

2022-2023  
Winter  
January 2

# Dayton Montessori Society News

*“As we observe children, we see the vitality of their spirit, the maximum effort put forth in all they do, the intuition, attention and focus they bring to all life’s events, and the sheer joy they experience in living.”*

~ Dr. Maria  
Montessori

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## Office Hours

Tours by appointment.

## Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a safe, healthy, and fun break with your family and friends. We are looking forward to getting back to work with all of the students tomorrow!

Enclosed are some calendar reminders, information about winter preparedness, and Open House information. Please contact Ms. Mary via email or phone message with questions regarding school-wide procedures or your child's teacher regarding classroom questions.

## Calendar Reminders

- January 2 -- Back to School
- January 16 -- Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- No School
- January 17 -- Teacher Work Day -- No School
- January 19 -- Parent Open House A-J 3:30-5:00
- January 20 -- Parent Open House K-Z 3:30-5:00
- January 23 -- Progress Reports
- February 17 -- Teacher Work Day -- No School
- February 20 -- President's Day -- No School

## 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 any local news station to receive alerts for Huber Heights. We also send emails and post on our website when we delay or cancel.

1 hour delay = no morning daycare, no AM only 3-6 students, arrival for full day students is 9:30-9:45.

2 hour delay = no morning daycare, no AM only 3-6 students, arrival for full day students is 10:30-10:45.

Early Dismissal = no afternoon daycare, no PM only 3-6 students, dismissal for full day students is 1:15-1:30.

Closed = no daycare or classes

### Winter Gear:

Please send back your child's snow pants, winter boots, hats, and water-proof gloves tomorrow. This is a friendly reminder that if your child still has rain boots at school, it is time to exchange those for snow boots. If your child only has knit gloves, it is time to exchange those for water-proof gloves/mittens.

This is a very important reminder: all students should be coming to school in coats from now until spring. We regularly spend a lot of time outside, including first thing in the morning track time, and layers are important. If the weather changes throughout the day and it gets warmer, we will not insist that the students wear their heavy coats. But it is imperative for them to be prepared for the lowest possible temperatures of the day. If one child in the class is unprepared for the weather, the whole class may miss out on valuable fresh air and exercise. If your child has extra changes of clothes at school, please check that they are seasonally appropriate and still fit.

## Parent Open House

You are invited to attend an Open House at DMS to observe your child working in their classroom. Each child will choose a couple of their favorite works to demonstrate to you, or older students can show you their portfolios. A teacher will be in the classroom to facilitate work with students but is not available for conferencing during this time. This time is for you and your child. You don't need to stay the whole time. You can move between classrooms if you have multiple children. We will end promptly at 5:00.

For this first Open House since the pandemic, we request that only immediate family attend. You can Facetime or record video for grandparents or others to observe. All visitors to the school must mask for the Open House. We have divided the student body by last name to limit the number of people in the building at once. If you cannot make your assigned date but would like to observe, please contact Ms. Mary to make different arrangements.

Thursday, January 19, 3:30-5:00, students with last names A-J

Friday, January 20, 3:30-5:00, students with last names K-Z

## Masking in the New Year

We will be requiring masks inside for the first 3 weeks of the new year. After January 20, we will reevaluate using the Montgomery County community levels and our DMS community's health status as our guides. We thank you all again for keeping us as safe and healthy as possible. We are truly lucky to have such a generous and patient school community.