
The Montessorian

February 1, 2013

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

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our Spring Parent-Teacher Conference schedules have been sent by e-mail. Please call Whitney or Rebecca as soon as you receive your letter to confirm your scheduled time.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention.

Calendar

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| Feb. 4 | Snack Week for Helen Hohn, Tezia Rose and Zayla Dennis |
| Feb. 6 | Board Meeting 4:15 p.m. |
| Feb. 7 | Ski Club |
| Feb. 10 | Spring Open House for Prospective Families 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 14 | Coffee Shop in the Mini-Gym 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. |
| Feb. 14 | Valentine's Day Skating Party for Junior Level, Upper Level and Middle School Students |
| Feb. 14 | Ski Club |
| Feb. 15 | No Trumansburg Busing |
| Feb. 18 – 22 | NO SCHOOL – Winter Recess |
| Feb. 25 – Mar. 6 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Feb. 26 | Upper Level Demonstration Night
Two Sessions as Assigned 6:30- 7:30 p.m. / 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 27 | Junior Level Demonstration Night 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 28/Mar.1 | NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Mar. 6 | Board Meeting 4:15 p.m. |
| Mar. 7 | Ski Club |
| Mar. 9 | Family Fun Fest at the Hangar Theatre, Begins at 2 p.m. |
| Mar. 14 | Upper Level Third Year Students Field Trip
to Johnson Art Museum 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. |
| Mar. 14 | Ski Club |
| Mar. 15 | No Trumansburg Busing |
| Mar. 29 – Apr. 5 | NO SCHOOL – Spring Recess |

To Our Montessori Families...

This is our final reminder. **Our enrollment deadline has passed.** We will now begin registering children from the waitlist. If you have not yet turned in your registration for next year, please do so by Monday, February 4th.

Thank you.



Busing Note

All requests for transportation for the 2013 – 2014 school year are due to your school district's Transportation Department by **April 1, 2013**. It is necessary to submit a request each year. Forms are available in our office if you need one. If the district receives the request after April 1st they reserve the right to deny transportation.



News from Becky and Mel's class.

If you are interested in adopting a pair of Zebra Finches, please let us know. Our classroom birds are very caring and prolific parents. They have raised two batches of chicks and are ready to start another set. Leave a message with the office or come see us if you are interested.

The children are comfortable with the routines of the day and are doing beautiful work. They continue to refine their sense of order, concentrate for longer periods of time and are increasingly more independent. As the year progresses, they continue to develop wonderful friendships and collaborative working relationships with their peers.

Our fun day was a huge success! Our morning was spent playing games and working together to create, build and imagine with Legos. In the afternoon, we made cookies and Peruvian hot chocolate. Thanks to all of you who sent in food, games and movies. It was a real community building event.

We continue giving math and spelling lessons to small groups. The children are encouraged to do work in these two areas, every day. In addition, students are using card materials in Geography, to research animals and plants of Biomes. Zoe Galgoczy, a lion in our classroom, helped put together a Geography work called Notable Buildings and Fascinating Animals of the World. She presented the lesson to the whole class with order and poise. The children enjoy working with this material and are gaining new awareness of the world around them. In History we are finishing the study of the Paleozoic Eon. We are planning a field trip to the Museum of the Earth, to supplement our lessons.

The class is peacefully humming along. Every day is filled with joy and enthusiasm.



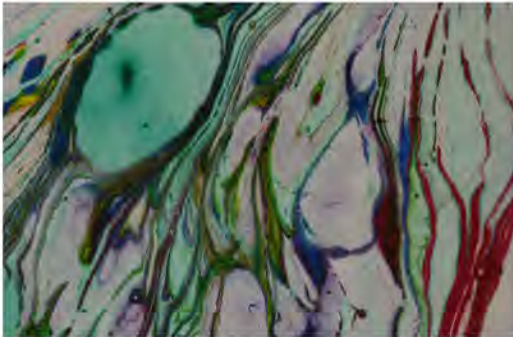
Art News from Marjorie!



First Year Upper Level students are working on a communal totem pole project based on their study of Native American culture of the Pacific Northwest coast. They have learned about the art and craft of the people and their design motifs. Each student has chosen a totem animal and designed an image which is being painted on wood. The images will be combined onto four totem poles which will be displayed in the backyard of the annex building.



Second Year Upper Level students were introduced to the art of caricature by looking at drawings by the famous Al Hirschfeld. We studied how line variations and textures can be used to create wonderful black and white drawings. The students then designed their own humorous drawings and rendered them in pen and ink.



Third Year students have completed their illuminated manuscript works and learned how to create decorative marbelized paper. Here is a sample of a finished quote and a small detail of one of the marbelized papers. Our last session with this project was spent creating original collage compositions that incorporate the manuscripts and the marbelized paper.



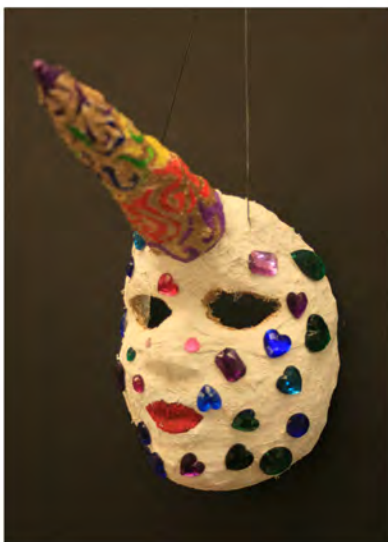
The Middle School students have been working on self-portrait masks made of plaster gauze. The process starts with a casting of the face; moves on to strengthening and modifying the plaster base; and then on to the final painting and decorating. Each student must decide how best to express themselves using a variety of materials. Photos of the works in progress and some finished masks begin here and continue on the next page.

In collaboration with this project, Kate has led the group in the creation of poems that help to define their work.



Art News from Marjorie!

More Photos of Middle School Self Portrait Mask Project



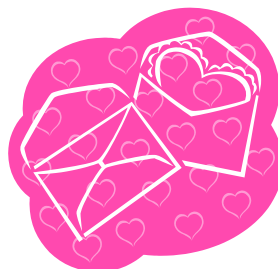
Open House



There is an Open House scheduled for Sunday, February 10th from 2 – 3 p.m. At these events, we open our doors to families in the community and give them the opportunity to experience our beautiful buildings and the unique educational environments we offer to children.

In the past, we have found it helpful to have current parents and older students available at the Open House to give guided tours.

If you would like to act as a tour guide at the Open House, please let Lisa, Rebecca or Whitney know. Please invite your non-Montessori friends!!



Valentine's Day Exchanging Traditions

We would like to tell/ remind Primary/Extended Day and Junior Level parents about our valentine exchanging traditions. If your child would like to exchange Valentine's Day cards, please send in enough for each child in the class. Primary and Extended Day children **should not** put names on the cards in order to facilitate the distribution, as most of these children are not able to read! Junior Level students should be encouraged to practice their **ursive** by writing out the names of each child in their class on the cards. Thank you!

Valentine's Day Skating Party

Our Annual Valentine's Day Skating Party for Junior Level, Upper Level and Middle School students will be held on Thursday, February 14th from 11:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. at The Rink.

Students will eat lunch in their classroom before they leave to skate.

Junior Level will leave school at 11:45 a.m.

Middle School & Upper Level will leave school at 11:30 a.m.

Everyone will return by 2:45 p.m.

We need many **drivers** and **chaperones** who can skate!

Please call the office today! We need your help to make this event happen!!!!

The Rink's Snack Bar will be closed during our party to keep the focus on skating rather than eating.

Thank you!!



PRIMARY & EXTENDED DAY



PAJAMA DAY!

The Primary & Extended Day children are invited to wear their pajamas to school on **Thursday, February 14th**. If your child would like to exchange Valentine's Day cards, we will pass them out in the morning classrooms. Please remember **not to put names** on the cards.

Junior Level, Upper Level, and Middle School students will be skating at The Rink Tuesday afternoon. While all the other children in our school will be out

we will be enjoying having the
whole school building to ourselves!

Thank you,

Sarah, Liz, Donyan, Virginia, Meredith & Leah



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

Join us for a 'Practically Perfect' afternoon of fun - for the whole family!

The Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori School of Ithaca presents:

Family Fun Fest

Saturday, March 9th

at the Hangar Theatre, Ithaca

Event Opens
2:00

Showtime
3:30

Mary
Poppins
Movie Event!

Make
Crafts!
Play
Games!

Raffles &
Drawings!

Silent
Auction!



Live Music!

Great Food!

Pop-in
for a great
time!

A Spoonful of Fun!

The Movie - Mary Poppins "4D"!
Mary Poppins as never before!
Audience-participation, live music,
sing-alongs, live characters and more!

Play! Kid Crafts & Activities

Face painting, Kite making, Chalk-art, Bird seed crafts,
Games, Photo booth, Music & much more!

Prizes! Silent Auction & Raffles
Amazing local packages & gifts!

Food

Great local food & drink, bake sale

Get Your Tickets - Spit Spot!

\$10 Adults, \$5 children
(\$12 & \$7 at the door)

Tickets include: All crafts and activities,
Movie Admission & surprise Gift Bag!

Tickets available at:
EACMSI, Punctet Feet, Dolce Pops, Purity Ice Cream!

More details: www.eacmsi.org, or call us at
277-7335. Find us on Facebook:
'Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori'

**Come dressed in costume inspired by the film
and get a free popcorn!**



Limited
Seating!

One show
Only!

Buy Tickets
Today!

Special thanks to our friends & sponsors & the Hangar Theatre!

100% of the profits from this fundraiser (after \$1 per ticket movie license fee) will benefit the EACMSI campaign to build the new "Andrea B. Riddle Center for Music, Movement and Art". Thank you for your support! You are ...Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!