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MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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SHORT & SWEET! Dec 17 is our last day of school before the winter break. Teachers return on Jan 3 for in-service work and children who are symptom-free come back Jan 4. From all of us to all of you, have a very Merry Holiday Season!

HOLIDAY LUNCH

Having missed out on the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving with their traditional feast, Susan H's class has decided to have a Holiday Lunch next Wed. They'll be making some special food but all children should bring their lunches. Their class will put tables end-to-end to make a long table for the festive feast so they can space out while celebrating together.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all who donated to our coat drive. We hope all the coats will have a new life on people in need of winter warmth. We also had a fabulous response to our Share-a-Gift toy drive. You donated so many wonderful, thoughtful toys for children. I'm sure many children will be thrilled to receive such toys and the love that comes with giving. Thanks to all of you from Share-a-Gift, the children and us!

WINTER CLOTHING

Well, we had some snow today - not much but enough to get pants wet and muddy! The operative word here is "WET". Children without snow pants have to play in limited areas that are not muddy or wet. Please make sure your child has winter clothing daily. It can live here on the hooks or be brought to school daily. Children need a warm coat, snow pants, hat, mittens (not gloves unless they're glove-proficient) and boots they can operate. And please remember to label everything. Your child may be able to identify his/her black snow pants but that's less likely when all the kids around him have black snow pants! Thanks :)

MEET OUR TEACHERS

Recently, I've had several emails from parents asking for staff clarification. Most people have a pretty good handle on who the lead Montessori guide is but may be a bit fuzzy on who our incredibly hard-working, indispensable, wonderful assistants are. In every Montessori classroom, it's crucial for the lead guide to have a good assistant - a natural with children, who can pre-see what is needed, who is not afraid of hard work, who delights in what a child can do on his own.

In the north classroom: Susan L joined us in 1995 with our new, almost-ready, building - a brave soul! Linda never had a chance - her two boys went here. Jane came to help us in Covid; she liked what she saw and we liked her.

In the south classroom: Susan H, a dream from the Netherlands, works with Hilary & Parul, both with over 20 years at MMS. Carrie, who has worked alongside us since 1990, is a floater in the south class. She helps with naps and lunch breaks and often subs as needed.

Aftercare: Susan L & Tovah are the aftercare angels. Tovah has subbed for us and helped in our summer camps for 15 years. When we needed aftercare help, she was there. What an amazing group of women :))



Susan Leibfritz



Linda Kilanoski



Jane Boggs-Guthrie



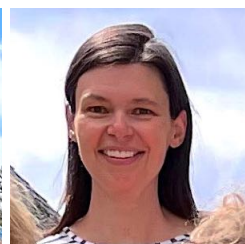
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