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MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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SHORT & SWEET! **May 24, Friday 9-11:** MMS 45th Family Pot Luck and Moving-Up Ceremony!
May 2, 6pm: Ali, my daughter, and Chris have a new baby boy, Xerxes, born May 2. All are doing well and he is adorable!

FAMILY POTLUCK & MOVING-UP CEREMONY

Friday, May 24 from 9-11 is our 45th Family Pot Luck and Moving-Up Ceremony. From 9-10 we mix and mingle and enjoy the pot luck goodies you all bring. From 10-11 the children entertain us with songs and, if we're lucky, a short musical set by the angklung band! We finish up with our very moving Moving-Up Ceremony. Every child will move up, a tradition we started last year to include all the children. This year we'll have our very own bridge!

MMS BIRTHDAY THANKS!

Our birthday party was such a great event; we had almost 100% attendance! We enjoyed great food thanks to Tom Abo's Pizza, Nicki's delicious cakes, and the children's yummy hummus! And a huge thank you to all the families who donated food for the party, to our staff (and Panni, Beatrix's daughter) for running such fun activities for the children, and to everyone who pitched in to help with the clean-up. We raised \$1680 that we'll be able to put to work in the classrooms. Some of our Montessori materials are 45 years old, which speaks volumes about the quality of Montessori materials and the children who have worked with them for 45 years!

CLASS NEWS

Angelrose's Class: Our class is finishing up the year with a continuation of our study of the natural world. The children are seeing their seeds sprout in the classroom and soon they'll be planting them outside (when the threat of frost is gone - although I heard they closed Vail pass due to snow storms this week!)

Linda's Class:

Time flies when you're having fun! We are finishing our rock unit (yay! now I can hear my tinnitus again!) and our rocks are really going to be beautiful after weeks of grinding! Then we're spending the last full week of school appreciating music and exploring instruments. We may even have a guest visitor or two - stay tuned!

UPK

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

May 8: Families notified of 1st round matches.

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

I see all of you in the MMS Provider Portal. Be sure to accept the match ASAP; soon we'll be able to accept you!

MMS SOCIAL - Wednesday May 22 - 5:30

Our May MMS Social is scheduled for Wed. May 22, from 5:30-6:30. Lu, Maxine's maternal grandmother, has had a 35+ year career as a children's librarian and professional storyteller. She will be presenting told stories, folded paper stories, flannel board stories, extended story activities, and a finger-play or two. Come prepared to have fun!



From hummus-making to nail polish, spin art, face painting and bean bag toss, a good time was had by all!