

MT. CLEMENS MONTESSORI ACADEMY

NEWS & VIEWS

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NOVEMBER 2018

Director's News

Dear Parents:

The first reporting period of the 2018-2019 school year at Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy is awaiting completion on November 2, 2018. We have had the opportunity to already celebrate many milestones and successes in this short period of time. Each of the following highlights of the first few months reflects the Academy's commitment to providing well-balanced, high-quality programs and an academically rigorous education for all of our students. A few of the highpoints include: New Family Parent Orientation; "Meet the Teacher"; Back to School Family Celebration; Constitution Day Observance; C.A.R.E. Parenting Classes; Dance-A-Thon; Barnes & Noble Book Fair; Safety Patrol – 19 Years of Service ; NWEA testing completed; A "Specials" Social; and the Mt. Clemens Trunk & Treat community event.

Parent Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching and this is an excellent time for you to get suggestions from the teachers on ways to further enhance your child's learning experiences. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 8th and November 9th. Many parents have already scheduled their conference date and time with their child's teacher. If you have not done so as yet, please contact your child's teacher or the Office and schedule an appointment. You will receive your child's **Progress Report** at this Parent-Teacher Conference and will also hear and learn specific information regarding your child's academic and social progress during the first marking period. We are looking forward to seeing all of our parents at the Parent Teacher Conferences. It is important to build strong partnerships with our parents to ensure our students are supported. The information and insight you share with us is important in making sure we have a clear and complete picture of how we can best meet your child's needs. Thank you for being an active partner to help us provide the best learning environment for your child.

As we get closer to the Thanksgiving holiday, we would like to wish you and your children a safe, healthy and a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family! Traditionally during this holiday, many families and individuals share their thanks for one another. We too would like to share our thanks to all of our family and friends at MTCMA. Thank you to each and every one of you for entrusting your child(ren) to us daily. It is our privilege to teach your children and we are thankful for the support and commitment from our Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy family.

Personally, it is with immense gratitude that I thank each of you for the opportunity to serve as Director of Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy. Each day I spend within the community of Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy, I am grateful for all the hard work that families, staff, and students contribute to the success of the school. I have many things to be appreciative and grateful for in my life. However, I am most thankful for the caring and closeness with my immediate family, my extended family and friends. Next, I am thankful for the community of Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy – the children who daily bring such joy and fulfillment in my life, the teachers and staff who are my friends and colleagues and the parents who are our partners in development of their most precious commodity, their children in our care. Thank you for being such an important part of my life!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,



Ms. Genie
Director

"All our handling of the child will bear fruit, not only at the moment, but in the adult they are destined to become." - Dr. Maria Montessori

Student Council

Congratulations to everyone who ran for Student Council and to the students who were voted to represent their class. The Student Council works hard throughout the year coordinating fundraising efforts and deciding how the money will be spent. They are also responsible for attending meetings and reporting back to their fellow classmates. Mrs. McNeil and Ms. Fickert are excited to be working with the council this year. **Congratulations to the following Classroom Representatives:**

- **First Grade** - Ava Colpaert, Kosta Patouhas, Hailey Delfoss, Harper Delfoss, Karenza Kacho, Landen Gregory
- **Second Grade** - Lylah Carter, Ivy Watruba, Carmen Balancio, Sophia Dinco
- **Third Grade** - Mason Moshe, Nassim Mandou, Kayden Cartagena, Aubrie Haney
- **Fourth Grade** - Olivia Frontera, Ramonte Forte, Jr., Alexander Sayers
- **Fifth Grade** - Ruby Noble, Simone Hamlin

The Harvest of Love – A Time of Giving

Please join our Student Council and the MTCMA community again this year as we help those less fortunate in our community during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Staff and students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items. Non-perishable items may be brought to the school from November 5th through November 16th and placed in the boxes located by the Office.

Most Needed Items:

Canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup, canned meats/tuna, peanut butter, cereal/oatmeal, boxed potatoes, gravy mixes, pasta, etc.



Important Dates

November 1: November Hot Lunch Begins

November 2: End of First Quarter

November 2: Picture Re-Take Day

November 5: Thanksgiving Party Sign-Up Sheets Posted

November 5: Day Care Conference Camp form due

November 8: Parent Teacher Conferences
1:15pm-6:45pm
No Preschool

November 9: Parent Teacher Conferences
11:15AM-6:00PM
No School – Day Care Conference Camp Available

November 14: First Grade Field Trip to Macomb Center

November 19: December Hot Lunch Forms Due

November 20: Thanksgiving Activities

November 21: No School

November 22: No School
Happy Thanksgiving!

November 23: No School

Lost and Found

Please make sure to check out the Lost and Found during conferences. We have accumulated a lot of lost items that we are sure would like to return home. Anything left after November 9th will be donated to a local charity.



Easy Conversation Starters

When your child comes home from school, you may have lots of questions for him/her. Here are some questions to ask your child when inquiring about their fun-filled day.

- What did you write about today?
- Who did you sit by at lunch today?
- Tell me about the best book that your teacher read today?



Healthy Snack Suggestions

- Dried Fruit and Nuts
- Air Popped Popcorn
- Homemade snack mix of plain almonds, Quaker Oat Square cereal pieces, banana chips, and yogurt covered raisins
- Ham and cream cheese roll-ups



Special Thanks to...

- Thank you to all of our families for choosing MTCMA and allowing us to be an integral part in your child's development and education.
- Thank you to our Parent Guild and all of the energies spent to provide field trips, worthwhile assemblies and family outings for our community.
- Thank you to all of the parents who have signed-up for Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences provide an opportunity to learn about your child's progress and to build a team with your child's teacher(s).
- Thank you to all of the families and staff who participated in the Barnes and Noble Book Fair and Art Show. The Book Fair is always such a fantastic event for our students, especially seeing the student's excitement about books!
- Thank you to Mr. Shipman and his family for creating a fantastic **Second Place** trunk for the Mt. Clemens Optimist "Trunk & Treat" Community event in October.
- Thank you to staff and families for all of the candy donations for "Trunk & Treat".
- Thank you to our wonderful Parent Guild President, Bridget Goudelock, the Parent Guild Board and all other parent volunteers for organizing our Parent Guild "Dance-A-Thon." Our students had a lot of fun practicing their dance steps and raising funds to support our school.
- Thank you to all who pledged funds and joined us to cheer on the students at the Dance-A-Thon.
- Special thanks to the Mt. Clemens Fire Department for their Fire Prevention Program, targeting many important safety issues. The children loved getting a closer look at their fire truck and seeing their gear on board.

Dance-A-Thon

Dancing With The Stars Aired at MTCMA on October 19!

Our Dance-A-Thon was a great success! On **Friday, October 19th** our students and staff enjoyed an exciting finale to the Parent Guild Fall fundraiser. We are hoping to achieve our goal of \$13,000.00 and are just in reach. Please help us make our goal so our students can benefit from enriching field trips and school assemblies. If you have not already donated visit the website:
www.thegetmovincrew.com.

Thank you to those families who already donated and also participated in the event!

Conferences

Conferences are extremely important as they allow our staff to meet with each parent individually and communicate the progress and needs of your child. Open lines of communication between the school and families are essential and enhance the success of each child. Appointment sign-up sheets will be located in the classroom folders on the table outside the Office on October 15th. The dates of the conferences are **November 8th and 9th**. There will be a **Half Day of School** for Elementary students on Thursday, November 8th and **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, November 9th. There is **NO PRESCHOOL** on November 8th and November 9th.

Parent Teacher Conferences are as follows:

- ❖ Thursday November 8th: 1:15PM-6:45PM
- ❖ Friday November 9th: 11:15AM-6:00PM

Daycare Camp will be available during Parent Teacher Conferences. Hours are as follows:

- ❖ November 8th: 11:30AM-6:00PM (\$6.00 per hour)
- ❖ November 9th: 6:30AM-6:00PM (\$40.00 per day)

Please fill out the "Conference Daycare Request Form" located in the Daycare Room or in the Office. In order to plan for staffing, the Request Form is due to the Office by Monday, November 5th.

School Closing Information

Please make sure you sign-up for our electronic newsletter and School Closing Information at www.mtclemensmontessori.com. Please click on "Join our Mailing". In addition to those important email alerts, you can also check TV Channel 2, 4, and 7 and WJR AM for School Closings. Please look for "Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy" to be listed. Further, all School Closing are posted on the school Facebook Page.

Picture Retake Day

- Picture Retake Day is Friday, November 2nd.
- If you would like to have your picture retaken, please bring your complete (full) picture package and give to the photographer on November 2nd.
- If you were absent for our original Picture Day, forms are available in the Office. Orders can also be placed online at mylifetouch.com using the Picture Day ID: **LM718126Y1**.

Additional questions about photos, packages, etc. can be answered by calling 1-800-927-5221 or going to mylifetouch.com.

Staff News

Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy is excited to celebrate several of our staff members for their years of dedication and wish to thank them, especially during the month of November and the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Did you know that **20** staff members have been a part of the MTCMA family for over ten years? This number includes Teachers, Teacher Assistants, and Administrators. They have witnessed, along with our newer staff, daily the benefits that a Montessori education at MTCMA has impacted on the lives of children who have attended our school. This is validated by the countless visits from alumni, young adults and grown adults who return to MTCMA and allow us the opportunity to celebrate as they share their successes in middle school, high school, college, and graduate school. It is noteworthy that almost all of our post graduates claim that MTCMA gave them the education required to achieve their enjoyment of learning and their accomplishments.

Our tenured staff has put in countless hours to ensure that each child in their care is nurtured, challenged, educated, and loved. Through their collaborative efforts and passion for children, they have imparted upon the students a lifetime love for learning.

The staff members that we wish to honor this month and who have been part of the Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy family for over 10 years are as follows:

Ms. Genie: 35 Years
Ms. Beth: 24 Years
Mrs. Wheelis: 24 Years
Madam Tazzi: 23 Years
Ms. Liz: 20 Years
Ms. Debra: 19 Years
Ms. Aga: 17 Years
Ms. Asifa: 17 Years
Mrs. Szachta: 15 Years
Ms. Gossman: 15 Years
Mrs. Trevino: 15 Years
Ms. Ann Marie: 14 Years
Ms. Amy: 14 Years
Ms. James: 14 Years
Ms. Tubben: 14 Years
Ms. Jen: 14 Years
Mrs. Klemm (Rousseau): 13 Years
Mrs. Gordon: 13 Years
Mrs. Dobberowsky: 11 Years
Ms. Elizabeth: 11 Years

**Thank you for your passion and dedication!
We applaud all of you!**

Hassle Free Fundraising - Shoparoo

Sign-up for the Shoparoo app and turn your shopping receipts into donations for our school. Create an account and begin scanning receipts. It's that simple!



Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

The Macomb County Sheriff Department has asked that we remind our families about traffic safety in the neighborhood around our school. Please keep in mind...

- The speed limit is 25MPH.
- It is important that you make complete stops at all stop signs.
- Blocking driveways makes it difficult for our neighbors to get in and out of their homes.
- Turn around at the cul-de-sac. Do not turn into our neighbors driveways to turn around.
- Follow the line. Cutting in the line disrupts the entire arrival and dismissal process causing you to wait longer for your child.
- Letting your child off in the street is unsafe. Use the arrival line to drop your child off.

Please remember to drive through our neighborhood as if your children live there.

Parent Guild Board

Bridget Goudelock
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Visit the Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy Parent Guild **Facebook Page** to connect with MTCMA families.



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