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Dayton Montessori Society News

There is a great sense of community within the Montessori classroom, where children of different ages work together in an atmosphere of cooperation rather than competitiveness. There is respect for the environment and for the individuals within it, which comes through experience of freedom within the community.

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Office Hours

Tours by appointment.

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

Happy First Day of Autumn!

Hello! This is the 5th week of school for the 5-12-year-olds. We have had a great first month of school, getting to know our new friends, getting back to in person classes for everyone and learning new materials. I'd like to take this moment to say **Thank You** to all of our wonderful community -- parents, students, caregivers, teachers -- for being so committed to keeping our kids in school this year by following the rules, wearing masks more often than is required, staying home until all symptoms are gone, getting your vaccinations and making continued social sacrifices to add layers of protection. We are having a fantastic year so far and want to keep it going. Thank you so much!

Calendar Reminders

- October 1 -- Teacher Work Day - No School
- October 11 -- Indigenous Peoples Day - No School
- October 13 -- Picture Day
- October 20 -- Makeup Picture Day
- November 1 & 2 -- Teacher Work Day/ Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 22-26 -- Thanksgiving Break

Contact Us and Information

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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.

Picture Day Info

Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13. Photos will be taken outside. If the weather is not conducive, or if your child is absent, the photographer will return on the make-up day, Wednesday, October 20.

If your child will be wearing clothes for the photo that are not appropriate for the rest of the day, please send them to school in the picture outfit and they can change into their regular clothes after the pictures are complete. We always start with the youngest and families.

The photos will be posted on a webpage exclusive to our school. You will be able to purchase photos directly from the website. More information will follow closer to the date.

Classroom Happenings

Upper Elementary: The Upper Elementary has adapted well to our temporary classroom and we are enjoying our separation and also our combined times with lower elementary. The students are very independent, helpful, and mature as a whole and seem to truly value their own educations. We are currently studying creation of the cosmos and earth, human needs and beginnings, the Skeletal system, and everyone is doing good work in their own language and math areas. We are writing stories, practicing paragraphs, and using graphic organizers. The students are enjoying Spanish with Ms. Beverley and love having their own Spanish-speaking classmate to help with their pronunciation!

Lower Elementary: The lower elementary class has been immersed in the cosmic curriculum, learning and imagining what the beginnings of the universe, our planet, life, humans, communication and numbers were like. As we spark our curiosity with these big questions we delve into the details as we begin our in-depth study in each subject area. Our class has been getting into the rhythm and routine of the lower elementary work cycle. The younger students have been working on learning how to plan their day and work at the elementary level while older students have been working on managing longer term due dates. We are all happy to be back physically together!

3-6 students: We are learning to respect nature, to observe it and not get in its way. We are collecting many pieces of nature for our nature tray. The students are very much enjoying practical life works, including water

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pouring works. We have been so impressed with how nicely the students are playing together, and how much they all enjoy playing with each other. We are also spending a lot of time discussing living vs. non-living.

Montessori Parent Education

For our 3-6 parents, as well as those of you who have younger children, here is a useful article on independence in the bathroom. Though all of the students are "potty trained" when they come to school, many of them still have habits that need adjusting as they move from being one of one or two children in the home to being one of many children at school. Even for those who are seemingly independent, a quick taking-stock is always useful.

[How to Help Toddlers be More Independent on the Toilet](#)

For our elementary parents, and everyone, here's an article about fostering independence in general, including a great beginning list of age-appropriate chores. Our students love caring for their environment at school and would be just as happy to help out around the home if presented with appropriate tasks, instructions, and tools.

[Independence and the Montessori Child](#)

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