
The Montessorian

December 20, 2012

Nurturing the hearts, minds and spirit of children and adults for 33 years!

Calendar

Dec. 21- Jan 1 **NO SCHOOL - Winter Break**

Jan. 2 Snack Week for Wiley Smalls, Liam Rochon and Will Goodreau

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. – 8:30 p.m.

Jan. 23 Upper Level Transition Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 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



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.

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!

Extended Day and Junior Level Art with Jeff

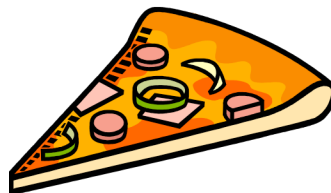
During our Winter break I want to encourage families to take their children to one of the many museums and galleries in the Ithaca area and nearby communities. The Johnson Art Museum at Cornell and the Corning Museum of Glass both have wonderful activities for children and families including blowing glass objects, glass jewelry, and forming glass objects. Local artists on the art trail are glad to open their studios to visitors, especially during the holidays. Enjoy a beautiful painting or terrific sculpture by local artists or excellent ceramics made by our own Julie Dean (afterschool teacher).

The holidays are a great time to show a child how to use a camera beyond point and shoot. You can explain and demonstrate composition, setting up, and framing that great photo. For hands-on art making you can begin at the Johnson and also create a special decorating area in your house where children can actively make and paint decorations for all possible festivities.

My very best wishes for a lovely and art-filled winter vacation,
Jeff

Upper Level Research Project Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents of Upper Level students (especially parents of new Upper Level students) about the Research Project on **Wednesday, January 16 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** in the Annex. There will be no childcare at this meeting, so please make appropriate arrangements.



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.

Music News from Linda

Extended Day

Extended Day children reviewed some of our songs from previous classes and continued learning new songs: “Let Us Chase the Squirrels” and “Where is John?” We integrated instrument playing and creative movements/games to different songs. Musical concepts and terms such as beat (long/short), pitch (high/low), and rhythm (quarter note/eighth notes) were also presented through the songs. Complementing their study of North America, the children learned a traditional Native American song called “Hey Ya Na”. We gathered around in a small circle as we practiced our Native American dance steps and spins. Many enjoyed keeping the beat with drums, shakers, and bells while others danced. The Extended Day children and Doña Cheryl also shared many Native American songs/chants during music class. It was a joy to hear their beautiful singing voices. Thank you, Cheryl for joining us!

Junior Level

The Bears in Junior Level have been studying musical form (ABA). We read and listened to a great story and music called, “Run, Run!” from *Memories of Childhood* by Octavio Pinto. This is the story of a lazy cat and running mice. The children had the opportunity to be either a cat or a mouse while listening to the music. Through movement, they experienced joy, freedom, rhythm, and a unity of music. Soon the children will get to explore more about the rondo form: ABACADA and dance with colorful scarves.

The Tigers started their recorders this week. Everyone was excited about their recorders and showed great interest in learning them. In the first lesson, we talked about different parts of the instrument, as well as how to take care, respect, and blow the recorder. The notes “B”, “A”, and “G” were introduced. The children will learn a variety of songs throughout the school year. They are asked to keep their recorders in school for music class only, and until the end of the school year. We are currently practicing “Hot Cross Buns” and “Old McDonald”.

The Lions joined me with a two-circles dance movement to the tune of “I’s the B’y”. It is a traditional Newfoundland folk song and means “I am the Boy”. In small groups, students created their own dances to teach to the class. The variety of movements was very impressive. The children were highly motivated and enjoyed being part of this activity. Great dances!

Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both Junior and Upper Level chorus students. What a great job you did at the winter concert! To all the parents, thank you for the support you have shown our music program. I feel very grateful to be part of this school community. I wish everyone a happy holiday and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Linda

Lisa

PEACE ON EARTH
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Love
Kyan

Margaret

Cheryl

Linda
Leah



Laura

Merry Christmas!
Rebecca

Kate

Best Wishes,
Sandy

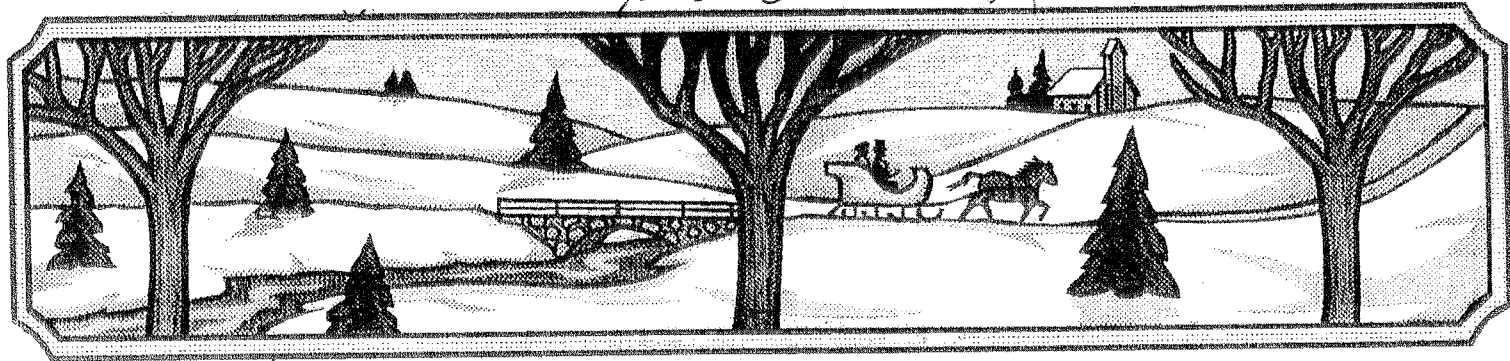
Whitney

Scott

Melanie

Anne

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Max

Deb

Rebecca

Season's Greetings

Gary ☺

Sawn

Stephen

Ring

PATRICK

JD

Kelly

Bryan

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