Principal’s News

Hello Montessori,

If there was any wonder when the winter weather would show, the question was answered this week for sure. Now, we can just settle in for the next eight months and enjoy it. The dicey weather provides a perfect opportunity to remind everyone to sign up for SNN today if you have not already done so.

Between the ice of Wednesday and the snow of Friday, I wanted to make sure and remind everyone to please be patient with the parent drop-off. We had our fingers crossed with the conditions on Wednesday, and Things went well. Our plan is still to move everyone up to the stop sign, unload on the passenger side, and if possible, try to make right turns out of the parking lot.

A huge thank you to the families who made our recent Multicultural Night a success. A special thank you goes to Sandra Barr and Ben Seisler for all of their efforts with organization and fundraising.

A second huge thank you goes to our MCC for their efforts in securing funding for the newest edition to MMS, the rock wall. Much of the work is now done with a bit left to go based on a few replacement parts coming our way. Feel free to take a peek when you are in next. In its final form, it will measure at 32 feet wide and 8 feet high with a bump out section and many reconfigurable holds providing students enjoyment and the opportunity to develop grip and upper body strength for years to come.

McTeacher’s Night is taking place as scheduled. Please join us at the Central Avenue location right near school between the hours of 5-8 p.m. Your children will enjoy seeing MMS staff working behind the scenes and out in the dining room. Funds raised from this effort will go directly towards supporting important MMS efforts and initiatives.

Finally, another plug for the individualized NWEA Student Profile information sessions are being offered next Wednesday. This is a wonderful opportunity to sit one on one with our district’s student growth coordinator and learn more about how your child has performed to date on our districtwide assessment and exactly what skills they are primed to develop at this moment in their educational careers. Sessions will last roughly 15 minutes and can take place around your already scheduled conference times. Please call the main office at (518) 475-6675 today and schedule your appointment.

Best wishes,

Mr. Powell

MMS gets a musical visit

Members of the Albany Symphony Orchestra visited first and second graders for music class as part of an Adopt-A-School program that includes the chance to see and hear several instruments. The program will culminate with a field trip to see an orchestra performance in March.
Montessori’s Multi-Cultural Night was a success! Top left: A member of the Confucius Institute graced the evening with an authentic Chinese harp instrument. Top right: At the silent auction, held in the library, staff and families scored some cool stuff while raising money for the MCC with their purchases of donated items.

Students have been rehearsing in preparation for the spring musical, Honk Jr. Here, they practice a song with the director of the program, Mr. Stone. Left to Right: Evelyn Blackburn, Lena Brenneman, Lucy Maron, Emma Kraus, Evangeline Blake and Azia Barao.

Community Events

- On Saturday, Nov. 17, take part in the Mopco Improv Show from 3:30-5 p.m. During this highly interactive, family-friendly show, volunteers will create stories, characters and songs. Younger audience members will have plenty of opportunities to be a part of the action. The cost is $10 for general audience and $5 per child. The event will be held at the Mopco Theatre at 10 Jay St. in Schenectady.
- The Annual “Great Train Extravaganza” is set for Sunday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. Admission is just $7 for adults and free for kids under 12. Highlights include dozens of vendors offering new and used trains for sale. Train parts, clothing, memorabilia, photographs and accessories will also be available. Numerous exhibitors will be showing off all kinds of pieces of railroad history and artifacts.

These are not Albany School District sponsored events. The City School District is not responsible or liable for any problems or damages arising from participation in these activities.

Upcoming Montessori Events

- McTeacher’s Night will be held on Friday, Nov. 16 at the McDonald’s located at 1006 Central Ave. in Albany. From 5-8 p.m., purchases made at this Mickey Dee’s location will go towards supporting the MCC.
- Montessori’s Book Fair will be held Wednesday, Dec. 5 through Friday, Dec. 7 in the library.
- Literacy Night is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Children can enjoy taking turns reading from their favorite books. Light refreshments will be served.
- On Tuesday, Dec. 11, Fall Picture Day Make-ups will be held. If you were absent that day and want your picture taken, be sure to be prepared for a photo.