

2023-2024
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Dayton Montessori Society News

*"The child who
concentrates is
immensely happy."*

~ Dr. Maria
*Montessori, The
Absorbent Mind*

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937-435-4572.

Office Hours

Tours by appointment.

Welcome!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Dayton Montessori Society! We are so happy to see our students and staff returning energized by the summer break and ready to get right back to work. And we are excited to meet and get to know the new families in our community. I hope you will all have the chance to meet each other at a social event soon. We have such lovely families in our school community.

We've started the year off with a burst of energy, productivity and creativity. The students are on their way to normalized classrooms and diving into their studies. All classes are focusing on learning (remembering) procedures, reviewing concepts, and continuing in their curricula from where we left off. Please make sure one or all parents/guardians of your student/s attend the parent meeting to hear about specific studies of each age group and ask questions.

Happy Birthday to Maria Montessori (August 31, 1870)! Dr. Montessori is an amazing role model for our children for how with focused work, determination, kindness, and knowledge, you can change the world. If you don't know much about Dr. Montessori and her impressive accomplishments, read this article and others available on the AMS website: [Who Was Maria Montessori?](#)

The majority of this newsletter is devoted to tips on how to help us help you/your child. We know many of you are having your first school experience with us, about which we couldn't be more pleased. Here are some helpful tips to make your child's day (and their teacher's day) easier. We thank you for your patience and encourage you to ask questions when you have them.

Calendar Reminders

- September 4 -- Labor Day -- No School
- September 5 -- First Day for 3 year olds
- September 11 -- Parent Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 PM
- October 2 -- Teacher Work Day -- No School
- Save the Date: Parent Workshops about Montessori Topics are scheduled for November 15, February 11, and April 16. More information will be shared closer to those dates.

Boots and Snow Pants Needed

If your child has not brought in both boots and snow pants, they need them ASAP. Even though it is still warm weather, when it rains, the playground gets muddy and the grass gets wet. We use our boots to play freely at recess and keep the classroom free of mud when we come inside. We use the snow pants to sit on at lunchtime if it is nice to eat outside but the grass is a little damp. If your child doesn't have these two essential items, they are unable to participate fully in the school day and they may be prohibiting the rest of their class from going outside. Rain boots are fine for now and can be traded for snow boots later.

Lunches

As stated in the handbook, students may not bring desserts to school to eat. If your child has a dessert in their lunchbox, they are asked to leave it there for after school.

Lunches should include a protein, carbohydrate, and fruit or veggie. Please make sure your child has sufficient protein especially in their lunch in order to make it through the day. It may take a while for you and them to get used to what they need to eat to have a successful school day. Packing a little too much is always a good idea. We will send home what they don't eat so you know.

Daycare Bills

If you use before and aftercare (aka daycare) and have not paid for "Regular" usage, you will receive a bill for your daycare use at the end of each month. Please send your payment (cash or check) to school with your child in an envelope marked with your child's name and "daycare" by the due date. Thank you.

Dismissal

Next week we will have all of our students in attendance once the 3 year olds begin. To expediate the dismissal carline in the driveway, please follow these guidelines to help us to help you get on your way quickly and safely.

- When it is your turn, pull forward as far as you can in the circle area of the driveway so that 2 or more cars can be accessed at a time.
- Encourage your child to sit down and buckle up quickly before they begin telling you about their day or playing with a toy in the car.
- Be aware of other children and adults walking and drive safely and slowly in the driveway.
- If you need to talk to your child's teacher about a particular subject, we'd be happy to set up a time to meet with you after dismissal. Sending an email to schedule is best.

Contacting your child's teacher

If you are reporting your child late, absent, or need to pick them up early, please call the school phone 937-435-4572 and leave a message including child's name, class, reason, and symptoms/diagnosis if they are sick so we can watch for the same symptoms in their classmates. Please add our number to your phone contacts so you recognize the number if we call you about your child.

Regarding an administrative, financial, or other school level issue, please call the school and leave a message or email Ms. Mary directly. Mary@DaytonMontessori.org

Regarding a classroom question, email your child's classroom teacher.

3-6 Teacher	Ms. Debbie	Debbie@DaytonMontessori.org	
6-9 Teachers	Ms. Kelly	Kelly@DaytonMontessori.org	(Please CC both teachers for lower elementary issues.)
	Ms. Beverley	Beverley@DaytonMontessori.org	
9-12 Teacher	Ms. Mary	Mary@DaytonMontessori.org	