

2022-2023
Winter
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Dayton Montessori Society News

“The greatest sign of success for a teacher... is to be able to say, “The children are now working as if I did not exist.”

*~ Dr. Maria
Montessori*

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Office Hours

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Signs of Spring

We are thrilled to be seeing signs of spring here at DMS, from the emergence of new plants to growth spurts in our students. We all get a bit antsy for more time out in nature and less time cooped up in the building in March. Spring break comes at just the right time so we can return refreshed and ready to head out into the sun for our exciting last 2 months of the school year.

We are thrilled to see so many students re-enrolled for the 2023-24 school year. Though it is sad to see some of you move on to the next phase of your journey, we hope you'll keep in touch with us through social media and by sending us letters, postcards, and pictures letting us know what your family is up to in the future. The students love getting letters in the classroom from former classmates and will write back if given the opportunity.

And thank you to those who have recommended us to friends and coworkers. We are filling up all three classes and have a waiting list for some ages. This gives us opportunities to expand our community and grow our student body and we are excited to see what next year will bring.

Calendar Reminders

- March 23 -- Conferences/Teacher Work Day
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- March 27-31 -- Spring Break
- April 17 -- Teacher Work Day
- May 6 -- DMS Student Music Performance

Music Performance Save-the-Date

Hello DMS Parents!

This is Erin Ferdelman, the music teacher, inviting you all to a student music performance on Saturday, May 6th at 3:00 on the school lawn. It should last around 45 minutes in length. The students have been working hard on singing in rounds, learning sea shanty pieces, creating rhythms with their bodies and with instruments, and learning how to sing melody and harmony together. We have so much to show you and hope you all can make it!

Please RSVP to **Erin.Ferdelman@gmail.com** to let me know who will be there and who cannot. Each piece has several different parts that work together and it's very important to know in advance if I have to switch something around. I strongly encourage you to make this a priority as much as possible though. The students have been practicing together all year and are so proud of their work.

You will need to bring your own lawn chairs or picnic blankets, and parking is limited so try to take as few vehicles as possible. You may park in the lot of Theil and Theil or in the grass at DMS along the driveway.

Thank you!

Ms. Erin

Preparedness and Getting Dressed

Keep in mind that the temperature and precipitation can change drastically from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM and we at DMS go outside at least a couple of times per day. To that end, please guide your child in dressing in layers and being prepared for the worst weather of the day. Layers are so useful so they can both be ready for cold and hot temperatures, AND have an extra outer layer when playing on the natural playground without always having to wear their winter coats. Hoodies, t-shirts under long sleeved shirts, and rain coats on rainy days are so useful.

If your child brings home their snow pants etc. over spring break, please wash them and send them back when we return to school. If your child has a change of clothes at school, check in about sizes and weather appropriateness of the clothes. And when we come back from Spring Break, you can choose to send in rain boots to exchange for snow boots.

Classroom Updates

The 3-6 class has so many readers, and so many folks enthusiastic about it. We are reading the Mercy Watson books during read aloud, and everyone is enjoying them so much. If you hear your child ask for toast with a great deal of butter, you can blame Mercy Watson. Today we learned braiding, and it was very well received. Our older students have been excited to learn about the decimal system using the Golden Bead Bank. They love getting all of the beautiful golden beads out on their rugs.

Lower Elementary has been learning about positive and negative mind, and ways to calm their bodies such as deep breathing and muscle relaxation. They have started science journals to record observations for botany. They are enjoying expanding and refining their skills at gymnastics.

Upper Elementary has been researching weather and the climatic zones of the world. We are enjoying our interest fair topics and gearing up for essay writing. Some students have really been focused this year on cultivating beautiful cursive handwriting and mastering spelling and their efforts are paying off. As spring arrives, we are doing observations of the plants around us, noting venation patterns and other characteristics of the leaves specifically. We love having plants in our classroom to observe throughout the year.

2023-24 Calendar

The calendar for the 2023-24 School Year is attached to this newsletter for your planning purposes. Dates are subject to change.