

Montessori Private Academy

# Mountain Lion's Roaring Newsletter

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Authentic Montessori education for young children (age 2) through Middle School

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This week was Teacher Appreciation day for the Early Childhood Teachers; Mia Damm, Michelle Holmes, and Patty Helm and their Assistants; Misty Lopez, Elisa Ortiz, and Susan Hurley. Thank you to all the families that contributed to their Italian Feast and recess/lunch coverage! We truly enjoyed all of it.

## **The Montessori Mountain Lions are playing sports!**

Many of you are involved in our many sports activities. If you would like to have your child join one of our teams, contact Bridgett Coleman at [bridgettcoleman@comcast.net](mailto:bridgettcoleman@comcast.net). Our MPA Basketball teams actually played against each other last weekend!



Junior Mite Challenge

### **School Phone Number**

Please verify that the number you are calling to reach the school is 815-332-8101. The telephone company has been re-routing the OLD school phone number to us for a short period of time. Remember to change the contact information on your cell phone.

### **Morning Drop Off**

Drop off is from 8:30-8:45am. After 8:45am you are responsible for making sure your child gets in the school safely.

### **Winter Weather**

Winter is just around the corner. Unless the temperature is 10 degrees or lower we go OUTSIDE for recess. So dress your children accordingly. They should have a warm coat, snow pants, boots, hat, and gloves or mittens. Make sure your children have an extra change of clothes for the cold weather season. Having an extra pair of socks is helpful in case their socks get wet outside.

### **Fire Safety Day**

The Cherry Valley Fire Department will be at the school visiting Early Childhood, ELI, ELII, and Middle School. Students will see firefighters in all their gear and talk about fire safety with the kids.

### **Neighbors**

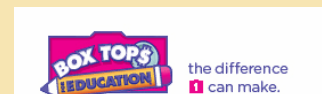
The Carpenter's Union has donated their time and carpentry skills on some projects in the classrooms and around the school. They donated all those green and orange pumpkins to the school. Thank you Carpenter's Union!

### **Clip Clip Clip**

Don't forget to Clip those Box Tops. For every Box Top clipped MPA receives 10 cents. Every bit helps! Go to:

[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

to view a list of products and online merchants to shop and earn for MPA. Thank you!



## **Flu Season is here!**

Report any illness to the school. If a child is diagnosed with a contagious illness we will send a note home in their backpack. If your child is sick or has flu-like symptoms please keep them home from school until the symptoms subside. Our policy at MPA is that your child is fever free for 24 hours without ibuprofen or acetaminophen before returning to school.

## **H1N1 Virus**

MPA is on the list with the Winnebago County Health Department to receive the H1N1 inoculations. When it becomes available, we will send home a permission slip for you to complete. It is your choice as a parent to inoculate your child. This is NOT mandatory. We will let you know when we have more information.

## **Calendar of Events**

- Oct 22 & 23 (Thurs & Fri) – Parent Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL
- Oct 26 (Mon) – Butter Braid and Suzy Cheesecake Sale begins
- Oct 27 (Tues) – Fire Safety Day: Cherry Valley Fire Department will be here talking about fire safety to the children.
- Oct 28 (Wed) – 2nd Plane of Development 6:00-7:30p
- Nov 10 (Tues) – Art Club Series II Begins
- Nov 11 (Wed) – Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
- Nov 12 (Thurs) – Vision & Hearing Screening (ages 3,4,5, K's, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rds</sup>)

## Parent Series:

- 🌍 Second Plane of Development: The Changing Child
  - Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30
- 🌍 Elementary I Math: We Teach the HOW, They Figure out WHY.
  - Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30
- 🌍 Nutrition for All Ages
  - TBD
- 🌍 Life in Middle School
  - Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30

Registration for the parent nights will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia*

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**MPA Missions Statement:** Our mission is to prepare the whole child intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically, not only for the child's years in school, but throughout life; and that by this each child grows to become a productive member of the global community.