

2022-2023  
Winter  
February 6

# Dayton Montessori Society News

*"The child who has felt a strong love for his surroundings and for all living creatures, who has discovered joy and enthusiasm in work, gives us reason to hope that humanity can develop in a new direction."*

~ Dr. Maria  
Montessori

## Contact Us

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## Office Hours

Tours by appointment.

## Looking Forward

We hope you are all staying warm and cozy through this chilly time. As you know, we go outside for recess whenever possible, even in the snow or light rain. Allowing the students daily access to fresh air, exercise, nature, and large spaces for large movements is a necessity for all ages. For this reason, we hope the students come to school prepared for the weather every day. We stay inside when the "feels like" temperature gets down to 20°. We look forward to leaving these cold weeks behind us.

It is enrollment season for the 2023-24 school year. We will be releasing the next year's calendar and tuition schedule along with re-enrollment forms by February 15. Current students and their siblings have priority until March 15, when we open enrollment to new families.

## Calendar Reminders

- February 14 -- Valentine's Day and Bookmobile visit
- February 15 -- Reenrollment forms will be sent home for current families
- February 17 -- Teacher Work Day -- No School
- February 20 -- President's Day -- No School
- March 15 -- Enrollment opens to new families
- March 23 -- Teacher Work Day -- No School
- March 24 -- Parent/Teacher Conferences -- No School
- March 27 through March 31 -- Spring Break

## Winter Preparedness

### Delays and Cancellations:

For purposes of weather-related delays or cancellations, Dayton Montessori Society follows Huber Heights Local Schools. You can subscribe to text alerts through local news stations to receive alerts for Huber Heights. We also send emails and post on our website when we delay or cancel.

### Winter Gear:

Students must have winter coats, water-proof gloves, hat, and snow boots at school every day throughout the winter. Layers are advised for changing weather conditions throughout the day.

## Drivers, Absences, Late Arrivals, and Pick-ups

If your child is going to be picked up by an alternate person, go home with a friend, be in daycare unexpectedly, or be picked up early, please call the school, send a written note, or send an email in the morning or as soon as possible. It is very helpful to have this information at the start of the day. Messages left or emails sent at the end of the school day are not always seen by pick up time.

## Classroom Updates

The 3-6 class has enjoyed the many language works that are happening currently. The students have been making snow flakes to decorate the classroom and working busily in the practical life area. On February 2, we talked about Groundhog day and watched Punxsutawney Phil peek his head out to "predict" the end of winter.

Lower Elementary has been busy beginning some large projects. Our older students have chosen their topic for interest fair and are busy gathering their research. Our younger students are beginning a creative writing project. We have been discussing kindness and working on our peace conference skills. In biology we've been studying the root system of plants, and we have started to study the solar system and gravity in physical science. We are finishing our study of Asia in the next few weeks.

Upper Elementary is starting the research phase of our Interest Fair projects with note-taking. We are enjoying our new reading group books and also reading all of the books we checked out from the library and bookmobile last week. We look forward to gymnastics each week and can't wait for the warmer weather so we can get outside more consistently.

## Valentine's Day

Students in all classes may choose to bring in Valentine's day cards to distribute to their classrooms. They do not need to label the cards with their friend's names, but they should sign them with their own name at home. Please do not send any candy or other edible treats.

The 3-6 class has 16 students.

The Lower Elementary has 15 students.

The Upper Elementary has 12 students.