
The Montessorian

December 14, 2012

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Calendar

- Dec. 17 Snack Week for Alexandra Allmon, Chloe Carvell and Syam Wattoo
- Dec. 17 Middle School Trip to Target
- Dec. 18 Scott and Deb's Class Field Trip to Purity
- Dec. 20 Festival of Light
- Dec. 21- Jan 1 **NO SCHOOL - Winter Break**
- Jan. 2 School in Session
- Jan. 3 Ski Club
- Jan. 10 Ski Club
- Jan. 13 Boynton Band Festival Rehearsal
Ithaca High School Performing Arts Center
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (returning Junior Band)
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (returning Concert Band)
- Jan. 15 Extended Day Transition Meeting 6:30 p.m. – 7:30p.m.
- Jan. 16 Upper Level Parent Meeting for Research Project in Annex 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Jan. 17 Boynton Band Festival 7 p.m. IHS Performing Arts Center
- Jan. 21 **NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
Staff Curriculum Day
- Jan. 22 Middle School Transition Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 8:30p.m.
- Jan. 23 Upper Level Transition Meeting 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Jan. 24 Ski Club
- Jan. 29 Junior Level Transition Meeting 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Jan. 31 Ski Club



PE News from Gary

Recently all of our students had the opportunity to complete a two-week yoga unit taught by Rachel Bush and Elaine Hill from the Trumansburg Yoga Loft. You may now notice your child doing some new yoga moves around the house!

Upper Level & Middle School

The students have practiced and completed a timed sit-up (how many reps in 1 min.) and push-up test (how many reps in 30 secs.). They will redo this test in the spring and the hope is that each student will personally improve. Please encourage your child to practice these important core-strengthening exercises. We have also been playing cooperative games that help promote team building and fair play.

Junior Level

The immense energy from the Lions, Tigers and Bears always creates a fun and active environment in class. The classes are held outside as much as possible and the students are interested in whatever is presented for the day. We have explored a variety of tag games together along with challenging running drills.

Extended Day

Most of the Extended Day classes have been conducted outdoors on the track or on the blacktop area north of the main building. We always take a quick walk through the edge of the field using our imaginations as we go. After they have loosened-up we move on to movement activities and games. The children always love to end our time together with a game of tag and a sense of well being.

Attention all EAC Families!

Next year's registration forms are now available. Stop in the office if you would like to ensure your slot for next year! If you prefer you may download the forms from our webpage <http://eacmsi.org/> under the "Admissions" heading. We will do a bulk mailing during the Winter Break as usual.

Tuition Assistance

The Board of Trustees has established a tuition assistance fund for the 2013 - 2014 year. While the amount is not enormous and is not intended for full scholarship, it is available for any family who needs financial assistance for the next academic year. Application forms are in the office or you may download them from our webpage <http://eacmsi.org/> under the "Admissions" heading. Please return completed forms by February 1st. Thank you!

PINE BOUGHS PLEASE

*We need lots of pine boughs for our
Festival of Light celebration!*

*If you are able to help, please bring them to the
school and leave them outside by the gym door.
We do need quite a bit to make this happen...so
save your tree trimmings!*

Thank you!



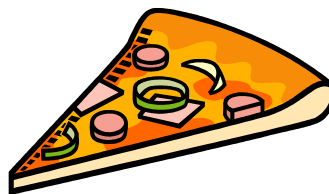
Festival of Light

The Festival of Light is the culmination of each class's study of a cultural tradition that features fire and light in its celebration at this darkest time of the year. Students research the history, smells, tastes and songs associated with various holidays. **On December 20th, we will gather as a school community around our pond at 12:45 p.m.** Each class will share a chosen festival song followed by winter activities and hot cocoa. Parents are welcome to join us.

Please dress for the weather!

Please RSVP if you plan on attending.





Pizza Lunch

Pizza lunch for the spring term will begin on Friday, January 6th. **Lunches for the remainder of the year are \$76.00.** If you already paid for the entire year, then no payment is necessary. If you do need to pay, please give your payment to the office by **Thursday, January 5th**. After the second week in January, no add-ons will be permitted, nor will it be possible to purchase pizza for just one Friday. Refunds will not be made as this is a fundraiser for the Upper Level May trip to Williamsburg.

Transition Meetings

There are several meetings coming up that you may be interested in attending. These meetings are scheduled for parents whose children will be changing levels at Montessori next year or those parents who are interested in hearing about what they have to look forward to. If you have questions regarding your child's placement for next year please speak with your child's current teacher.

Sarah and Liz will meet with parents interested in learning about **Extended Day** curriculum and expectations on **Tuesday, January 15th** from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Scott, Deb, Becky, Melani, Dawn and Katri will meet with Extended Day parents or parents who are interested in learning about curriculum and expectations in the **Junior Level** on **Tuesday, January 29th** from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Terry, Marianne, Stephen and Karen will meet with third year Junior Level parents or parents who are interested in learning about curriculum and expectations in the **Upper Level** on **Wednesday, January 23rd** from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Annex.

Jim and Kate will meet with third year Upper Level parents or parents who are interested in learning about curriculum and expectations in **Middle School** on **Tuesday, January 22nd** from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30p.m. in the Middle School.

Childcare will not be available during these meetings. Please make appropriate arrangements.

RECESS WEAR

School Policy as found in Handbook – If your child is not well enough to participate in outdoor recess, he/she is not well enough to be at school.

All temperature determinations take wind chill into account

Required Recess Clothing

Below 20 F: Indoor recess

Over 20 F: Outdoor recess for everyone. Listed below are the proper clothes for outdoor recess

We recommend children wear face protection when sledding.

20 – 30 F: Down or heavily lined coat
Hat
Waterproof gloves or mittens
Snowpants
Insulated boots

30 – 40 F: Down or heavily lined coat
Hat
Gloves or mittens
Snowpants, if sledding or sitting in snow
Boots, if snowy or ground is wet

40 – 50 F: Coat
Boots necessary if conditions are wet (water or snow)
Outdoor shoes otherwise
Hat and gloves
(For those who are involved in an active sport, polar fleece, sweatshirt, or sweater with one layer. Hat and gloves optional)

50 – 60 F: (For those who are not involved in an active sport:
Coat, polar fleece, sweatshirt, or sweater with one layer)

(For those who are involved in an active sport:
Long-sleeved shirt or a T-shirt with a windbreaker or light jacket)

Boots if playing in snow, mud, or water
Outdoor shoes for playing on paved surfaces, grass or stone