

2022-2023  
Summer  
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# 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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## Office Hours

Tours by appointment.

## Welcome to School (almost)!

Happy Summer and Welcome to the 2022-23 school year at DMS! We are gearing up for another great school year together. We hope you all have had a wonderful summer playing, resting, visiting, and staying healthy and safe. We can't wait to meet our new students and families and see how our returning students have grown over the last couple of months. Have fun these last few weeks!

## Calendar Reminders

- August 19 -- Paperwork is due (see the list below of required forms).
- August 22 -- Orientation day for new students
- August 23 -- 1st Day of Class for students aged 5 and older
- August 29 -- First Day of Class for 4 year olds
- August 31 -- Happy Birthday to Dr. Montessori!
- Sept 6 -- First Day of Class for 3 year olds

## Montessori 101: What is Montessori?

The Montessori method was created by Dr. Maria Montessori, a brilliant Italian educator, physician, and scientist, who combined her knowledge of human biology, developmental psychology, and scientific pedagogy to create the method of education we follow today. She opened her first classroom in 1907 in San Lorenzo, Italy, and since then, her methods have since spread around the world.

The Montessori Method is the application of Dr. Montessori's philosophy to educate children in a purposefully designed and structured setting.

The basic tenants of Montessori philosophy inform all of the choices we make as guides to our students. Some basic principles we take pride in following are:

- Development of the whole child beyond typical academic subjects
- Multi-aged learning environments designed to stimulate learning and provide for peer collaboration
- Hands-on learning using the Montessori materials that teach concrete skills before abstraction
- Individualized education which follows the child's needs, interests, and potential
- Respect, beauty, and care poured into all that we do

You can read more about the Montessori method, how it was developed, and how it is applied on our website <https://www.daytonmontessori.org/what-is-montessori> and on the American Montessori Society's website <https://amshq.org/About-Montessori/What-Is-Montessori>.

## Parent Handbook, Orientation, Meeting

The updated Parent Handbook will be available on the website by the end of Monday, August 15. This will include our current Covid policies. We appreciate your patience as we work to align our policies with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Public Health of Dayton and Montgomery County and the needs of our own community. In the meantime, the majority of our policies will remain unchanged. You can find the current handbook on our website at [www.daytonmontessori.org/handbook](http://www.daytonmontessori.org/handbook).

All students new to our school and first year lower elementary students will be contacted by their new teacher to attend a brief classroom orientation.

The Parent Meeting for the beginning of the school year is on Monday, September 12, 7:00-8:00 PM via Zoom. Please plan for at least one parent for each child to attend out of earshot of children.

## Paperwork

By now you have received the packet of paperwork to submit for each child. Here is a list of the items needed for each student in order for their student files to be complete.

1. Student Contact Information including all sections filled out completely.
2. Release Authorization
3. Emergency Medical Authorization
4. Child's Medical Statement signed by the pediatrician (*Only needed for new students and those in the 3-6 class*)
5. Vaccination record accompanying #4 (must be up-to-date for enrollment)
6. Copy of your child's Covid vaccine card, if they are vaccinated (*provide new copy if they have been boosted since last year*)
7. Copy of birth certificate (*Only needed for new students*)

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Dayton Montessori Society provides equal educational and employment opportunities for students and staff, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

You can turn in paperwork anytime at school or mail it in. If no one is in the office to receive you, there is a new dropbox/mailslot in the kitchen entrance door to the right of the main entrance (thank you, Mr. Mark!). Paperwork and payments can be dropped there any time of day.

## Preparing for School

There will be a longer and more detailed welcome letter sent out Monday with the Parent Handbook. For now, here are some things to think about as you prepare your children for the first day of school. This is mostly for the new students to our community

- **Masks** -- Masks will be a part of our protocols, whether they are worn every day or not. If your child isn't used to wearing masks properly, please practice with them and find masks that fit them well and that they can take on and off themselves. They will need a few extras to keep in their lockers.
- **Bathroom Independence** -- All students must be independent in the bathroom. We do not have a license to "diaper," which includes any wiping or hands-on bathroom assistance. Practice necessary skills with your child like getting on and off the toilet, managing their clothes, wiping, washing hands well. Determine which clothes are easiest for them to deal with on their own.
- **Supplies** -- DMS uses the materials fee to purchase all school supplies students will use at school. All you need to provide is a lunchbox, water bottle, snow pants (bib style preferred), rain boots (snow boots later), and extra masks and changes of clothes for their locker.
- **Wish List** -- If you are eager to buy school supplies or contribute to the school's materials, please see the Wish List posted on the website for items we are happy to receive as donations. Thank you for your generosity!