

Monday Montessori Moments



Monday November 16, 2015

Counselor's Corner

Well, we have the first quarter behind us. It has gone by so fast. Grades for the junior high have been posted and report cards sent out. I just wanted to remind students that the work habits they are forming now will follow them throughout high school. Make good study and work habits now, so that you will be successful in the future. What you are learning now is a pre-requisite for what you will be learning in high school.

Freshman: Classes that you have not passed will need to be made up either through packets or summer school to graduate high school. 27 credits are required to graduate. If you didn't do so well, take this first quarter as a lesson on how to improve for the rest of the year. High school can be challenging, but if you work hard and do your best, the results will be so rewarding.

Make sure you are checking grades on aspire and the Jr. High blogs for important information. Parent involvement and support is so important to student success. We really do appreciate your involvement and interest in your child's success. It makes all the difference.

Learn from your mistakes, as that is how we grow. Be proud of your accomplishments, even the little ones.

As a reminder, all Junior High late work for the 2nd quarter midterms needs to be turned in no later than Monday December 7th. Midterms will be Friday December 11th. The end of the semester is January 15, 2016.

"Renew, release, let go. Yesterday's gone. There's nothing you can do to bring it back. You can't "should've" done something. You can only DO something. Renew yourself. Release that attachment. Today is a new day!" – Steve Maraboli

Valeri Cruze
School Counselor

International Festival

The MMA International Festival is a yearly tradition that celebrates the diversity in our school and community. Students learn valuable research and presentation skills that link directly to MMA's cosmic curriculum and the state standards in language arts for reading, writing and speaking and listening (among others). This event encourages children to be aware of the larger world, through sampling a variety of foods, crafts, and activities, and seeing a range of entertainments representing a number of cultures and countries.

Students are welcome to dress up to represent their country. Costumes may be folk costumes or from modern times (masks may be displayed but not worn). Foods brought in must follow the [school's wellness policy](#). Families and community members are welcome. If you would like to know more about the continent/country that your child is studying please contact his/her teacher.

International Festival Dates and Times:

December 16th 9-11:00am:
Upper EL and AM Early Childhood
December 17th 12:30-2:30:
Lower EL and PM Early Childhood
December 18th 9am-11am:
Jr. High

What's New at MMA?

Archery Club is Coming!

Archer Club will be held twice a week on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:30-8:15 AM. There are 20 spots available given on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is open for 6th-9th graders from November 17th-December 2nd. Any open spots will then be opened to 5th graders from December 3rd-8th. Students who wish to register for the club will need to pick up the forms from the front office. The cost for the club is \$25.



The MMA Jr. High will be selling mustaches before and after school on the 20th to celebrate "No Shave November". All proceeds will go towards funding the Freshman Fieldtrip. Get yours to help raise funds for the 9th graders! Thank you.

We are excited to celebrate the holidays with music this year. The children are so excited to perform for you December 10th. You and your family and friends are invited! If the beginning letter of your child's LAST NAME is between the letters A-K, you will perform at 6 o'clock. If it's between the letters L-Z, you will perform at 7 o'clock. If you have children with different last names that conflict with each other's time, you choose which performance you go to. Please remember this is a "best dress" event.

Parents,

Our gratitude feast is this Thursday and we are still in need of food donations. Our gratitude feast is a tradition where we give back to those who help or make an impact at our school. We have about 80 people invited this year, including the Mayor, NOPD, senior citizens who have mentored our students, and many others. Please sign up to help if you can.

<http://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/ghkpe>

Box Top Store is Tuesday, November 17th. Please bring your un-expired and clipped box tops to "buy" some great things at the Box Top Store!



November 17th

Box Tops Store

November 19th

Gratitude Feast

November 23-27

No School,
Thanksgiving Break

November 28th

Holiday Light Parade



December 7th

Jr. High Midterm

December 10th

Holiday Music
Performance:
A-K Last Names- 6:00
L-Z Last Names- 7:00

December 16th

International Festival
9-11am UE & AM EC

December 17th

International Festival
12:30-2:30 LE & PM EC

December 18th

International Festival
9am-11am Jr. High

Ms. Amy's class is in need of empty tennis ball containers. If you have any please drop them off at the front office.