

2021-2022
Spring
March 21

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

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937-435-4572.

Office Hours

Tours by appointment.

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

Welcome to Spring!

Happy spring to all of you! We are enjoying the reemergence of warm air, plant and animal life at DMS. As the weather gets nicer and the students shift into spring/summer mode, we continue to follow the child and teach both using the predetermined curriculum *and* following what the students are most interested in. It is wonderful seeing them blossom and take ownership of their classrooms and their educations at this time of year. The students feel such pride in their work and in helping each other every day in many ways. The normalized classroom offers us all the opportunity to focus on the details of a topic, the depth of our group studies, and the passions of each child.

Calendar Reminders

- March 22 -- Bookmobile
- March 24 -- Teacher Work Day - No class for students
- March 25 -- Parent/Teacher Conferences - No class for students
- March 28 - April 1 -- Spring Break
- April 12 -- Bookmobile

Administration Notes

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held via Zoom on Friday, March 25. You have received emails from your child's teacher for scheduling. If you need to reschedule or can't make it, please email as soon as possible to let us know.

We are now accepting applications for new students for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have not re-enrolled and submitted your deposit, we will continue to accept student enrollment until classes are full.

Spring is Here!

Attendance -- If your child will be absent, tardy, or leaving early for any reason, please call the school number 937-435-4572 and leave a brief message with times and reasons. If they will be absent for a trip, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can plan ahead. Thank you.

Sunblock -- If you would like your child to have sunblock or bug spray at school, please send a note that gives us permission to apply the product to your child for the year and label the bottle with their name in Sharpie. We need a separate bottle per classroom so that they can stay in our respective playground bags.

**We prefer spray sunblock so that we do not have to use our hands to apply sunblock to children and risk cross contamination from child to child. Thank you for understanding.

Water Bottles -- Please help your child to remember their water bottle every day. Especially as the weather warms up, they get hot and thirsty while playing and using paper cups is very inconvenient and hard to manage when we are outside.

Dressing in Layers -- With the warmer weather students are starting to wear their summer clothes. Please help your child to dress in many layers in order to accommodate the chilly mornings and the hotter afternoons as the temperature varies so much this time of year. We spend a lot of time outside throughout the day. Also, if your child has a change of clothes at school, please make sure to exchange those for seasonally appropriate options. All students may keep a change of clothes at school just in case.

Symptoms and Masking

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). Please provide documentation for our records of doctor's visits and assessments.

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.

Masking -- We will continue with our current policy of masking inside until the end of this school year. Students may choose to take off their masks outside if they are maintaining a safe distance from friends. Parents can talk to their own children about whether they will take off masks outside.

Classroom Happenings

Upper Elementary: Upper Elementary has been enjoying our Interest Fair research. We have also been enjoying new grammar works, which always provide for fun word play and creative writing activities. The most recent system of the human body we are studying is the Nervous system. Students in UE have also been displaying their leadership skills by teaching each other, helping out in the classrooms, and practicing conflict resolution on the playground. We have read several books recently that have been made into movies. Consider [City of Ember](#) or [Hugo](#) for your next movie night!

Lower Elementary: Lower elementary have been very busy and joyful learners. We are studying the phylum Arthropoda. We are taking advantage of the warm weather to learn to observe living things and record our observations using a variety of techniques. We are finishing our study of Europe. Students are really enjoying finding real volcanoes on the globe. They are identifying the different parts and types of volcanoes.

3-6 students: We have been learning a lot about the human body and they are all very enthusiastic learners, wanting to know so much about the human form. We have been playing outside as much as possible every day as the weather gets warmer. For read aloud, we just finished reading all of the books in the Mercy Watson series. They are such beloved stories to our group. Ask your child what Mercy Watson loves to eat!