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# The Montessorian

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September 7, 2012

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## *Calendar*

- Sept. 10      Snack Week for Jaya Bhojraj and Avital Sagan
- Sept. 10      Scott and Deb's Class Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 11      Middle School Field Trip to Lick Brook 10:00 a.m. – Noon
- Sept. 11      Instrument Demonstration for Students 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 11      First Chamber Ensemble rehearsal 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
- Sept. 11      Dawn and Katri's Class Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12      Mel and Becky's Class Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 13      Primary and Extended Day Classes Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 14      Middle School Field Trip to Mundy Wildflower Garden 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Sept. 14      Brown Bag Lunch with Laura; Noon- 1 p.m.; please R.S.V.P.
- Sept. 15      Workshop Series for Primary Parents 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
                  "Montessori: Connecting Home and School"; please R.S.V.P.
- Sept. 17      **NO SCHOOL – Rosh Hashanah Holiday**
- Sept. 18      First Big Band Rehearsal 8 a.m. mini-gym
- Sept. 18      Music Lessons at Ithaca College begin
- Sept. 19      First Concert Band Rehearsal 8 a.m. mini-gym
- Sept. 19 – 21      Middle School Odyssey Trip
- Sept. 19      Junior Level "Lions" Field Trip to  
                  Trumansburg Mini-Golf Corn Maze 10:00 a.m. - Noon

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- Sept. 20 First Percussion Ensemble Rehearsal 8 a.m. mini-gym
- Sept. 20 Parents of New Upper Level Students Class Meeting
- Sept. 20 Junior Level “Tigers” Field Trip to  
Trumansburg Mini-Golf Corn Maze 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Annex
- Sept. 21 Junior Level “Bears” Field Trip to  
Trumansburg Mini-Golf Corn Maze 10:00 a.m. - Noon
- Sept. 21 First Pizza Lunch Friday
- Sept. 22 Welcome Picnic 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 24 First Junior Band Rehearsal 8 a.m. mini-gym
- Sept. 24 Parents of Returning Upper Level Students Class Meeting  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Annex
- Sept. 25 Junior Level Art Group Field Trip to  
Johnson Art Museum 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26 **NO SCHOOL – Yom Kippur Holiday**
- Sept. 27 Middle School Parent Meeting and Potluck Dinner  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Middle School
- Sept. 27 Junior Level Art Group Field Trip to  
Johnson Art Museum 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 Junior Level Art Group Field Trip to  
Johnson Art Museum 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 1 – 5 School Photographs Week – Details to Follow
- Oct. 3 Mel & Becky Class Field Trip to  
Cornell Plantations 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 5 First Annual Andrea Riddle Day

## Beginning...

In a Montessori school every single aspect of being in a classroom, even the most minute detail, is taught to the children during the first weeks of school. The first days focus on the most elemental things; the essentials to be able to get through the day. Where is the bathroom? How can I get a drink of water? What if I need my teacher's attention? Where does my lunch box go when I'm eating lunch? Which shoes do I need?

From an adult perspective these are the mundane things that aren't really that important. To a child in a Montessori school, these details are everything. They form the organizational structure that allows the children to exist in the environment with the greatest amount of independence possible, and this independence is the cornerstone to everything else: confidence, honor, integrity, purpose, commitment to community, to name just a few. The children have been busy this week learning how to attend to these details. This is true at every level. Even those big kids in Middle School are taught how to be in their environment: What was that rule about cell phones? Do I really have to unload the dishwasher? When can I speak out freely, and when do I have to hold my thoughts?

The backdrop to all of these details of life is the overarching concept of respect; respect the Montessori way. This means that everyone is responsible for him/herself—even the most tiny of us. We are each held accountable for how we behave in relation to ourselves, our belongings and each other. This too is taught at every level, and in every classroom. We consider every child capable of being respectful; the length of the learning curve, however, is varied. We are patient and don't mind repeating these essential lessons.

So, without doubt some children report back to parents that school has been b-o-r-i-n-g! Too much time talking, not enough doing. That's okay, all those roads leading to Rome started first as piles of sand and gravel that were then raked flat, tamped down until finally the surface was ready for the beautiful paving stones to be laid on top.

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year.

Laura

# Welcome Picnic

Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

SAVE THE DATE

All families are invited to a picnic on  
Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

*Watch for details!*



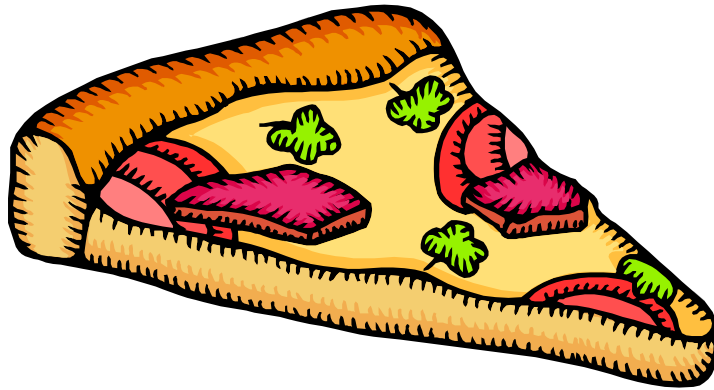
# Pizza Lunch

Beginning on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Upper Level students will be offering a Friday Pizza Lunch program for the entire school. Upper Level students will serve the pizza and prepare and serve a fresh veggie, and milk or juice, for the low price of \$4.00. For the 11 week session until the December break the cost will be \$44.00. You may pay for one semester, or if you choose to pay for the whole year (30 weeks) the price is \$120.00. Please make the check payable to EACMSI and write “pizza” on the memo line and give it to the front office.

**\*\*Signing up for pizza lunch supports the Upper Level effort to defray costs for their May trip to Boston. We will not reimburse families for missed lunches due to a child’s absence or unexpected school cancellations.\*\***

Thank you for your continued support.

The Upper Level students are very excited to serve their school community!!



# PARENT MEETING

## PRIMARY – EXTENDED DAY

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The Primary/Extended Day Parent Meeting has been  
scheduled for

**Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Sarah, Liz, Meridith, Leah, Donyan and Virginia will  
meet with parents for a discussion of daily routines,  
classroom procedures and expectations.

Childcare will not be provided. Please plan accordingly.

***It is important for all parents to attend!***

SCOTT AND DEB'S

JUNIOR LEVEL  
PARENT MEETING

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Scott and Deb's Junior Level Parent Meeting has been  
scheduled for

Monday September 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Scott and Deb will meet with parents to discuss curriculum,  
class procedures, and expectations.

Childcare will not be provided. Please plan accordingly.

*It is important for all parents to attend!*

MELANI AND BECKY'S

JUNIOR LEVEL

PARENT MEETING

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Melani and Becky's Junior Level Parent Meeting has been  
scheduled for

Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Melani and Becky will meet with parents to discuss  
curriculum, class procedures, and expectations.

Childcare will not be provided. Please plan accordingly.

***It is important for all parents to attend!***



DAWN AND KATRI'S

JUNIOR LEVEL  
PARENT MEETING

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Dawn and Katri's Junior Level Parent Meeting has been  
scheduled for

Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Dawn and Katri will meet with parents to discuss curriculum,  
class procedures, and expectations.

Childcare will not be provided. Please plan accordingly.

***It is important for all parents to attend!***

# UPPER LEVEL NEW PARENT MEETING

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The meeting for parents of **new** Upper Level students has been scheduled for

Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Terry, Marianne, Stephen and Karen will meet with parents in the Upper Level Building to discuss curriculum, class procedures, and expectations.

Childcare will not be provided. Please plan accordingly.

***It is important for all parents to attend!***

# UPPER LEVEL PARENT MEETING

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The meeting for parents of **returning** Upper Level students has been scheduled for

Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Terry, Marianne, Stephen and Karen will meet with parents in the Upper Level Building to discuss curriculum, class procedures, and expectations.

Childcare will not be provided. Please plan accordingly.

***It is important for all parents to attend!***

# MIDDLE SCHOOL POTLUCK AND PARENT MEETING

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The parent meeting and potluck dinner for parents of Middle School students has been scheduled for

Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Jim, Kate and Patrice will meet with parents in the Middle School Building to discuss curriculum, class procedures, and expectations.

Childcare will not be provided. Please plan accordingly.

***It is important for all parents to attend!***



