

Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy

News & Views

Better School of Thought

November 2019

“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** – Macardi Brown, Norah Merriweather, Donnie (DJ) Bell, Alee Weng
- **Second Grade** – Cameron Jones, Nova Duda, Jameson Jenning, Naimah Ware, Kehmir Young, Nadia Wuest
- **Third Grade** – Andrew Geigle, Emelia Moore, Javen Elias, Ariana Orr
- **Fourth Grade** – Kayden Elias, Victoria Deppner, Nassim Mandou, Bella Easterly
- **Fifth Grade** – Maria Josifoski, Michael Archambault, Michaela Smith

School News!

Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy is excited to announce the winner of the Parent Guild Mascot Contest has been chosen! Thank you to all who entered a drawing. There were many wonderful entries from our students.

Congratulations to: **Lily Morgia**, (First Grade), **Isabella McDowell** (Fifth Grade), and our winner **Mia Martinez** (Fifth Grade) for her **“Totally Koalafied”** entry! Thank you to the Parent Guild for giving the students this opportunity to show their school spirit and talent. We are proud to be the **Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy Koalas!**



Important Dates

November 1: November Hot Lunch Begins

November 1: End of First Quarter

November 1: Picture Re-Take Day

November 4: Thanksgiving Party Sign-Up Sheets Posted

November 4: Day Care Conference Camp form due

November 7: Parent Teacher Conferences
1:15pm-6:45pm
No Preschool

November 8: Parent Teacher Conferences
11:15AM-6:00PM
No School – Day Care Conference Camp Available

November 15: American Music Tour Assembly with Guy Louis!

November 18: First Grade Field Trip to Macomb Center for the Performing Arts

November 18: December Hot Lunch Forms Due

November 27: No School

November 28: No School
Happy Thanksgiving!

November 29: 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 Mr. Shipman and his family for creating a fantastic **Men In Black** 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".
- 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.

Parent Guild Board

Bridget Goudelock
President

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Vice President

Stephanie Dinco,
Secretary

Laura Warren
Treasurer

Nicole Renaud
Communications

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

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 7th and 8th**. There will be a **Half Day of School** for Elementary students on Thursday, November 7th and **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, November 8th. There is **NO PRESCHOOL** on November 7th and November 8th.

Parent Teacher Conferences are as follows:

- ❖ Thursday November 7th: 1:15PM-6:45PM
- ❖ Friday November 8th: 11:15AM-6:00PM

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

- ❖ November 7th: 11:30AM-6:00PM (\$6.00 per hour)
- ❖ November 8th: 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 4th.

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 sent via text on the Remind Texting App.

Remind Texting Service

- MCMA is now using the Remind Texting Service to send text alerts and messages directly to your smartphone.
- To sign up text the message @mtclemensm to the number 81010.
- If you are having difficulty with 81010, try texting @mtclemensm to (331) 208-5790.
- Important dates, school closings, and other important information will be sent via Remind as well as Mailchimp, Facebook and Twitter (follow us on Twitter @MCMAcademy).

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 4th through November 8th 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.



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.

Blanket Drive



Boy Scout Pack 1070 Blanket Drive For A Rejoyceful Animal Rescue
November 4th – November 22nd

Give the gift of warmth to a homeless pet. Cub Scout Pack 1070 has a bin in the lobby of the school for new or gently used (clean) blankets.

*No comforters or knit blankets, please.



