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# The Montessorian

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January 25, 2013

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## *Calendar*

- Jan. 28                      Snack Week for Kaden Haslinger, Chiara Miller-Out and Una Kuo
- Jan. 28                      No ICSD Busing
- Jan. 28                      **Extended Day Transition Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. New Date: Please Note**
- Jan. 29                      Junior Level Transition Meeting 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Jan. 31                      Ski Club
- 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 (details to follow)
- Feb. 26                      Upper Level Demonstration Night  
Two Sessions as Assigned 6:30- 7:30 p.m. / 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Details to Follow
- 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, Details to Follow!
- Mar. 14                      Upper Level Third Year Students Field Trip  
to Johnson Art Museum 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Mar. 15                      No Trumansburg Busing
- Mar. 29 – Apr. 5        **NO SCHOOL – Spring Recess**

## *Parent/Teacher Conferences*

Our Spring Parent-Teacher Conference schedules are being 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.

## *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 **Monday January 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 29<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

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## *Reminder to Current Families...the clock is ticking!*



**Please return enrollment forms for next year by February 1st. We will begin registering children from the waitlist after that. If you know that your child is not returning, please tell us by the above date as well.**

**There are funds available for those families who may need tuition assistance. If you are interested you may go to our website, download the Financial Aid form, and turn it in with your registration and deposit. We also have the forms in the office. If you need more information contact Lisa Smith.**

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## *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 1<sup>st</sup> they reserve the right to deny transportation.

**There will be no busing for the  
Ithaca City School District  
Monday January 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**You will need to arrange transportation  
for your child/children to and from  
school on that day.**

**Thank you!**

## ***PE News from Gary***

Welcome to Winter! Due to space requirements for the “Jump-for-Heart” annual celebration we will hold ours outside later this Spring. All of the classes have been excitedly practicing standard jumping techniques and all kinds of tricks. Your children will gladly show you how a very small amount of time jumping, will lead to some heavy breathing!

Please consider leaving extra gym sneakers in your child’s storage facility at school. We use indoor sneakers for the indoor gym & outdoor sneakers for outdoor gym activities when the weather permits. Please check to be sure your child is properly prepared for class with indoor and outdoor sneakers. Offering exercise opportunities for your children (and yourselves☺) outside of school, even when the weather is cold, can help rejuvenate the winter blahs!

Extended Day: The classes have focused mainly on movement and motor skill development. Running, dodging, (zigzag), leaping, and jumping are regularly explored.

Junior-Level: Many forms of movement are practiced, and rope-jumping has been highlighted. Multiple stations are commonly utilized and help give the children a well rounded exercise experience.

Upper-Level & Middle School: We have been actively learning cooperative games, (poison-peanut-butter) and have been using rotating stations of hoola-hoop, jump-rope, scooters, and ankle-twirlers in the mini-gym. “Tug-of-Peace” (War), has been enthusiastically played and the students have a great time working together.

Some classes have begun a unit on floor hockey. Foam hockey sticks are being used for safety purposes and have obvious limitations but nonetheless all of the students have adapted to the equipment and are having fun. We have been doing skill development through drills for part of the class and for the rest of the time we engage in a real hockey game together. As usual, my emphasis with the students is on fair play, cooperation and respect for each other as we learn to play as a team.



## *Open House*

There is an Open House scheduled for Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 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 **cursive** by writing out the names of each child in their class on the cards. Thank you!

## *The Library Lowdown*

I am really excited to tell you that we will be having a Book Fair, with books from Scholastic Publishing in our mini-gym space this February!

From February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 6<sup>th</sup> our mini-gym will host a treasure trove of books. Children will visit the Book Fair with their classes twice; the first time to peruse the offerings and create a “wish list” to bring home, the second time (with a check or cash from home) to make their book purchases! Parents will get a flyer that shows some of the options- as well as the “wish list” You will also be invited to come and check out the entire Book Fair during a number of family viewing times, details to follow.

Our Book Fair will be for our entire school community, with titles appropriate for all of our age groups, Primary through Middle School. Scholastic Book Fairs promote literacy and reading to every child in our country. If your home library has holes, or is just in need of some reinvigoration you’ll want to be sure to come in and take a good look around! Additionally, by participating in the online Book Fair we will be able to purchase more books than we could possibly fit in the mini-gym. We’ll have a computer set up during the fair so you can search for and purchase books you can’t find in our physical space. We will also get the weblink out so that families who are unable to come in and shop will be able to do so from a computer elsewhere.

The Book Fair will not only allow us to have books available for children and parents to purchase at very affordable prices, for every \$100.00 that our Book-Fair generates our Library program earns \$40.00 to spend on books through Scholastic!

This event is the first in many years for us. For those unfamiliar with Scholastic Publishing they are the preeminent children’s publishing house in the United States. They have been around since 1920, and have a large number of reputable and popular titles to their name. Scholastic has long offered in school programs, I can remember bringing home the Scholastic monthly book flyers, and waiting expectantly for my books to arrive at school so I could bring them home!

The children have been clamoring (at appropriate library vocal levels of course) for more and more books this year, for more copies of Harry Potter so they don’t have to wait 3 weeks to get the one they need, for more books in the Percy Jackson series and for more copies of The Diary of a Wimpy Kid, which has been checked out every single day since it was so generously donated to us this fall. And just in general for MORE BOOKS!! New books in the library create a fervor as children discuss their favorite new find with each other and “books I want to read next” lists sprout up attached to library cards.

I am thrilled to offer this Book Fair as a way to generate some money to grow our library, while getting books in to the hands of our children! Thank you in advance for all of your support, if you have any questions (or would like to volunteer) please contact me at [Library@eacmsi.org](mailto:Library@eacmsi.org).

Patrice Jennings

# 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 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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, Meridith & 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

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## OPEN HOUSE

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Sunday, February 10, 2-3pm

*See Complete Montessori Environments  
for Children Ages 3 to 14*

*Meet with Teachers—Discuss Curriculum  
Children Welcome!*

- ◆ PRIMARY PROGRAM                      ◆ UPPER LEVEL PROGRAM  
(Full/Half Day, 3–6 years of age)      (9–12 years of age)
- ◆ EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM      ◆ ADOLESCENT PROGRAM  
(Full-Day Kindergarten)                      (12–14 years of age)
- ◆ JUNIOR LEVEL PROGRAM      ◆ AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM  
(6–9 years of age)

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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, Puddlet Feet, Dolce Pizzeria,  
Purity Ice Cream!

More details: [www.eacmsi.org](http://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!