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# MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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**SHORT & SWEET!** April 24, Wednesday 5:30-7: MMS 45th Birthday FUNdraiser! The food donation sign-up sheet is available at drop-off and pick-up. Thanks so much for your contributions! Please bring the hummus items on Monday so the children can make the hummus. And thank you to Candice, Erin and Claire for offering to be my back-up pizza crew if Ali goes into labor!!

## SUMMER CAMPS

Our summer camps are fully enrolled! Everyone has been given an emailed or verbal (at the gate) confirmation, but if you have any questions, please let me know.

## MMS SOCIAL

For our May MMS Social we are excited to welcome a special story teller - Maxine's grandmother, Lu Benke. We don't have a date picked yet but we're looking forward to her stories!

## UPK

This is our UPK timeline for the first round of matches.

**April 20:** Families who have registered and applied for UPK by 4/20, are eligible for this initial round of matching.

**April 22:** First family-to-provider matching round runs.

**April 23 - May 7:** MMS accepts matches for 1st matching round.

**May 8:** Families notified of 1st round matches.

**May 15:** Deadline for families to accept or decline match.

I see all of you in my Provider Portal; that's a good thing! Starting May 8, look for notification from UPK that you've been matched to MMS; then you can accept the match. Then it's back to us to accept you! (It's kind of like watching a tennis match - only less thought-out!)

## CLASS NEWS

**Angelarose's Class:** Our class is alive with spring! We are into Botany and Zoology as we take a deep dive into the world of sprouts, leaves, flowers, birds and pollinators. We've dissected flowers and are learning about the different parts: stamen, pistil, corolla, calyx, etc.

Volunteer Opportunities for our class:

- woodworking: minor repair work on a small easel
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- whole punching cards for stringing work
- sewing: unstitch old velcro and sew new strips on our painting apron
- sewing: sew 4 hems onto 4 small table cloths
- cutting: cut various pictures out of magazines

Email or let me know at the gate if you'd like to help - thanks!

And THANK YOU EVERYONE for all the laundry help!

## EXTRA CLOTHES NEED EXCHANGING!

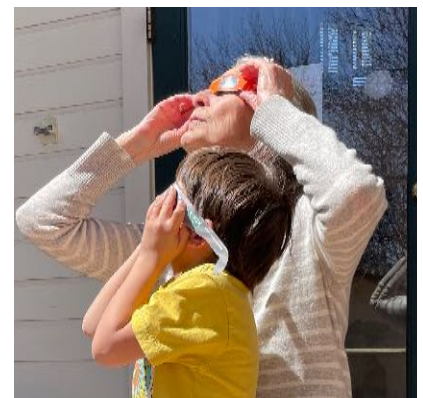
Make sure your child has weather-appropriate clothing in his/her bag of extra clothes in the class bathroom.

## Linda's Class:

We finished our Birds of Prey unit with a very popular project; dissecting owl pellets! Pellets are regurgitated balls of whatever the owl doesn't digest: fur, bones, feathers and teeth. The children then match their findings to a chart to determine what animal the owl ate. Now we're studying rocks and minerals as we identify, smash, paint and polish them this month. You probably saw geode treasures coming home this week! We're also celebrating spring and doing some spring cleaning, starting with our classroom and deck.



Owl pellets are fun - you never know what you'll find! Mostly bones but what kind of bones? Match them to the chart to solve the mystery! Here Moses, Freya, Sylvia, and Heloise concentrate intensely on dissection.



Science abounds! Taylor and Rémi smash geodes; Dede and Jamey watch the solar eclipse. We watched it, one-by-one with our special glasses. Every child, without exception, had an audible "ah-ha" moment the minute they spotted the sun! Truly awesome!