -- Thanksgiving Break

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The current calendar, Parent Handbook, and other documents are posted on the DaytonMontessori.org website. You can always look at the website for current information and also closures and delays when weather gets bad.

Daycare

If you are planning to use daycare drop-in hours in the morning or afternoon, please let us know as soon as you can, at least by the night before. This helps us to keep staff numbers appropriate. Daycare hours at 7:30-8:30 AM and 3:30-5:00 PM. Watch for daycare billing to be sent via email from Ms. Beverley in the first few days of each month. Drop-in fees are due by the 15th every month.

Winter Weather

Extra Clothes -- If you haven't already, it is time to change out your child's change of clothes for winter wear. Please send in a couple changes of weather-appropriate pants and shirts and we'll send the summer gear home.

Boots -- It is time to start sending in snow boots instead of rain boots. You can also ask your child if their snow pants still fit them.

Daily Dressing -- Starting now, please send a coat with your child every day. We go outside daily and need to have layering options for the students. If it is too warm, we do not force them to wear their coats. Students should also be dressing in layers to accommodate changing temperatures throughout the day and open windows in the classroom (for ventilation).

Delays & Closures -- In the event that the weather is bad, please watch the local news for Huber Heights City Schools delays and closures. We will follow them in matters of road and weather-related closures. We will always send an email to the mailing list and post on the website as well, time permitting.

Symptom Assessment Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that our current policy at DMS is that no student or staff member may attend in-person with any symptoms (see list below). Please assess your child daily for any symptoms. If your child has symptoms, please call and let us know they will be absent for the day (or longer). They may be asked by their teacher to work on Seesaw or attend Zoom lessons if they are feeling up to it.

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).

We appreciate your patience and participation in following these guidelines that are in line with the CDC's recommendations and designed to keep our community as healthy as possible.

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.

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Classroom Happenings

Upper Elementary: The Upper Elementary is enjoying time spent studying geography through our pin maps, learning about Early Humans, and creating reports through independent research. There is always a healthy mix of group and independent work happening in the classroom. It's a busy and happy group. We have also had the opportunity to experience and resolve conflict successfully this month, which is necessary practice for the future.

Lower Elementary: LE students have been exploring the domains of the tree of life, the properties of the states of matter, concepts of time, and biomes. We have been learning how to make peaceful choices and practicing having peace conferences to solve conflicts. Students should dress in layers to accommodate the changing weather and cooler fresh air in the classroom.

3-6 students: We have been studying the different types of vertebrates and learning what is special about each type. This week we made handprint cats as a craft. We are still working on encouraging the students to have complete independence in the bathroom and when getting dress to go outside.

Volunteering

Although we are still limiting adults in the building and interactions between non-teaching staff and students due to Covid procedures, we still want to offer you a way to express your volunteerism at DMS. If you are interested in any of the following tasks, please email Mary@DaytonMontessori.org with the tasks you are interested in and other relevant information, and I will set you up with the proper person. Thank you!

- PTO leadership
- PTO participant
- Laundry
- At-home office help (cutting, laminating, etc.)
- Marker and Ink cartridge Recycling coordinator
- Kroger and Amazon coordinator
- Community dinner coordinator